

The Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Word of God-The Testimony of
Jesus Christ

Rev. 1:10

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and (*kai*-not only of conjunctive or copulative force but also of cumulative force, e.i., even, also, indeed) for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- Why do we say that the word of God is also testimony of Jesus Christ? (cf. Rev. 19:10)
- Who is the author of the Bible (66 books of the Hebreo-Judaeo-Christian Canonical Holy Scriptures)?

Some Unique Characteristics of the Bible

- **Bible was written portions after portions in different distant places, in diverse manners and at sundry times (Heb. 1:1) spanning a period of at least 1,500 years (1,500 BC and about 100 AD) by about 40 human writers (prophets, kings, psalmists, apostles). Isa 28:10** For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.
- **The entire Bible is the word for word literarily recorded yet unerring, infallible, historically but progressively unfolding and is now already completed to be the sufficient revelation of the whole truth of the Almighty Lord God to His whole creation. Deu 29:29** The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Examples of Criticism on the Bible

- **Most critics and scholars still cannot see and will not admit the divine origin and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures! They could not believe because they would not. One of their criticism and refusal to accept the message, teachings, commandments, covenants, and promises of the Lord God in the Bible is based on their allegation that the Bible is written by fallible human persons.**
- **Some theologians and critics long ago alleged Moses was not the writer of the Pentateuch:**
 - Writing, they claimed, was invented at a later time. Later archaeological facts: Egyptian papyrus lists names of slaves dated during the time of Joseph (around 1740 B.C.)
 - How can Moses write in about the time of his death and how did he know how and where YHWH buried him? (Deut. 34 :5-6 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.)

God's Special Intervention

- **No matter how much controlled by Jesus and inspired by the Holy Spirit, each and all writers were imperfect and limited by their personal finitude and partial knowledge. (1 Cor.13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.) Thus many times they were not able to fully grasp the entire impact or significance of the revelation of the Almighty Lord God to them. (1 Pet.1:10-12 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.) It is, therefore, reasonable and understandable that two or forty different writers may differ from each other.**
- **Difference are not necessarily contradictions but are complementary to bring out the totality of the truth. Veracity (demonstrability, verifiability and ascertainability) is far more reliable of 2 or more writers** (than the claim of just one human being alleging that an angel or a supernatural messenger has given him/her a message from God, (for example, the Qur'an or the Book of the Mormons). **Mat 18:16** ...that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. (also **2 Cor. 13:1**) (Illust: 3 men seeing the full moon)
- **Because of this limitations of man, God's providence and special interventions worked on the writers of the Bible whom He inspired by the Holy Spirit for them to write the Holy Scriptures (2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; 2 Tim.3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 1 Pet. 1:10-12 Zech.7:12)**

Author of the Bible

- **Incidentally, not all of the Bible is written by men:**
 - Ten commandments are written with the finger of God (**Exo. 31:18** And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God; Deut. 9:10)
 - Handwriting on the wall (**Dan. 5:25** And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.)
 - Finger of God (figurative, **Lk. 11:20; Matt. 12:28**)
 - The Pentateuch and the whole Bible is written by men by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. (**Zec 7:12** Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets. **2Pe. 1:21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.* **2Ti 3:16** All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.) Inspiration, theopneustos, divinely breathed. (Thus saith the Lord)
 - Illustration: Dictation taken down by a secretary. Secretary wrote down the letter but the boss is still the author.

Author of the Bible

- If God-breathed, who of the three members of the Trinity is the author of the Bible?
 - Father – Heb. 1:1
 - Holy Spirit – 2 Pet. 1:21
 - Father (OT) and the Son (NT) – Heb. 1:1
- Bible is a Book of Faith. Bible is written by righteous who live by faith (Rom. 1:17). Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17) Since Jesus is the author of our faith (Heb. 12:2) and faith comes by hearing the word of God, therefore, the author of faith is also the author of the word of God, the Bible. So, the Lord Jesus Christ is the author of the Bible.
- Therefore, the word of God is the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Another Consideration: The Eternal Covenant

- **Eternal or everlasting covenant** – All for Jesus Covenant (**Heb. 13:20** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant...; **9:14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works...; **5:9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; **Rev. 13:8** ... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world; **Eph. 3:11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.)
- **Essence of the eternal covenant** - The eternal purpose of God was committed to the Son for the Son to execute the eternal purpose of the Father through the Holy Spirit (eternal Christ, **Heb.1:8-9**) so that the Son functions as all in all (**Col. 3:11**).
- Illustration: The Father has freely given us “all things” in (in and through) Christ Jesus. **Rom. 8:32; 2 Cor. 1:20**

Eternal Protocol of the Trinity

- **The Son did not His will but the Father's only.** (Jn. 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. Cf. Jn. 4:34)
- **Because of this commitment of the Son, the Father is pleased with the Son.** (Matt. 3:17) that He said, "Hear ye Him." (Matt. 17:5)
- **So the Father anointed the Son with the Spirit (oil of gladness) without measure in eternity.** (Heb. 1:8-9; Joh 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.) **Even before Jesus started His public ministry, the Father has anointed Him to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.** (Matt. 3:16-17; Lk. 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.)
- **Therefore, all prophecy (God's declaration, affirmation assertion of the truth and negation of falsehood and statement of conditionalities). whether in the OT or in the NT, is the Son's testimony.** (Rev. 19:10; 1:1-2; Jn. 1:18; Matt. 11:27; Col. 1:15;)
- **The Trinity works through the Son for Christ is the wisdom and the power of God.** (1 Cor. 1:24) **Under the eternal protocol the Trinity cannot act unless it is through the Son.**
- **Therefore , all prophecies and declaration of will of God the Father came to us through the testimony of the Son, Jesus Christ, which was written down by holy and righteous men through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. This is our Bible, the written word of God, the compilation of 66 books of the Hebreo-Judaeo-Canonical Holy Scriptures.**

Spirit of Prophecy

- **Spirit of Prophecy** - declaration, affirmation, assertion of the truth, righteousness and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; negation of falsehood, evil, wickedness and malice; statement of the conditionalities of God.
- **Bible demonstrates “the way of the righteous” against “way of the wicked” with the conditionality of Jesus that**, “Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous (sinners but justified in the blood of Jesus Christ). For the LORD knoweth (approves) the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.” (**Psa 1:5-6**) **Isa 61:2** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, (NOW) and the day of vengeance of our God (IMMINENT).
- **Jn. 5:39-40; 20:31; 1Jn. 5:13**. Kung natutunan mo ang Biblia, makikilala mo na tamang lubos ang Panginoong Jesucristo at pakikitunguhan mo siya ng tama. Sasangayon ka sa Kaniyang buong katotohanan, mabubuhay ka sa Kaniyang katuwiran at pagmamagandang loob at itatalaga mo ang iyong lahat sa Panginoong Jesucristo sa PAGESAMPALATAYA, PAGASA AT PAGIBIG, upang si Jesus na ang maging lahat sa lahat mo bilang Siya ang katuparan ng lahat ng mga pangako ng Dios sa iyo, sa iyong sambahayan at sa iyong lahat.