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BOOK 4 - ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE

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an 'apologia' [a legal defense or
reasoned argument] to everyone
who asks you to give a 'logos' [word]
for the hope that is within you, yet do
this with gentleness and reverence"*

1st Peter 3:15

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FOREWORD

We cannot teach, much less defend, what we do not know. Apologetics is for every Christian because it addresses the questions a typical skeptic uses to challenge the claims of Christianity. While speaking around the nation at secondary schools, churches, and college/university campuses one concern is obvious: Biblical literacy is rare, as increasing numbers of people are choosing to follow the ways of the world. Many who grew up in Christian environments do not know what they believe or why they believe it. At a time when God's Word and name are challenged and ridiculed [even in places founded upon Judeo-Christian values], many well-meaning believers struggle with how to articulate and defend their beliefs. For this reason, Dave Newton's book series on Apologetics is both timely and important. These excellent resources are packed with wisdom from Newton's decades of teaching the Bible and defending the faith. Each short book is well-researched, easy to follow, and provides logical, reasoned answers to one of the twelve most common objections to Christianity. Whether you are new to the faith, a mature Christian, or still trying to answer life's biggest questions, this Apologetics series will further equip you to defend your faith with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have no doubt you will return to this resource time and again to find great information to explain a reason for the hope within you.

If an almighty God inspired the words of a book, we should not just know about it, but cherish and utilize it as a guide for daily life. The Bible is the most well-documented literary work in history. It is the best-selling book each year, but often the most misquoted, neglected, and misunderstood as well. All people have an opinion of the Bible, but most, including many Christians, have not even read it cover to cover. There are many

reasons for that, but a number of questions need to be answered in order to fully appreciate the Bible for what it is. What is the Bible? Where did it come from? When was it written? Is there evidence to demonstrate that the Bible indeed has an origin from *outside space-time*, literally from the Creator-God, and it is not simply the writings of men? This splendid fourth volume by Dr. Newton provides sound answers to these important questions, and many more. Because it is illegal to own a Bible in over 50 countries, it must contain content powerful enough to be banned. Most of us have trouble predicting what will happen next week, much less a year or more from now. Dr. Newton explains how the Bible contains literally dozens of prophecies that have come to pass exactly as written hundreds, and even thousands, of years before their fulfilment. He also explains how and when the ancient manuscripts of the Bible were written, by whom, and when they were compiled into a collection of 66 works comprising the most unique and reliable book in the world. Dr. Newton writes with confidence from decades of in-depth research, while simultaneously demonstrating a humble posture that will encourage you to investigate the compelling evidence for the Bible's origin, design, and intention being Divinely orchestrated from outside our Earthly realm.



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INTRODUCTION *to* APOLOGETICS

What exactly is Apologetics? A great starting place is in Acts chapter 17 where Saul is on the Areopagus [Mars Hill] just below the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. There he had a dialogue with skeptical Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. I have been up on that rock outcropping many times over the years and always love to read Acts 17:16-34 out loud, which is also engraved right there on a large stone placard. It is Paul's teaching about the *Unknown God* and his defense of the Christian faith within the pantheism of that First Century Athenian culture. Apologetics comes from the Greek word **apologia** [ἀπολογία] meaning "a verbal defense, a reasoned argument". Peter used this [1st Peter 3:15] when encouraging his readers to ALWAYS be ready to give an **apologia** about the Logos, regarding the hope within you, to anyone who would ask.

The 12 booklets in this FIO Apologetics series each examine one topic in the context of the questions a typical skeptic asks about the Christian faith, and how to reply with a well-prepared, thoughtful, rational, logical, reasonable response – information to equip you for such conversations. The primary focus is to provide my readers with content that is easy to remember and easy to explain. However, there are three caveats. First, everything in these booklets faces significant challenges, concerns, and oftentimes outright ridicule because no matter what position you have there will always be those who oppose it. Challenges will come from outside Christian circles and Christian thinkers, but [sad to say] they also come from within Christian circles and Christian thinkers. I can guarantee that all I present in these 12 volumes will have philosophers, theologians, pastors, and scholars who will thoroughly disagree with my position.

Second, rarely if ever does a great Apologetics response convince the skeptic to change a position. But reasonable-logical-rational-thoughtful responses can help remove the stereotypical way that people often think about conservative Christians - that we are unreasonable, illogical, irrational, close-minded, not very thoughtful. And third, the Bible will not be my primary source of defense because skeptics will say, "I don't believe the Bible, what else have you got?" I will utilize Scripture as I go deeper into each topic and cover solid evidence that align with facts.

My position for this entire series states there are just two competing worldviews. This book introduces the **Naturalist Worldview** opposite the **Biblical Christian Worldview**. The former is inherently atheistic [there is no God, and everything happens by random accidental iterations over long periods of time]. The latter is inherently theistic [there is a God who designed-created everything]. But in today's Apologetics debates, there is also a **Theistic Evolutionary Worldview** that attempts to blend the prevailing scientific paradigm that everything in the universe results from billions of years of random evolution and natural selection – and this is the process God used after He provided the starting-point elements and chemical compounds. His process of evolution facilitated everything to iterate, mutate, transition, and survive or die-out by random probability occurring over the course of billions of years. However, the same math that renders the Naturalist Worldview untenable, also undermines all the premises and processes of Theistic Evolution, so I have chosen to not treat this as a distinct, third Worldview worth examining more closely.

Providing sound, logical, and thoughtful *apologia* of the Christian faith reminds me of my work as an expert witness in legal cases, where I have been hired by various law firms to provide testimony for either a plaintiff's or defendant's legal case about negative economic impacts, business

valuations, financial loss from breach of contract, failure to perform, or outright fraud. My summary report lays out the logic of all the supporting evidence and rationales related to the issue that bitterly divides the two parties – to bring an unbiased and objective *verbal defense, a reasoned argument* - based on the evidence reviewed. That is my *apologia*. There are usually several other “expert witnesses” hired by the opposing legal counsel who submit perspectives that directly contradict my professional opinion. My “expert witness” approach is the same for this series on Christian Apologetics – to provide perspectives and evidence for anyone responding to the skeptics who challenge the credibility of Christianity.

