

# THE BIBLE IS UNIQUE

## PART 7 IN A SERIES ON HOW TO KNOW THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

*"For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?"*

~ Deuteronomy 4:32

### 1. Review

- a. Inspiration ~ God's words in writing; God used men to write what he intended. 2Ti 3:16
- b. We looked at content, construction, miracles, message, Messiah to determine its source.
- c. What if some do not believe? Does it change the facts? No. Romans 3:1-4; 2Th 3:2
- d. "Men wrote it"; "Anyone can write a book like this"; "It's like any other religious book"
- e. Chafer-"The Bible is not a book [man] would write if he could, or could write if he would.

### 2. Could Man Write It

- a. Some parts, he did; but he cannot write the whole. Man is limited by:
- b. Truth; miracles; perspective; wisdom; holiness; scope; prophecy; Jesus; science; history
- c. He is limited by the Bible that already exists – it would no longer be unique – Heb 1:1-2
- d. Even if it were possible, it cannot deny what has already happened.

### 3. Would Man Write It

- a. What benefit would it bring them?
- b. The \$\$\$ benefit is not in writing the book, but corrupting it –Ti 1:11; 2Cor 2:17;11:19-31
- c. Writers suffered, persecuted, killed, without reward –Heb 11:32-39,1Th 2:15, Luke 11:47
- d. The personal suffering it would entail – for writing what? A lie, delusion ... or the truth.
- e. A negative view toward humanity (sin, guilt, divine justice) –Rom 3:12-17;Isa 56:10-11
- f. The solution to sin in grace (out of men's hands) through faith (foolishness to the world)
- g. The length of time required, for what benefit? – 1400yrs, spanning empires, 40 diff men.
- h. The only reason Paul gave was for Christ's sake – 1 Cor 9:16-18; 15:29-33; Phi 1:21-25
- i. Even if man did want to write another Bible, why should he given we already have one?

### 4. Should It Be Duplicated

- a. People want another book like the Bible to justify denying the words of the one we have
- b. The Bible an offense to secular and religious -Gal 5:11 (which testifies to divinity)
- c. To add or take away from this book is to corrupt the very thing that made it great
- d. The Bible is unique - the only one of its kind; without alternative, equal, unparalleled
- e. The Bible is not one of many – it is the result of looking for truth from the one true God

### 5. Conclusion

- a. Inspiration/preservation impugned by Christians, which is more dangerous.
- b. Moses said to ask whether there has been anything as great as God's words – De 4:32
- c. The Bible is either the word of God or the greatest book ever – the latter cannot stand.
- d. How you respond to the word of God is the issue of faith - Rom 10:17; 1 Thess 2:13
- e. We must acknowledge what has happened has happened; what is is; it must be heard.
- f. Men don't believe because of sin. They love sin, the world, us, more than God.