

Defending the Bible

Selected Scriptures



Jude 1:3,4 (NIV)

“...I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you.



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They are godless men, who challenge the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.”



* In order to destroy Christianity,
one must accomplish just two
things:

Undermine the Bible
and cast doubt on the
Resurrection.



Evidence for the reliability of the Bible:

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2 Timothy 3:16,17 (NIV)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”



2 Peter 1:20, 21 (NIV)

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”



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Deuteronomy 18:20-22 (NIV)

“But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death. You may say to yourselves, ‘How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?’



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If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken.”



‘The Word of the Lord’ 219 times

‘Write this’

‘Says the Lord’

‘Lord’s command,’ 100 times



Luke 24:27 (NIV)

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”



2 Peter 1:16 (NIV)

“We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”



1 John 1:3 (NIV)

“We proclaim to you what we have
seen and heard...”



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1. Historical testing

- a. Internal Evidence (fulfilled prophecies)
- b. External Evidence (archeology)
- c. Bibliographical Testing
 1. How old are the copies of the original?
 2. How many manuscript copies exist?



The Gallic Wars by Julius Caesar

10 copies 1000 years after the original

Tacitus' work of Roman History

20 copies 1000-year gap

Homer's Iliad

643 copies 400-year gap.

The New Testament

25,000 copies Oldest less than 100
years

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2. Dead Sea Scrolls
3. Historical testing
4. Unreliability of 'other' gospels