This 12-volume series covers the most common questions asked about Christian faith – and how best to respond with confidence using rational, logical thought-processes with reliable common-sense evidence. Each book tracks the on-going dialogue between a skeptic of Christianity and a well-informed, well-equipped believer who is able to confidently reply with a defense backed by sound logic and verifiable evidence. Each booklet concludes with a bibliography of Additional Resources where readers can find more information on each Apologetics topic. As you can imagine, it is virtually impossible to cover every topic or question that can be raised. But this series examines the twelve most popular issues you are likely to encounter and provides solid answers for the skeptics. May this series become a trusted resource you go back to time and again regarding the foundational rationales for the hope within you, with the page-edges frayed and folded over from regular use as you dig in and learn to master the underlying Apologetics of your own Christian faith.

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The Bible was written by racist, sexist, homophobic, violent men.
- Ricky Gervais

The Bible is full of clever fables, some blood-drenched history, a wealth of obscenity, and upwards of a thousand lies.
- Mark Twain

All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.
- Saul's 2nd letter to Timothy 3:16

The typical skeptic rattles off numerous questions regarding the Bible. Where did it come from? When was it written? When was that decided? Who verified it? How did prior generations of people consider the early Bible? What are the oldest copies? How many manuscripts exist? Were the writers eyewitnesses? Is there any motivation for the writers to lie? Was it written to be a science textbook? Is it possible to absolutely prove the Bible is from a source outside the natural world? The first question I will address is, "Why is it called the Bible?" The Greek term is **Biblion**, and then the Roman-Latin translated into **Biblia** - which simply means a

“scroll” – a written account that is rolled out and rolled back again. This form of writing eventually gave way to the Codex format, with separate sheets of parchment or velum stacked on each other and then bound at the spine – what we call “book” format. In time, the vernacular for *Biblia* simply became known as “The Book”. If anyone talked about The Book, it was understood this referenced *The Bible* - God’s Word to mankind. When I was a little boy, my grandparents and some of the older folks in our church called it “The Good Book”. Some homes had a pedestal in the living room to display the Good Book opened to a favorite passage. There was a reverence for the physical Book. Many people today still remember the days of the “family Bible” that was passed down from one generation to another, archived with important dates handwritten inside for births, baptisms, weddings, and deaths of family members.

Before the Bible was written down, the stories of God’s creation and the many forefathers of Israel [Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon] were passed down verbally from grandfathers and fathers to sons and daughters. There is strong evidence that this *oral tradition* was also linked to looking up at the night sky and seeing the constellations as symbols through which to remember God’s plan for His people. This Hebrew *Mazzaroth* had 12 images [the 12 constellations] including: the Lion of the tribe of Judah [which became Leo], the story of the virgin birth [she became Virgo] - the woman with the branch in her left hand and corn in her right. Over the millennia it deconstructed into Zodiac horoscope-astrology [“What’s your sign?”] co-opted as pseudo-psychic indicators about a person’s life, as if the prominent stars at one’s birth had influence on personality traits, love, aspirations, work, family, and lifespan. Moses wrote down the Torah [Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy], as he recorded the accounts passed along to

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him through his family lineage. These five books, along with the Psalms, Proverbs, and the writings of the prophets continued to be copied and passed along down through the generations. By the beginning of the 10th Century BC, the Hebrew Scriptures [to that time] were written on scrolls. A full set was kept in Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. Additional writings from prophets like: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, continued until the Babylonian exile in the 6th Century BC. Afterward, some Jews returned to the land, but others stayed in their new homes within the kingdoms of Babylon, the Medes, and Persia. The last recorded prophet was Malachi [397 BC] and then God was silent for some 400 years, all the way until John the Baptist began his preaching at the Jordan River in the Spring of 29 AD – six months before his second cousin Jesus from Nazareth began His ministry in the Fall of 29. Just over 100 years after the prophecy of Malachi, and 50 years after the death of Alexander-the-Great in 323 BC, one of his Greek generals, Ptolemy II Philadelphus [ruled from 285-246 BC] commissioned six elders from each of the 12 tribes of Israel [72 total] to translate the Hebrew Scriptures into the common Greek *koine* language. This became known as the **Septuagint** version of the Bible ['Sept' for 70 translators, noted with the Roman numerals LXX]. This means that by the 3rd Century BC [300 years before the time of Jesus] there was a complete Old Testament in Greek – the very same 39 books that are in today's Protestant Bibles. This is a very introductory synopsis noting just a few significant landmarks in the developmental timeline of the Hebrew Scriptures. There are a lot more details that still need to be covered about the 39 books within the Old Testament, as well as the process and timeline for the 27 books in the New Testament. Some additional review comes later in this book, with a much more exhaustive examination in Book-5 of this Apologetics series.

The logical segue from the first three books in this series - that dealt with Worldview, the Origin of the Universe, and the Origin of Life on Earth - is to consider this: If there is a God, a Designer-Creator of the world, and He wanted to communicate information about Himself to mankind, He could first do so **Generally** through everyday observation of the created world as the most clear, direct, and explicit evidence about His powerful capabilities. Theologians call this "General Revelation". This reminds me of Paul writing to the church in Rome [1:19] *"That which is known about God is **evident** within them, for God made it **evident to them**, for ever since the creation of this world, His invisible attributes, eternal power, and Divine nature are **clearly perceived** being understood by **what has been made** so they are without excuse."* Consider Paul's terminology. The physical world is literally the most basic evidence that God exists. Granted, the skeptic will not accept Paul's commentary as a tangible proof regarding God's communication with mankind, but it is worth noting that the Bible does clearly state that this is one form of knowing.

A Creator-God could also show evidence of Himself **Specifically** using a written information-medium transmitted directly to mankind. He would need to provide some type of mechanism by which He could convey that information about Himself to individuals who could pass it on to others by writing it down for them to read. This is called "Special Revelation". Therefore, the logical next question is, "Could the Bible be that written-narrative given directly from the Creator-God?" There would need to be a way to prove that. If the Bible really is given directly from God to mankind, then this is the key question that has to be answered regarding the Origin of the Bible: *"Does this come from **outside our natural world** – from an Intelligent Source that is in no way confined or limited within this physical space-time of the created universe?"*

Only Two Options

The first possible explanation for the Origin of the Bible is that it is not from God, but is entirely the ideas, thoughts, and perspectives of men. As such, there is nothing special about it. It should not be distinguished from other books or collections of writings as having any special insight or significance because it is simply a narrative from a few dozen writers sharing their stories, historical reflections, and commentaries about God. The second possibility is that the message from Genesis to Revelation is a singular, well-integrated topic whose narrative reflects a unified means of inferences and direct cross-references that originate with just a single Author – who has an obvious grasp of the full picture, from start to finish. As such, there is something very special about it that distinguishes it from ALL other books or collections of writings, because it truly has amazing insights about who God is and His plan for mankind throughout history.

