

Can U Trust the Bible

How to Defend Your Faith-Session 8

What are the Issues?

1. Bible Reliability
 - Canon (basis for the books in the Bible)
 - When & Who Wrote it (Proximity to Events)
 - Accuracy & Errors (original language manuscripts)
 - Translations (Why so many?)
 2. Inerrancy (Contradictions)
 3. Old Testament Problems
 4. Miracles & Prophecy
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Non-Canonical Writings

Apocrypha – Intertestamental writings

NT era Non-Canonical

- Gnostics writings
- Apocryphal writings

Apocrypha

- “apocrypha” means “things put away” or “things hidden”, From Greek adjective ἀπόκρυφος (apokryphos), “obscure”
writings considered useful but not divinely inspired.

Apocrypha Writings

1 Esdras	Letter of Jeremiah
2 Esdras	Song of Three
Tobit	Susanna
Judith	Bel and the Dragon
Esther Additions	Prayer of Manasseh
Wisdom	1 Maccabees
Ecclesiasticus	2 Maccabees
Sirach	3 Maccabees
Baruch	4 Maccabees
	Psalm 151

NT era Non-Canonical

- Early Church Fathers
 - Pseudo-Gospels
 - Gnostic Gospels
 - Writings with questioned Authorship
writings not considered inspired (many types)
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Inerrancy

“The inerrancy of the Bible means simply that the Bible tells the truth. Truth can and does include approximations, free quotations, language of appearances, and different accounts of the same event as long as those do not contradict.”

– Charles Ryrie (1981)

Contradiction or Perspective?

- Jesus Genealogy (Matthew 1 & Luke 3)
- Was John Baptist, Elijah (Matthew 17 & Luke 1)
- Jesus calls Peter (Matthew 4 & John 1)
- Jairus Daughter (Matthew 9 & Mark 5)
- Death of Judas (Matthew 27 & Acts 1)
- Peter’s Denial (John 13 & Mark 14)

Genealogy of Jesus

- Matthew 1: 1-17 (NIV) (14 Abraham to David, 14 David to exile, 14 exile to Jesus)
- Luke 3:23-38

Matthew

*whose mother was Tamar,
whose mother was Rahab
whose mother was Ruth,
whose mother had been Uriah’s wife,
Mary was the mother of Jesus*

Luke

Classic genealogy starting with Adam to Joseph
(but not really the son of Joseph)

Was John the Baptist, Elijah

Matthew 17:11-13

Luke 1:17

Jesus calls Peter

Matthew 4:18-20

John 1:40-42

Peter denies Jesus

John 13:38

John 18:27

Mark 14:30

Mark 14:72

Jairus Daughter

Matthew 9:18

Mark 5:23

Mark 5:35-36

Death of the Betrayer

Matthew 27:5

Matthew 27:7-8

Acts 1:18

Inerrancy

- Inerrancy means no contradictions.
- *"Inerrancy – in that men are often in error, but the Bible is not; it is truth."* – Kip

Old Testament (OT) Problems

- Genocide
- Slavery
- Murder

Genocide

- God owns the land.
- Judge & Punish.
- Death is mercy.

Slavery

- Death or Slavery.
- Dignified Treatment.
- Service as to Christ.

Murder

- Wars are not murder.
- Historical account not God directive.
- Punishment for killing.

Miracles

Atheist & naturalist critique

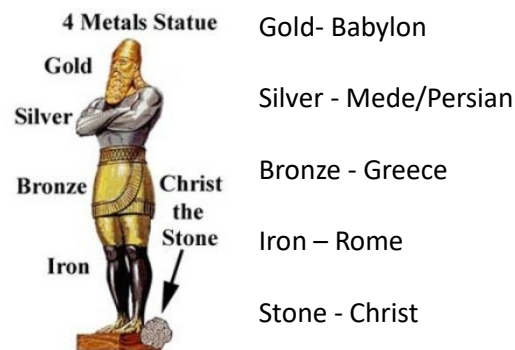
- Miracles cannot happen because they would violate the laws of nature.

Christian

- Aren't Miracles by definition Super-natural.
- Metaphysical vs. Physical

Prophecy

➤ Daniel 2 (Four Kingdoms)



➤ Daniel 11 (Hellenistic Period)

Timeline of Alexander's Divided Kingdom, Daniel Chapter 11

Verse	Northern Kingdom	Western Kingdoms	Southern Kingdom
4	Seleucus Nicator Syria and the Middle East	Lysimachus Asia Minor	Cassander Macedonia
			Ptolemy Egypt
5	Seleucus Nicator	A General (southern kingdom) will rule his own kingdom (north) and become stronger.	
6	Antiochus II Theos	An alliance by marriage Berenice (southern kingdom) to Antiochus (north)	
7-9	Seleucus II Callinicus	Ptolemy Euergetes, brother of Berenice will conquer the northern kingdom	
10-14	Seleucus III Ceraunus and Antiochus the Great	Continual warfare between the kings of the north and south, with Israel in the middle, and suffering	
15-16	Antiochus the Great	Defeats Egypt, and will overtake the land of Israel	
17	Antiochus the Great	Antiochus gives Cleopatra in marriage for an alliance with Egypt	
18-19	Antiochus the Great	Antiochus will war on the western kingdom, but will be turned back by the rise of the Roman Empire	
20	Seleucus IV Philopator	He will impose taxes on Israel, but in a few days he will be destroyed	
21 - 35	Antiochus IV Epiphanes	Rise of the "little horn," who will war on the southern kingdom, but be turned back by the rise of the Roman Empire and will turn on Israel	

Warring actions of the kingdom of Alexander divided toward the four winds, but not to the prosperity of Alexander's

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➤ Jeremiah 25 (70yrs Captivity)

Jeremiah 25:11-12 (NIV) This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians.