

# GOD'S AMAZING BOOK



Did you know that the Book you hold in your hand, the Bible, is the most fascinating Book to be found on earth? Unerringly it has foretold the destiny of people, the future of cities,

and of the world's greatest nations. This Book has foretold the future with such amazing accuracy that it astounds even the most skeptical reader.

Few people realise that the Bible is really a library containing sixty six books. Thirty-nine of which are in the Old Testament, written before Christ came to this earth. Some of these books are small, and some are large. Your Bible took sixteen hundred years to compile from 1500 BC to AD 100 and was written by some forty authors, including kings, scientists, attorneys, an army general, fishermen, priests and a physician. How could these different men and women, living in different times of earth's history, write in absolute harmony with one another? Such harmony exists that their messages agree in the minutest detail. There can be but one logical explanation. Each one was told what they should write. This is exactly what your Bible says did happen, and you can prove this for yourself in just a moment.

God, who inspired the writing of the Bible, puts Himself on trial when He throws out this challenge: John 14:29 "And now I have told you before it comes to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe." Could God be fairer than this? The word "Bible" means "the Book," and what a wonderful Book it is. As you study this



lesson, you will marvel at God's foreknowledge. You will understand why this amazing Book is still the world's best seller. You will gain a new confidence as you see for yourself that there is an almighty God who is guiding the universe, this world, and, if you let Him, will guide you.

## WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT THE BIBLE

“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4

As you study, be thinking about the Life Quest questions.

- What does this topic tell me about God?
- What difference does this topic make to my daily life?
- How does this topic help me in my relationship with Jesus?

## HIS WORD SAYS

### 1. How does God communicate His secrets to man? Amos 3:7

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*God has no desire to keep us in the dark! God does nothing without first revealing His intentions and secrets to us. He gives us His Word, the Bible, to be a light to our path so that we are not stumbling around in darkness. He has every desire that we should understand why the world is the way it is, what God is doing to restore things to their original condition, and how we can be saved.*

### 2. How did God communicate the Scriptures to the prophets? 2 Peter 1:20, 21

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*The Holy Spirit, who is God, inspired the prophets to write the Bible. The Holy Spirit today is given to us so that we can understand correctly what the Bible is teaching. It is good practice to ask God for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we study the Bible so that we can understand what God is trying to teach us.*

### 3. How much of the Bible is inspired by God and why? 2 Timothy 3:16,17

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*All Scripture is inspired by God and it is given to us to direct us through life and show us how we should live in relation to God and others. Today many want to only listen to select parts of the Bible, but here we are told that all Scripture is for our instruction. As you study the Bible you will see how it perfectly pieces together as the whole Word of God.*

4. Jesus was a student of the Bible. What parts of the Scriptures did He consider inspired? Luke 24:44

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*In Christ's day these were the three divisions into which the Old Testament was divided. Jesus considered all Scripture to be inspired. Jesus confirmed the reliability of the Bible when He said that Scripture cannot be broken (John 10:35). No part of the Bible can be proven to be untrue.*

5. What did Jesus say was the source of truth? John 17:17

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*The Bible is God's word and it is the only source of absolute truth that we have available to us today. Jesus was often heard to be saying, 'It is written', before explaining to the people important points of truth. Jesus lived His life by 'It is written'. He trusted the Scriptures as a reliable guide to life.*

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6. Many people today approach the Bible in a dry academic way. But Jesus pointed out the true purpose of studying Scripture. What was it? John 5:39

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*The ultimate purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus to us. Jesus is described as the Word that was made flesh (John 1:14). Whenever we read the Bible we should consider how it is revealing Jesus to us.*

7. What is it about God that He says sets Him apart from all other gods? Isaiah 46:9, 10

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*Only the infinite God who created time can see past its boundaries and reveal things that are yet to come.*

## 8. How does God prove He inspired the writings of the Bible? John 14:29

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*The Bible is full of prophecies, many of which have now already come to pass. As we continue through this, and future studies, we will see how God proves the legitimacy of His Word through the accurate fulfillment of prophecies that were made well before they happened. Some prophecies were made thousands of years before the events foretold came to pass. He is inviting us to test Him by testing the accuracy and reliability of His prophetic word.*

## 9. Why was the Word written and what will be created in our minds through a study of the Scriptures? Romans 15:4

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*God wants us to have hope. At it's core the Bible is a book of hope. With Jesus we have nothing to fear of the future as He will take care of us, and has planned that we should receive an eternal life of peace and happiness. How reassuring is this for us living in a world full of uncertainty!*



Glazed brick Bas Relief from the Ishtar Gate of Babylon

## 10. When Babylon was the capitol of a world power, how did God foretell her end? Isaiah 13:19

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*When Isaiah wrote these words of doom about this city and nation of Babylon as told in verse 1, it seemed an impossible prediction. But now, people travel from all over the world to see the ruins of Babylon, which once was the invincible terror of the earth.*



11. To prove God's foreknowledge, what prediction did God make about the future habitation of Babylon? Isaiah 13:20

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*Over 2,000 years have passed, and still no one lives in old Babylon. God's Word cannot be broken (John 10: 35).*

12. What did God foretell would be the end of the proud city of Tyre? Ezekiel 26:3-5,12-14

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*Alexander the Great demolished Tyre stone by stone, and threw them into the sea to build a causeway out to an island to which Tyre's inhabitants had fled and destroyed them. Again God's Word cannot be broken.*



The ruins of the ancient city of Tyre

13. When Egypt was at the height of her tremendous power and glory, how did God say that she would end? Ezekiel 29:14, 15

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*History has proved God's Word true. Egypt still exists, but only as a minor power. The Bible tells us of hundreds of events that were to take place long before they did and many concerning our future which were told some 2500 or more years ago. The prophecies about Jesus are so accurate and numerous that the odds of anyone, by chance, fulfilling them all, is infinitesimal. To fulfill just eight is said to be one in ten to the power of 33 as researched by some 600 students at Pasadena college.*

Isaiah 19:7 "The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more."

As predicted, even papyrus cannot be found in Egypt today!



### LIFE QUEST

Have you thoughtfully reviewed these questions?

- What does this topic tell me about God?
- What difference does this topic make to my daily life?
- How does this topic help me in my relationship with Jesus?

### YOUR TURN

Check the statements that most closely reflect your response to this study.

I am going to pray and ask God to guide me as I study His word further.

I am going to study this subject until I am certain about my answer concerning the validity and accuracy of the Bible.

I believe that the Bible is the accurate and reliable word of God.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_