Many books may make a similar claim that the writer was “inspired” by some kind of higher power, cosmic consciousness, energy-force, or meta-dimension from an outside divine source. The real crux of this issue is whether there is any *proof* that a written narrative did in fact originate outside of mankind’s own thoughts, ideas, reflections, comments. What would that proof look like? It certainly cannot be a title or preface that states, “*This book IS direct from God*”. Words are cheap. Anyone could make that claim and write such into a manuscript at their own discretion. It would probably raise a few eyebrows, cause some chuckles, and call into question the psychological condition of the writer. But in the end, without any *tangible* proof, readers can just shrug-off or dismiss such attempts to attribute the underlying source as originating from an extra-temporal realm that transcends this physical, created world.

Proposed Proof

Consider the types of proof that could authenticate the Bible as coming directly from the Creator-God. Perhaps God could speak with an audible voice from Heaven so that all the world could hear Him proclaim that the Bible is from Him. Maybe God could enable the Bible to glow or levitate as supernatural signs to be differentiated from all other books. The pages could be indestructible from fire or being torn. These and other kinds of mystical signs are often mockingly proposed by skeptics to accentuate their disdain for there being any kind of spiritual dimension that would stand out as obvious proof to the Bible's unique origin. But putting all these aside, there is a very rational, logical, thoughtful proof that makes practical, common sense. And while it may not be overly astounding, with clouds parting and audible voices heard, it is extremely sensational [even awe-inspiring] in the weight of its evidentiary proof-text, providing tangible, "plain-as-day" corroboration for the substantive content within its integrated, well-coordinated narrative. Here is that proposed proof.

Seeing All Time

If the Bible really does originate with the Creator-God who exists *outside* the confines and limitations of the physical universe, then this God is not bound in any way by space-time. He is not mass or matter comprised of protons, neutrons, and electrons moving through space, being subject to linear time. Instead, He would have to be [by clear logic] One who can see into all the physical parameters of the created universe from His *extra-temporal* position, such that He can see the beginning AND the end of time. After all, if He is truly God, He is the one who created the entirety of this physical realm, so He transcends matter, time, and the material world. A very compelling proof would be the Special Revelation of His written Word exhibiting His unique ability to know and talk about

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events all along our physical, one-directional linear timeline. He could convey to Biblical writers information about people, events, and places in their relative future *before it happens*, and then persons who are alive when those things occur can readily identify and confirm that such future events, people, and places in time did in fact transpire exactly as it was stated in the relative “time-past” when first written down. That means that people today, living in 2024 AD, could read portions of the Bible written by Daniel in 550 BC that literally came to pass in 29 AD exactly as described – time seen from our 20/20 hindsight as in the past, but was in the still-to-occur future from the original writer’s perspective. This kind of viewpoint, to know all about events and people on the linear Earthly timeline, must certainly confirm the Bible originates outside space-time.

Is the Bible Extraterrestrial?

If the Bible is somehow truly a **Specific** revelation from God to mankind, that means its origin is not simply man’s teachings, ideas, perspectives, and philosophies from within this world. Instead, the Bible comes from an *extraterrestrial* source – it is otherworldly. Let me clear, I am not saying that little gray aliens are the source of our Bible. I am simply stating that the Bible is unlike any other book, because it does not originate from just the ideas thought up by people here on Earth. Instead, its origin is from the One true eternal God, the Creator of the universe who exists *outside* Earth’s physical realm. Therefore, if it originates *outside of Earth*, it is then by definition *extra-terrestrial*. This proposition raises yet another question, “*If its origin is directly from the God who is outside our physical universe, there must be evidence within it to support such a source*”. There must be some way to substantiate or authenticate this claim. Many skeptics love to sarcastically ask, “*Doesn't the Bible have a lot of errors?*” This introduces significant concerns regarding an extraterrestrial origin,

because if it originates with a far Superior Intelligence who exists outside of space-time and our physical world, there would not be any errors in its content, because a transcendent God would **have to know** all things about everything, right? Two things then must be addressed about the Origin of the Bible: 1] clear, verifiable, indisputable evidence for its non-Earthly source, and 2] it has no material errors in its substantive content.

23 Prophetic Evidences

The first form of compelling evidence is whether the Bible can state specific facts about people, events, places, and times within Earth-time *before* they occur. That would demonstrate that the Intelligent Source of the information resides outside the physical space-time of the natural world and possesses the ability to observe at once the beginning and end of Earth's linear timeline. Bible prophecy provides such evidence multiple times throughout the entirety of the narrative, confirming this ability to see and know the future before it happens. The Bible includes literally hundreds of confirmed/fulfilled prophecies that have happened *exactly* as stated beforehand. These were written down anywhere from 100, to 500, to 900, to 2,000 years before they actually occurred. The following examples are not an exhaustive list of every confirmed/fulfilled prophecy from the Bible, and they are not in any implied rank-order that infers 'best-cases' followed by "less-credible". These are simply some of my favorite tangible examples of the Bible's Author being outside time.

Nebuchadnezzar and Tyre

The prophet Ezekiel [chapter 26], writing in 597 BC, states that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon will attack the city of Tyre [located on the northwest coast of Phoenicia - modern Lebanon], and will build siege-ramps up against the city's huge walls. Many nations will come against Tyre as the city will be 'scraped flat-bare just like a stone'. Its citizens will

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flee to an island just offshore for safety. However, huge stone blocks, timber, and soil from the overrun city will be dumped and piled into the sea to create a man-made land-bridge from the coast out to that island refuge. History then clearly records that in 330 BC, Alexander the Great did in fact dump debris from the siege and destruction of Tyre into the Mediterranean Sea that made an artificial causeway out to the island, by which his army could march out to, and capture, the remaining holdouts. That is still there today! How could Ezekiel know that exact process-plan in 597 BC - almost 270 years *before* it even happened in 330 BC?

Jeremiah's 70 Years

This prophet, writing [Chapters 50-51] toward the close of the 6th Century BC, described in detail, the specific events of the fall of Babylon to the Medes, which would complete the captivity and exile of both Israel and Judah at exactly 70 years [606 BC to 537 BC]. How could this man know that his nation would not be in exile permanently to the massive world empire of Babylon, but that it would only last for 70 years, at which time the new ruler Cyrus [who defeated Babylon] would allow the Jews to return to their ancestral homeland in Israel, Judah, and Jerusalem?

