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Searching for Truth



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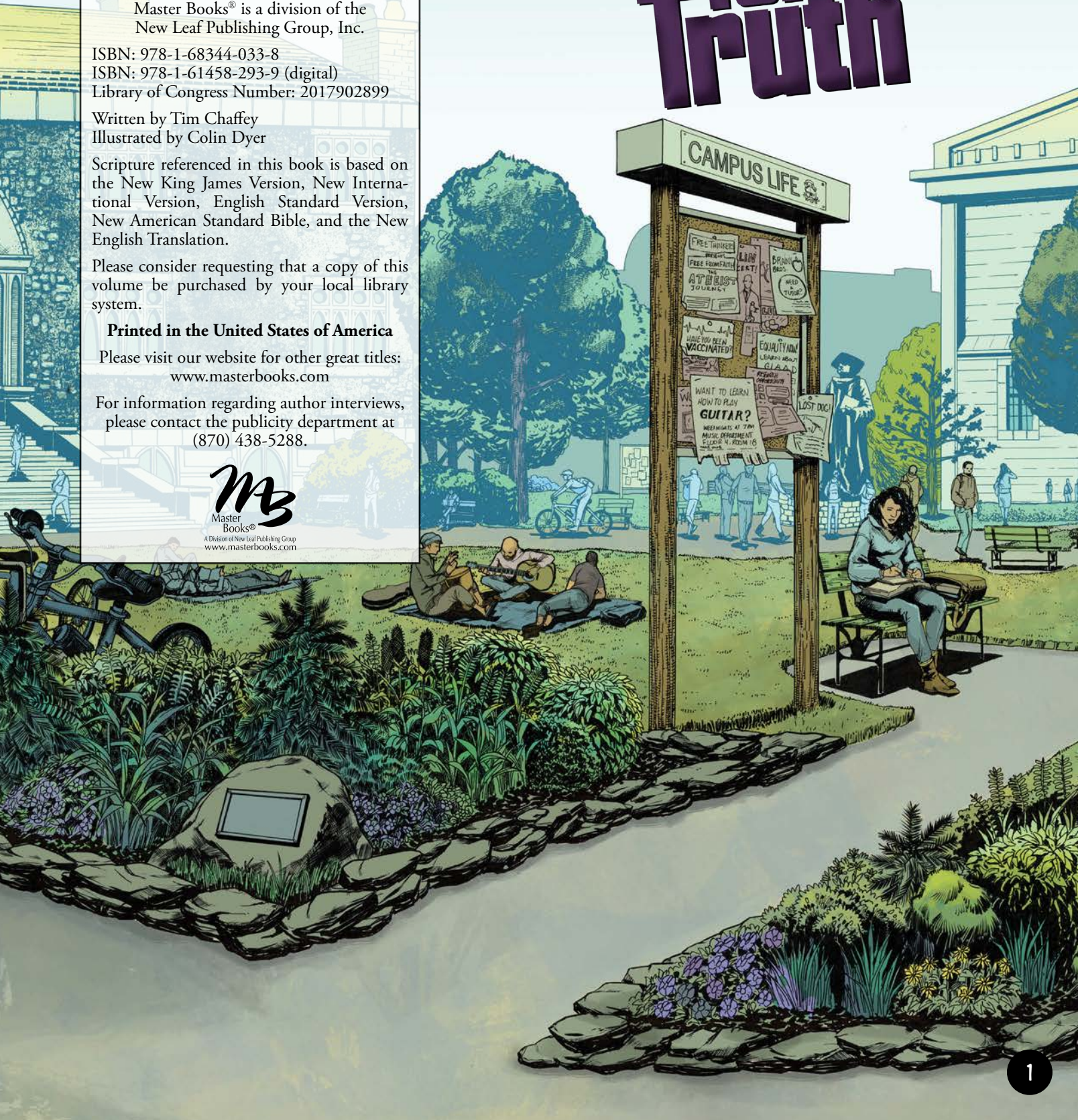
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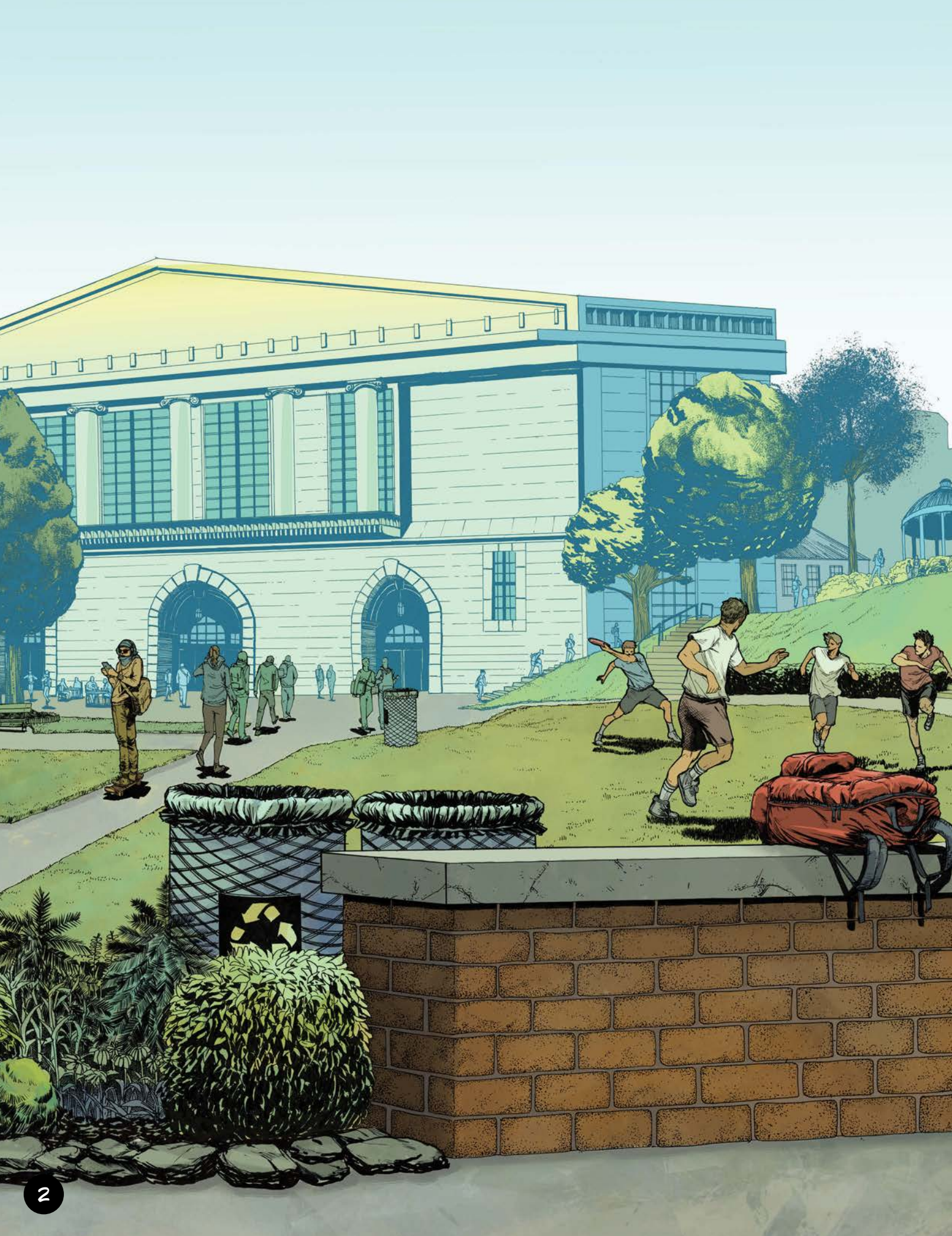
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HEY GUYS, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS SO FAR?

