

or “*The word of the Lord which came to Hosea*” (Hosea 1:1);
or, “*Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom*” (Obadiah 1:1);
or “*The Oracle of the word of the Lord to Israel from Malachi*” (Malachi 1:1);
or even John, “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John*” (Revelation 1:1).

B. ITS FACTS ARE INDISPUTABLE

1. The thing that impresses scholars who study the Bible, even the secular ones, is that if the Bible says something, it is so. When the Word of God states that things produce after their kind (Genesis 1:24ff), you will find that the cell theory in Biology 101 does not disagree. The science of Oceanography began because Matthew Fontaine Maury read Psalms 8:8-9 and believed there were “Paths in the Sea.”
2. Geographically, if the Bible says that “they went up to Jerusalem”, they went up. This veracity also goes for customs, laws, cultures, civilizations and peoples. If the Bible mentions them, they existed. For example:
3. The Hittites, long ridiculed by some as not existing because no evidence appeared in archeology, have now been discovered. They were first mentioned in papyrus fragments studied by Johannes Burkhalter in the 1800s, and later archeologists discovered not only one, but two Hittite civilizations.
4. More recent discoveries in Syria have uncovered mention of Sodom and Gomorrah, the five cities of the plains, and even Abraham in the clay tablets of the Ebla Archives.

C. ITS PROPHECIES NUMEROUS, ACCURATE AND VERIFIABLE

1. People are fascinated with the predictions of psychics. They accept modern seers even though they are usually over 80% wrong. They still rave over Nostradamus, even though he was hardly ever right.
2. None would qualify as a true prophet as was laid down by Moses: “When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken” (Deuteronomy 18:22). To be

- a prophet of God, the requirement was 100% accuracy. The penalty for false prophecy was death (Deuteronomy 18:20).
3. In this same context Moses spoke of a prophet who was yet to come (Deuteronomy 18:18). This prophecy fulfilled 1450 years later, in Christ (Acts 3:19-22). Much of the history of the world is related in the Scriptures hundreds of years before it happens.
 4. Cyrus was called by name 150 years before his time (Isaiah 45:1); Josiah was called by name 300 years before he was born (1 Kings 13:1-5); 500 years later, the curse on Jericho was fulfilled (Joshua 6:26; 1 Kings 16:33-34); and Daniel accurately predicted the next four world empires until the time of the emergence of the kingdom of God (Matthew 3:1-3; Luke 3:1-6); and note especially that, in the eleventh chapter of Daniel, every verse is a compilation of prophecies that accurately and minutely foretells the nations and events around the people of God for the next five hundred years.
 5. Not only does history reveal that all of these came true, but fulfilled prophecies can still be witnessed today. Babylon remains unoccupied (Isaiah 13:19-20), and at ancient Tyre, the fishermen still dry their nets (Ezekiel 26:4-5) as it remains unrestored.

D. ITS MIRACLES LEGENDARY & SIGNIFICANT

Hebrews 2:2-4 -- *For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.*

1. Those who profess to work miracles today cannot hope to do it on the magnitude and proficiency of the New Testament disciples, where even a shadowed cured all (See Acts 5:12-16).
2. The question asked at the time of Jesus was, if any come after, could they possibly do more miracles than He performed (John 7:31). Rhetorically, the answer was “No!”
3. Paul lists the various individuals who Jesus appeared to after His resurrection. In one instance the crowd numbered over 500 (1 Corinthians 15:4-8). Josephus, the Jewish/Roman historian (an outside source) also attests to this resurrection (*Antiquities of the Jews*, book xviii, chapter 3, section 3).