Isaiah's Letter to Cyrus

How could Isaiah, in the second half of the 8th Century BC, write a specific named letter to Cyrus the Persian Emperor [Isaiah 44:27 thru 45:1] who would not ascend to the throne until 537 BC [this would not happen until 150 years later]? Flavius Josephus writes that Daniel meets Cyrus as he enters Babylon as the new ruler and hands him the scroll of Isaiah with a direct message to Cyrus about the way he subdued the city of Babylon, and calls him by name, *"I will make your rivers dry up, it is I who says of Cyrus, 'he is my shepherd and he will perform my desired plan, and will declare that Jerusalem will be rebuilt and the foundation of the Temple*

will be laid". Cyrus diverted the waters of the Euphrates to dry up, so his army walked right into the capital of Babylon in what had previously been an underwater gateway. In 1879, British archaeologists uncovered in Iran a clay cylinder with a cuneiform inscription of a decree by King Cyrus of



Persia after his defeat of Babylon. How could Isaiah know the specific name of Cyrus, who had not even been born at the time of the prophecy?

30 Pieces of Silver

How could Zechariah [11:12] write that Messiah would be betrayed for exactly 30 pieces of silver? He is writing around 520 BC, after the Jews have been released by Cyrus from captivity. It was more than 500 years later when Judas Iscariot sold out Jesus of Nazareth to the Jewish religious leaders for 30 pieces of silver in April of 32 AD - during Passover week in Jerusalem [as recorded in Matthew's Gospel 26:15]. It is also written by Matthew that Judas tried to return the money to the Sanhedrin by throwing it on the floor as he realized he had betrayed a man who was innocent [27:3-8]. The chief priests picked up the 30 pieces of silver, and rather than put them back into the Temple Treasury, they used the money to buy a potter's field. This is precisely what Zechariah [11:13] said would happen to those 30 pieces of silver. Did the religious leaders do this because they knew the prophecy and wanted to fulfill it?

Crucifixion in Psalm 22

How could this Psalm [22] written during the 10th Century BC perfectly describe in first-person singular language the experience of a man being crucified – literally from the perspective of the one hanging on the cross and slowly dying? At the time it was written down, it was more than 250 years before Rome had been founded [the middle of the 8th Century BC]. Crucifixion as a form of execution for capital crimes was still more than 600 years in the future – when Rome adopted this gruesome torture from the Phoenicians in the 3rd Century BC. The description is very graphic and precise, noting the observers around the cross at the execution mocking Him, His mouth parched for thirst as His tongue sticks to the roof of His mouth, and His bones being all out of joint from hanging in that position, while His hands and feet had been pierced by nails.

Casting Lots

That same Biblical Psalm also includes the very specific act of Roman soldiers casting lots to see who gets the tunic of Jesus [John 19:23-24]. How did the writer know to include this detail into a Psalm penned more than 900 years prior to that fateful Passover on the 14th of Nisan, 32 AD?

Messiah Will Not Decay

Psalm 16:10 makes a very interesting statement within the context of King David writing about how at death, his spirit will not be abandoned to Sheol [Hebrew for “the abode of the dead”] – and then he switches prophetically to refer to the Messiah, saying, “Nor will You allow **Your Holy One** to undergo decay”. David was in fact laid in a tomb when he died [1st Kings 2:10] as he “was buried in the City of David”. So, his physical body has undergone decay. But his prophetic word regarding Messiah was absolutely true, because while Jesus was also laid in a tomb,

His body did not experience any physical decay, and He was resurrected back to life on the third day after His death from Roman crucifixion.

Rich Man's Tomb

Isaiah wrote [53:9] over 750 years before Jesus died on the cross in Jerusalem, that the grave of an executed man would usually be assigned with wicked men [those killed for their capital crimes]. Instead, Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb. Mark writes in his Gospel [15:43-46] how a wealthy and prominent member of the Sanhedrin named Joseph from Arimathea personally requested the body of Jesus from Pontius Pilate, and then laid Jesus in his own brand new tomb. How could it be possible for Isaiah to know this detail seven centuries from his future?

No Bone Broken

Moses wrote [Exodus 12] that no bone will be broken when the Passover lamb is killed. Jesus was declared by John the Baptist as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". The religious leaders asked Pilate that Jesus' body not be left on the cross, because after sunset on Passover [Thursday, April 10th, Nisan 14] there was a special 'High Day' – an extra Sabbath for the Feast of Unleavened Bread and they wanted His body off the cross before then [John 19:31-33]. But, when the Roman soldiers came to break the legs of Jesus to speed up His death, they saw He was already dead, so they did not break His bones. They had no idea that they were fulfilling a prophetic word given to David over 900 years earlier in Jewish history. How could that happen in this exact manner?

Daniel's 70 'Weeks of Years'

Perhaps one of the most amazing fulfilled prophecies is recorded in the ninth chapter of Daniel - over 550 years prior to Jesus entering Jerusalem being hailed as Messiah on Sunday, April 6th in 32 AD [also the 10th of the Jewish month Nisan, the start of Passover week]. This **exact day** was

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set in motion by a royal-formal decree given to Nehemiah by Artaxerxes Longimanus on March 15th in 445 BC to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. It is fascinating to review the exceptional work of Sir Robert Anderson [review his 1894 book *The Coming Prince* as a free PDF online] regarding the chronology from Daniel's prophecy about the arrival of Messiah the King. This prophecy to God's people Israel was quite specific – there will be seventy 7-year periods [Shabua in the Hebrew] grouped in three sets: a] seven "sevens" and b] sixty-two "sevens" – linked together as 69 "sevens" from that decree to Nehemiah until Messiah Nagid [Messiah the King], and then c] a final "seven" years [Shabua] still future from 2024. How could Daniel write this from a perspective clearly outside of Earth-time and space for one particular decree to be made expressly to "*rebuild and restore Jerusalem*". And from that exact date, there would be exactly 69 of the 7-year Shabua until the exact event when Mashiach Nagid ["Anointed King"] would be revealed. This defies all possibilities of mere coincidence or random statistical chance. Such specificity does not allow for other forms of interpretation. Anderson and the Astronomer Royal at Greenwich, England took the ancient context of 360-day years multiplied by 483 years [69 Shabua] to arrive at 173,880 days between the starting and ending points. The decree was not a generic statement that could be associated with all kinds of personal interpretations. This EXACT decree is recorded in Nehemiah Chapter 2: "*And it came about in the month Nisan, in **the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes***" and the king asks Nehemiah, "What would you request?" and the reply is, "Send me to Jerusalem in Judah, the city of my father's tombs, to rebuild it". Letters from the king are drafted to provide Nehemiah safe passage into Judah, and to Asaph [keeper of the king's royal forest], so that timber will be released to Nehemiah for this huge construction project.