WELL, IT'S VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I BELIEVE.

THERE ARE SO MANY RELIGIONS. HOW COULD ANYONE KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE?



ANDRE, HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU BELIEVE?


I BELIEVE THE BIBLE
IS TRUE AND THAT
JESUS IS THE ONLY
WAY TO HEAVEN.

NOTICE:
NEXT WEEK'S
LECTURE HAS
BEEN RE-
SCHEDULED.
DATE WILL BE TBD
—CHEERS

HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE IN A BOOK THAT HAS SO MANY ERRORS?

YEAH, DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS TRUE?

LET'S TALK AFTER CLASS.



...THE BIBLE IS FULL OF CONTRADICTIONS—WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF SCIENCE.

THE EARTH ISN'T 6,000 YEARS OLD, AND THERE'S NO WAY THE MILLIONS OF SPECIES OF ANIMALS COULD FIT ON NOAH'S ARK...

...THE BIBLE WASN'T EVEN PUT TOGETHER UNTIL THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA IN 325 A.D. IT'S GONE THROUGH COUNTLESS REVISIONS AND TRANSLATIONS. THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN...

BASED ON WHAT PROFESSOR HARRIS JUST SAID, HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS TRUE?

BECAUSE IT'S THE WORD OF GOD. SHE SAID THE BIBLE IS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS BOOK,

BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE. IT'S UNIQUE. IT WAS WRITTEN BY OVER 40 DIFFERENT AUTHORS, IN THREE LANGUAGES,

FROM THREE CONTINENTS, OVER THE COURSE OF MORE THAN 1,500 YEARS, AND YET IT PROCLAIMS A CONSISTENT MESSAGE AND HAS NO ERRORS.



ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

HMM. NO ERRORS? A CONSISTENT MESSAGE?