The reign of Artaxerxes is well-documented [from 465 BC until his death in 425 BC]. His more formal Greek surname "*Makro-Kheir*" is translated Long-Hand [in Latin "*Longimanus*"] a popular moniker for this grandson of King Darius. Nehemiah 2:1 says it was the **twentieth year of his reign** [that's 445 BC] that he made this notable decree. Anderson's work shows that in 445 BC, the 1st of Nisan on the Jewish calendar was March 15th. That date is the starting point for the 173,880 days until Messiah the King as stated in Daniel 9. The 7-year Shabua are based on the Babylonian calendar [and subsequent Persian versions]. Anderson converted these to the actual 365.2422 days per year, and from the Julian calendar [started in 46 BC] to the Gregorian calendar [from Pope Gregory in 1582]. He adjusted for leap years in using the total days in the 69 Shabua. This showed the precise day Jesus rode into Jerusalem hailed as Messiah. April 6, 32 AD was also the 10th of Nisan and the beginning of Passover week in Jerusalem [see Luke 19 for details of that first Palm Sunday]. In fact, it was such an exact day, that Jesus withdrew [John 6:15] to the mountain alone when they tried to make Him king prior to that exact day, because **it was not yet His time**. This occurred again in John 7:30 and 7:44 – each time He said that **His hour had not yet come**. The day was so precise that when people hailed Jesus with the Messianic Psalm 118, the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke them - but He said [Luke 19:40], "*I tell you, if these people become silent, the stones will cry out*". That was literally Jesus' designated day as prophesied by Daniel around 550 years before it was fulfilled. In fact, it is so remarkable in its accuracy that many critics claim this portion of Daniel must have been written after the fact. But we know for certain there was a complete Septuagint Old Testament containing the book of Daniel 300 years before Jesus entered Jerusalem. The decree given to Nehemiah would not happen for another 100+ years

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in Daniel's future, so this entire prophecy absolutely defies any odds of coincidence or chance. That precise future date would have to have been known by the Author of the Bible in advance of it happening in time.

Messiah Riding a Donkey

Sir Robert Anderson's work established that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on April 6, 32 AD [what we now celebrate as Palm Sunday]. Zechariah [9:9] wrote about Messiah at the end of the 6th Century BC, "*Behold your King is coming to you, meek and humble riding on a donkey even a colt, the foal of a donkey*". Matthew records [21:2-7] that this is exactly the way Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem on that precise day. How could Zechariah have known that and written it down more than 500 years prior to that historical event? Only an Author outside Earth's time could do so.

The Temple Disassembled

When Jesus entered Jerusalem in 32 AD, He made this very interesting statement about the Second Temple [rebuilt by Zerubbabel and greatly expanded by Herod the Great] as recorded by both Luke [chapter 21] and Matthew [24], "The days will come when there will not be left one stone [of the Temple] upon another which will not be torn down". The people who heard this mocked Him because they viewed the Temple as something that would last forever. The famous historian Flavius Josephus records in his *Of The War - Book VI*, that when Roman general Vespasian had the Temple in Jerusalem burned during the siege of 70 AD, gold and silver vessels for Temple services [stored for safe-keeping] melted due to the intense heat. These liquid metals ran into the cracks between the stone blocks, so he gave the order that the Temple be completely disassembled to retrieve these precious metals. This occurred 38 years *after* Jesus said it would. How else could that precision occur unless both Jesus and the Author of the Bible had a perspective from outside time?

Messiah from Judah

Genesis 49 clearly states Messiah will be from the Jewish tribe of Judah. That significantly narrows down the number of men who can claim to be Messiah. Jesus will grow up in Nazareth. He has one lineage from His adopted [supposed] father Joseph [the son of Jacob] that goes back to King David through Solomon [this is his royal line]. Jesus has another lineage directly through His birth-mother Mary. She is a daughter of Eli, who is from the tribe of Judah in the line of King David through Nathan.

Messiah Born in Bethlehem

Micah [5:2] wrote in 700 BC that Messiah would be born in Bethlehem-Ephrathah, the ancestral city of David. Mary and Joseph were residing in Nazareth when she conceived, but Jesus was actually born in the same city spoken of by Micah, because Publius Sulpicius Quirinius was the governor of the Syrian Province in 2 BC [Luke 2:2] and ordered the Jews in his realm to return to their ancestral city to be counted for a census. Both Mary and Joseph traced their lineage back to David, so they went to Bethlehem while Mary was pregnant and she gave birth there. Could Mary and/or Joseph have planned for that to happen? Were they looking up Micah's writings and trying to devise a way for Mary's son to be born in Bethlehem so they could then set up Jesus to be Israel's Messiah?

Messiah Called From Egypt

Jesus grows up with His mother Mary and adopted father Joseph in the back-country village of Nazareth. But Jesus is actually born in the city of David, in Bethlehem-Ephrathah. However, Hosea wrote [11:1] during the mid-8th Century BC that Messiah would be "called out of Egypt". How could this happen with Jesus? When Herod the Great meets the Persian-Parthian Magi who arrive from the East looking for the one "born King of the Jews", Herod's advisors say Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.

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He then orders all the boys in the Bethlehem region two years-old and under to be killed. But God warns Joseph to leave Bethlehem and take Mary and Jesus to Egypt for safety. Herod dies in the Spring of 1 BC, "after the eclipse seen in Jerusalem" [as noted by Josephus], after which time Joseph, Mary, and Jesus return to their village of Nazareth. That series of events could not have been orchestrated or manipulated to occur with such precision. The only explanation is that once again, the Bible's Author is outside of space-time and knew this before it occurred.

Virgin Will Conceive

Isaiah also wrote [Chapter-7] the prophecy he spoke to Ahaz, that "the Lord Himself will give you a sign, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanu-El" [literally means God with us]. Mary in Nazareth was betrothed to Joseph, but they were not yet married and had not consummated their physical relationship when she found herself pregnant. The skeptic will of course say that she was not a virgin and Joseph agreed to marry her to help her save face in the community. WHY did Isaiah write 700 years earlier about a virgin giving birth? Mary named her son Jeho-Shua [God is salvation, Jesus in Greek], exactly in line with God being "with us", just as Isaiah said over 700 years earlier.

A Woman's Seed?

The matter of a virgin conceiving supernaturally by the power of the Holy Spirit of God is first introduced within the context of God declaring His judgment on Adam and Eve for their sin of disobedience [Genesis 3:15]. Jehovah-Elohim states there will be enmity [literally hatred or hostility] between Satan [the naw-khawsh, fiery-serpent] and the woman, between the seed of the naw-khawsh and **her seed**. That is quite conspicuous language, because the man produces the seed that fertilizes the egg of

the woman. Why would this prophecy from nearly 4,000 years BC use the term “her seed” unless the Author already knew about a virgin birth?

Messiah’s Beard Ripped Out

Isaiah also wrote [50] of Messiah, “I gave my back to those who strike me [see the next section], and *my cheeks to those who pull out the beard*”. The cruel punishment inflicted on Jesus prior His crucifixion included the Roman soldiers mocking Him, flogging His back, spitting on His face, pushing a wrapped circle of sharp thorns onto His head as a pretend crown, and draping a purple robe over His bloodied back to further mock Him as a King. Isaiah further commented on this [52:14] – that those who saw Messiah were astonished that His appearance was “***marred beyond any human resemblance***”. Matthew confirmed [27:30] the soldiers spit on Jesus and struck him on the head with a reed. This is consistent with the overall narrative of how badly Jesus suffered at the hands of the Romans prior to the cross. Isaiah wrote about it 750 years beforehand.

Messiah Flogged

The prior passage from Isaiah 50 notes that Messiah willingly gave over His back to be stricken. Isaiah also wrote [53:5] that by His scourging, we are healed. John 19:1, Mark 15:15, and Matthew 27:26 all describe how Pontius Pilate had Jesus scourged [flogged] with a whip raked across His naked back. Once again, the Author of Isaiah’s writing would have to be outside of Earth’s temporal realm to know this would happen this way.

Messiah Pierced

Isaiah 53:7 says Messiah will be “*pierced through for our transgressions*”. Jesus was nailed to the Roman cross, pierced through both His hands and His feet. Thomas told the other disciples of Jesus that he would not believe that Jesus had been resurrected unless he could see and put his finger in the imprints of those nail-holes in Jesus’ hands. John 19:34 says

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a Roman soldier thrust his spear [pierced through] into the side of Jesus to ensure He was dead. Thomas also said he would need to put his hand into that large open wound before he would believe. How could Isaiah write more than 700 years prior about Messiah being “pierced through?”

Israel Back in the Land

Ezekiel wrote [36:24] that God would one day bring the nation of Israel back into the original land given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Ezekiel also stated [37:6-10] that the nation’s return to the land would happen in stages. Isaiah also wrote [11:11-12] “It will happen on that day [consider *the very specific event of May 14, 1948*] the Lord will again recover a second time with His hand the remnant of His People who will remain coming from: Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, and Hamath, as well as from the islands of the [Mediterranean] Sea, and He will lift up a standard for the nations and assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of Earth.” Even Isaiah marveled [66:8] “Who has heard and seen such a thing, that a **land can be born in one day**, and a **nation brought forth all at once?**” It is amazing that from the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, there was no nation of Israel for 1,878 years - but God brought them back just as Ezekiel and Isaiah wrote. The Author would have to be outside time.

**Service of Israel and the
Desolations of Jerusalem**

Ezekiel prophesied [4:1-8] that Israel would have 390 years of judgment and Judah 40 years [430 total]. They had 70 years of captivity in Babylon, but what about the remaining 360 years? Leviticus 26:18 says that if God judges and the people still do not obey, He will punish them seven times more. If those remaining 360 years are multiplied by seven, that equals 2,520 years – roughly the time period from the end of the Babylonian captivity and the end of Jerusalem being desolate until the middle of the

20th Century AD. Converting 2,520 years from the 360-day Jewish year to the modern 365.25 days [and adjust for leap years] equals 2,483 years, 9 months, and 21 days. The Jews in service to others, and not being their own sovereign nation continued from the end of the Babylonian captivity in July 537 BC until May 1948 AD – the exact number of years, months, and days. The 70 years of desolations for Jerusalem continued from 587 BC [Nebuchadnezzar's third siege] until the Jews were allowed to return to rebuild the city in August of 517 BC. The adjusted 2,520 years then goes to the future date of June 6, 1967 – the next time Israel was in control of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War. How could that possibly work out to such precise dates? The same 19-year space between the first siege exile to Babylon [606 BC] and the desolations of the city at the third siege in 587, is the exact same 19 years from Israel's independence in May 1948, and once again having control of Jerusalem in June 1967. That defies any attempt to say that these happened by coincidence.

Israel in Full Bloom

Isaiah also wrote [27:6-28:13] that the nation of Israel will flourish in the desert and fill the face of the world with its fruit from its fertile valleys. Also [35:1-10] the wilderness will be glad and have crocus blossoms, as waters break forth in the wilderness, as scorched land becomes a pool, with grass, reeds, and rushes. Today Israel is a net exporter of produce to the world and self-sufficient with fresh water. In fact, Israel supplies Jordan with 100 million cubic meters of drinking water per year. Prior to the middle of the 20th Century, the land of modern-day Israel was a dry, barren, and sparsely populated desert. I have personally driven all over Israel and seen firsthand the incredible agricultural wonder of the nation in full bloom. The Author of these and other similar prophecies about the land would have to be able to see the end from the beginning.

Bible Codes

Another type of evidence for an *Extraterrestrial* Origin is that the Bible appears to exhibit a well-coordinated structure and consistency, with a narrative that appears to be singularly designed and engineered. This amazing content and intention seems well-aligned, fully-integrated, and complementary in its seamless flow of topics and events. There is a tremendous body of work that has yielded some truly incredible and remarkable patterns of words, phrases, and letters in the Hebrew text that defy any attempt to explain these as either random or the intentional plan of Moses, David, Joshua, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, or any other prophets who wrote the Old Testament. Many rabbis and scholars [dating to the 13th Century AD] have published their research findings of various “Bible codes” found within the Hebrew narratives. Dozens of books, podcasts, computer programs, and websites covering the last 40 years describe literally hundreds of provocative coded patterns in the Bible. Many of these are definitely worth noting in the debate with the skeptic about the Origin of the Bible. Underlying questions about such codes include: “Are they legitimate?” and if so, “How did they get there?” It would seem to be a very difficult writing-engineering task for the various authors covering two millennia to design and orchestrate complex patterns into their manuscripts. It is then quite logical to reason that if the Bible does have an Origin outside physical space-time, then God could absolutely provide such precise orchestration!