THE DOCTRINE OF INERRANCY


ANDRE EXPRESSED AN IDEA KNOWN AS THE DOCTRINE OF INERRANCY. IN ITS MOST BASIC FORMULATION, THIS TEACHING STATES THAT THE BIBLE, BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS, WERE WRITTEN WITHOUT ERROR IN THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS. THIS IDEA ONLY APPLIES TO THE COPIES INsofar AS THEY ARE FAITHFUL TO THE ORIGINAL WRITINGS.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BIBLE:

- ~ THE BIBLE IS A COLLECTION OF 66 BOOKS.
- ~ THE 39 BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WERE ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN HEBREW, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME SMALL SECTIONS OF ARAMAIC, MOST NOTABLY IN EZRA AND DANIEL.
- ~ THE 27 BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WERE ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN GREEK.
- ~ THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY AT LEAST 40 DIFFERENT AUTHORS, MANY OF WHOM WERE EYEWITNESSES, OVER A SPAN OF AT LEAST 1500 YEARS FROM THREE CONTINENTS (ASIA, AFRICA, AND EUROPE).


YOU SAID THE BIBLE DOESN'T HAVE ERRORS. HOW COULD THAT BE SINCE IT WAS WRITTEN BY PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE MAKE A LOT OF MISTAKES?






GABRIELA, WE DO
MAKE MISTAKES, BUT
WE DON'T ALWAYS MAKE
THEM. ISN'T IT POSSIBLE FOR
A PERSON TO WRITE A BOOK
WITHOUT ERRORS? HOW MUCH
MORE SO IF THAT WRITING
WAS INSPIRED BY GOD?

BESIDES, IF WE CAN'T
TRUST BOOKS WRITTEN
BY PEOPLE, THEN WE SHOULDN'T
TRUST OUR TEXTBOOKS, RIGHT?
HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU ONE OF
MY FAVORITE WEBSITES THAT
ADDRESSES OBJECTIONS
TO THE BIBLE.



CAN YOU PROVE
THAT THE BIBLE IS
FROM GOD?



I THINK ONE WAY TO DEMONSTRATE THE BIBLE'S SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN IS TO LOOK AT PROPHECY, BECAUSE ONLY THE ALL-KNOWING GOD OF THE BIBLE COULD ACCURATELY TELL THE FUTURE. THE BIBLE CONTAINS LOTS OF DETAILED PROPHECIES WRITTEN CENTURIES BEFORE THEY WERE PERFECTLY AND CLEARLY FULFILLED. NO OTHER BOOK DOES THIS.

FOR EXAMPLE, MORE THAN 400 YEARS BEFORE THE EVENTS OCCURRED, THE BIBLE SAID THAT THE MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST, WOULD BE BORN OF A VIRGIN IN BETHLEHEM, THAT HE WOULD BE BETRAYED FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER, DIE FOR OUR SINS, AND RISE FROM THE DEAD.



THE BIBLE CONTAINS FULFILLED PROPHECY

THE BIBLE PREDICTED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ABOUT THE MESSIAH, EACH OF WHICH HAS BEEN FULFILLED BY JESUS CHRIST.

MESSIAH'S BIRTH

The Bible prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). His birth would be in the town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). He would be from the line of Abraham (Genesis 22:16-18) through Isaac (Genesis 26:4), Judah (Genesis 49:10), and David (Isaiah 9:7).

MESSIAH'S DEATH

The Old Testament explained that the Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12), and that His hands and feet would be pierced and people would gamble for His clothes (Psalm 22:16-18). He would die as a sacrifice for others (Isaiah 53:8; Daniel 9:26).

MESSIAH'S RESURRECTION

The prophets foretold that the Messiah would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9), but that He would not remain in the tomb for long (Psalm 16:10). Jesus predicted His own Resurrection on numerous occasions (Matthew 12:40; 20:18-20; John 2:19).

The divine origin of the Bible is demonstrated through its frequent use of prophecy. Of all the "holy books" of the world, only the Bible contains accurate, predictive prophecy, because only the God of the Bible knows the future and has the power to bring it to pass (Isaiah 46:9-10).



MESSIAH'S BIRTH

THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN:
BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

ISAIAH 7:14

BUT YOU, BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH,
THOUGH YOU ARE LITTLE AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF JUDAH,
YET OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH TO ME
THE ONE TO BE RULER IN ISRAEL,
WHOSE GOINGS FORTH ARE FROM OF OLD,
FROM EVERLASTING.

MICAH 5:2

MESSIAH'S DEATH

THEN I SAID TO THEM, "IF IT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU, GIVE ME
MY WAGES; AND IF NOT, REFRAIN." SO THEY WEIGHED OUT
FOR MY WAGES THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

ZECHARIAH 11:12

FOR DOGS HAVE SURROUNDED ME;
THE CONGREGATION OF THE WICKED HAS ENCLOSED ME.
THEY PIERCED MY HANDS AND MY FEET...

PSALM 22:16

MESSIAH'S RESURRECTION

AND THEY MADE HIS GRAVE WITH THE WICKED-
BUT WITH THE RICH AT HIS DEATH,
BECAUSE HE HAD DONE NO VIOLENCE,
NOR WAS ANY DECEIT IN HIS MOUTH.

ISAIAH 53:9

FOR YOU WILL NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN SHEOL,
NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION.

PSALM 16:10