Genesis Lineage

At first glance, the fifth chapter of Genesis reads like a footnote-citation about the lives of Adam, his son Seth, and the subsequent offspring on through to Noah – the ninth generation from Adam. But consider the prophetic significance inherent in the sequential birth-order of these ten

patriarchs. While a typical Hebrew lexicon for proper names is not always able to do a simple-direct translation of a Biblical name into an English equivalent, the roots within the Hebrew proper names do open the door to a fascinating prophetic message that was no doubt placed there intentionally. Noah's grandfather [Genesis 5:25-27] was Methuselah. There are many pop-culture references to him because he lived longer than any other person in history [969 years]. His name is a combination of the roots *Muth* meaning "death" and *Shalach* which means "to bring". Methuselah [Muth-Shalach] died in the very same year that the great flood began. What is really profound is to consider the meaning of the names for these ten men in their exact order from Adam to Noah. Seth was named by Eve: "the Lord **has appointed** me another son" [after Abel was murdered]. Enosh [root word Aanash] means 'mortal' or 'frail'. Kenan is 'sorrow'. Mahalal-El is a conjunction of 'blessed' and 'El' [Elohiym]. Jared is from *Yaradh* which means 'shall come down'. Enoch means 'teaching' or 'proclaiming' – matching Jude 14-15, as *Enoch proclaims* his prophecy, "*The Lord comes with His myriads and myriads, to execute judgment*". Lamech is the root of our English words lament/lamentation, while Noah comes directly from the root Nacham, meaning 'comfort or rest'. The sequential meaning of these names cannot be coincidence:

Hebrew	Translation
ADAM	Man
SETH	Is Appointed
ENOSH	Mortal
KENAN	Sorrow
MAHALAL-EL	The Blessed God
JARED	Shall Come Down/Descend
ENOCK	Proclaiming/Teaching
METHUSELAH	His Death Shall Bring
LAMECH	The Despairing
NOAH	Comfort/Rest

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There you have it, the story of the Gospel clearly laid out in Genesis 5 that: *Man is appointed mortal sorrow, but the Blessed God shall come down teaching that His death shall bring the despairing comfort and rest.* Random accident, just by chance? Or provocative design that exhibits extratemporal purpose and intention for specific communication?

Equidistant Letter Spacing

A second internal Bible code involves equidistant letter spacing [ELS]. It was first observed and recorded during the 14th Century by Rabbeynu Bachaya. Then, in the 1940s, Michael Ber Weissmandl performed his own manual ELS reviews using grid-maps of the Hebrew Bible and found what became known as the TORAH codes. Michael Drosnin's 1997 book *Bible Codes* is one of many popular works to examine definitive patterns within the Hebrew lettering within the Old Testament. Drosnin checked all the evidence with Dr. Eliyahu Rips [the mathematician who first discovered numerous code-patterns] as well as a high-ranking codebreaker from the U.S. National Security Agency in Washington, DC. The TORAH code clearly shows that Genesis and Exodus *point forward* to Leviticus [in the center of these 5 books] with the exact same pattern found in Numbers and Deuteronomy *pointing backward* to Leviticus. Using the Masoretic text, the word **TORAH** תּוֹרָה is spelled at the beginning of the books of Genesis and Exodus, as well as Numbers and Deuteronomy [Leviticus is in the middle of these four]. The first word in Genesis 1:1 is Beresheet, "In the beginning". The last letter of this Hebrew word is a tav, which is the first letter of the word **TORAH**. Then count $7 \times 7 = 49$ letters from that tav and the 50th letter is vav – the second letter in the word **TORAH**. Keep going in this way, every 50th letter, then **TORAH** is spelled out in the direction of the subsequent books. In the book of Exodus, starting with the first letter tav, the word **TORAH** is spelled out in the same way

at every 50th letter. Continuing this same ELS-pattern with Numbers and Deuteronomy, and the word **TORAH** is again spelled out with every 50th letter. However, it is now pointing backward toward the previous books. In the middle of the five books is Leviticus. Beginning with the first letter yud, skip 7 letters and record the 8th letter. That same pattern spells **YHWH** יהוה [Yahweh or Jehovah]. Was it possible for Moses and other scribes to construct this elaborate means of writing the content-narrative, while also designing the words used to exactly fit such a precise pattern? How could **TORAH** repeat like this throughout Genesis and Exodus in the *forward direction* toward Leviticus, while Numbers and Deuteronomy spell **TORAH** repeated in the *backward direction* to Leviticus? And how could Leviticus [the middle book] have its own ELS-pattern spelling of **YHWH**? This is only one example among dozens of these Bible codes. It is well worth reading more on the subject [see Resources, p. 39] and come to your own conclusions about the substance of these Bible codes. While provocative, there are caveats: Computer deciphering programs have also been run on many books such as Moby Dick and the Qur'an revealing their own ELS-wording, yet these are not considered to be inspired from God. There are also different versions of the Hebrew manuscripts that do not have the same letters, or number of vowels, [Dead Sea Scrolls vs. Masoretic texts] which would then alter certain Bible codes that have been found. It is worth doing more research on these.

Infrastructure of Sevens

A third example seems to be the numeric recurring pattern of "seven" [and multiples of seven such as 14, 21, 49, and 70] all throughout the Bible. God's creation week was six days of work with a 7th day of rest. This became the basis for a weekly *shabbat* for mankind after the six-day workweek. Other conspicuous sevens [and multiples thereof] include:

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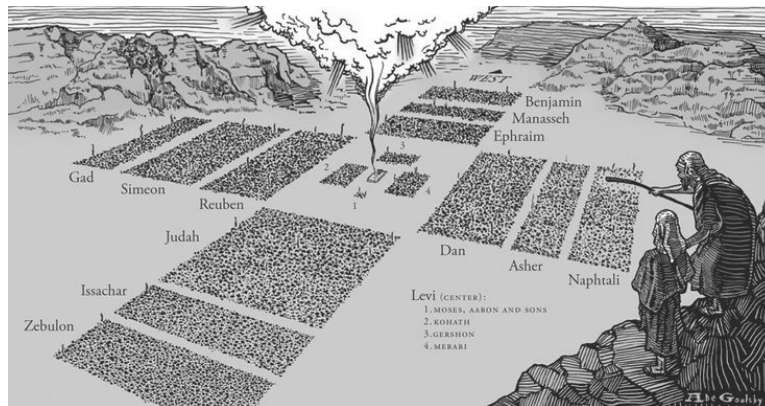
- Gather manna for 6 days, but none on the **7th day**
- Plow the land for 6 years, leave it fallow in the **7th year**
- Jeremiah 29:10 prophecies about **70 years** of captivity
- Leviticus 26 says God will multiply judgment by **7 times**
- Jubilee year [50th] comes after seven **7-year cycles** = 49
- **70 shabua** [weeks of years] for Israel and Jerusalem
- Final 70th shabua [**7 years**] still future for Israel
- **Seven** annual feasts for Israel
- **70 days** of rest each year = 52 weekly shabbat plus the 7 days of Shavout = 59 + 7 days of Passover = 66 + 1 day for the Feast of Weeks = 67 + 1 day for Yom Teruah = 68 + 1 day for Yom Kippur = 69 + 1 day for the Assembly = 70 Total.

Consider a few other multiples of seven: Adam is **21** generations until Abram, who is **14** generations until King David, who is **14** generations until Jehoikim at the deportation to Babylon, who is **14** generations to Jesus, which equals **63** generations [**9 x 7**] or approximately 4,000 years total from the first man Adam until Messiah - Jesus of Nazareth.

Israel's Camp

A fourth example in the Bible is a mathematically engineered fit for HOW Israel camped in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt [prior to occupying Canaan]. The Bible states [Numbers 2] exactly four groupings of Israel's tribes: 1] Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun had 186,400 people in that section, 2] the camp of Reuben, Simeon, and Gad had 151,000 total, 3] Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin had 108,100 total, 4] Dan, Asher, Naphtali had 157,600 people. The center of the camp had the Levites and the Tabernacle. The four sides of that center had symbols for each group: 1] Judah was the lion, 2] Reuben was a man, 3] Ephraim an ox, and 4] Dan an eagle. These are also the same four faces of the Cherubim

around God's heavenly throne [Revelation 4, Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1 and 10]. When the four groups are drawn-out in their population numbers exactly due East, West, North, and South from the Levites and the Tabernacle at the center, the aerial view is in the shape of a cross [see below]. How could that happen by accident? How could Moses know about a **Cross** being a future symbol for God's plan of salvation for mankind? This has to be precision-engineered into the Bible from a Source outside of time.



Interesting Bible Facts

This one resource is comprised of 66 different books that were written by 40 different authors spanning some 2,000 years of Earth time – from the second millennium BC to the end of the 1st Century AD. It includes three primary languages [Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek], penned on three continents [Asia, Africa, Europe]. With so many authors, across such a large time-span, and different geographic locations, why does it appear to be fully integrated and synchronized? Why can everything be so easily cross-referenced? How is it so consistent in its teaching? It cannot be simply by coincidence. Did all 40 writers ever get together and make a plan for this integrated anthology? Was there an on-going study-sharing

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session spread over 2,000 years to finalize the design and consistency of its message? Because it appears to be a singular, unified message all throughout – the Bible can arguably be reduced to two things: 1] the Old Testament is about Messiah before He comes to Earth, and 2] the New Testament is about Messiah after He comes - with commentary about His life, teachings, and the expectation of His return to rule on Earth.

Another interesting fact to consider is that virtually the entirety of planet Earth functions on a time-calendar based on just one man's life - a Jewish carpenter who lived in the Syrian Province during the 1st Century Roman Empire. Virtually the entire world today marks time as 2024 AD [*Anno Domini*, meaning 'year of our Lord']. Why is that? If the Bible is fictional, what reason would there be to mark time all around the globe based upon the birth of a Middle Eastern Semitic teacher from twenty centuries in Earth's past history? It is amazing to think about everything prior to His birth [BC stands for 'before Christ'] was all about anticipation of His first coming, and everything since then [AD] has been focused on: 1] what He accomplished when He was here, and 2] the explicit anticipation of this man stating He will return to Earth at a specific and still-future date.

There is also the undisputed fact [which in and of itself does not prove the Bible comes from God] that the Bible is the number one best-selling book of all time. It has sold several billion copies during the last 2,000 years. To be a *New York Times Best-Seller* a book must sell one million copies in one year. The Bible sells on average more than **100 million** per year going back to the late 1800s. Think about that! Full translations of the Bible are in over 600 languages, and there are portions written in small booklets-flyers in over 2,500 different languages. Yet there is also this one disturbing fact: today, there are over 50 countries in the world

where it is illegal to even own a Bible. If it is simply mythology, fiction, fantasy, legend, poetry, and not true, why would so many governments not want people to read it? Could it really transform people's lives?

Summary

The Bible did not fall from the sky with magical powers. It was written by men. But were these writers supernaturally equipped by a Creator-God to communicate specific, highly coordinated, precise information that confirms its origin has an *extra-temporal* perspective? If the Bible is truly God's direct "Specific" word, then there should be solid, indisputable, verifiable evidence of its non-Earthly origin, and it should exhibit no material errors in its substantive content. The first issue is the core topic of this Book-4 in my Apologetics series. The second issue is examined in Book-5 concerning the Bible's credibility, reliability, infallibility, and inerrancy. Many examples were presented here that the Bible seems to show good evidence that it did not simply come from the minds of its 40 writers. Fulfilled prophecies, numeric structures, macro codes, and ELS-patterns make a strong case to further examine the Bible's content and its origin. Questions still persist: *"Why the Bible? and why not the Qur'an, Lotus Sutra, Veda, Book of Mormon, Bhagavad Gita, or Sumerian Kesh Temple Liturgy to Nintud?"* And what about other authors writing their own insights and advice about life, God, success, and finding peace, including: Tony Robbins, Norman Vincent Peale, Joel Osteen, Charles Taze Russell, Joseph Smith, Dale Carnegie, L. Ron Hubbard, Deepak Chopra, Jack Canfield, Robert Schuller, Muhammad, or the Dalai Lama? How and why is the Bible unique from these? If you are well-prepared in apologetics, you will be able to make a reasoned, logical, rational case that the Bible originates outside our physical Earthly realm, with content that **specifically** reveals the character and plans of the One true God.

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