

**Is Our Faith Blind?
God's Not Dead—Part 2
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Last week the first question we asked was:

Where Is God When Life _____ Apart?

Our second question in our series today is this:

Is our faith _____?

I think there are innumerable reasons to be confident in His reality, but let's examine just 5 of them.

1. The first reason to be confident in His reality is the _____.

A. Let's look at it as an _____ document. (Matthew 5:18)

To fully appreciate this we first need to understand the two primary questions that guide linguistic scholar's textual criticisms:

1. How many _____ are there to examine and compare?

2. How close in _____ are the oldest copies to the originals??

There are over _____ Greek manuscripts and over _____ other copies in various other languages besides Greek for a total manuscript base of over _____! *

The entire New Testament was written within _____ years of Jesus' resurrection.

B. Another thing that we need to understand about our Bible is that it is a _____ document. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Consider this about the Bible: _____. (Isaiah 46:9-10)

According to The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy there are _____ prophecies in the Old Testament and _____ in the New Testament for a total of _____ future predictions.

Let's consider just a few examples of the accuracy of the Bible as his Word in regards to the Messiah:

1. His _____ (Isaiah 7:14)
2. His _____ (Micah 5:2)
3. His _____ (Zechariah 11:12-13)
4. His _____ (Psalm 22:12-18)

Now let's look at just one non-Messianic prophecy from Ezekiel, and remember there are over 1,800 other ones!

The city of _____ (Ezekiel 26:3-5, 7, 12, 14, 16) 590 B.C.**

Ezekiel prophesies Tyre's destruction with these specifics:

- a. Nebuchadnezzar will _____ Tyre.
- b. Other nations will take part in its _____.
- c. Tyre will be _____ like the top of a rock.
- d. Tyre will become a place to spread _____.
- e. Tyre's stones and timber will be laid in the _____.
- f. Other cities will _____ because of Tyre's destruction.
- g. Tyre won't be _____.

2. A second reason to be confident in God's reality is Your _____ (Acts 4:13)

3. A third reason to be confident in God's reality: Answered _____ (Hebrews 4:12)

4. A fourth reason to be confident in God's reality: _____ (Romans 1:20)

5. A fifth reason to be confident in God's reality: The _____ (Matthew 16:18)

Supporting Research:

* <http://carm.org/manuscript-evidence>

*<http://www.apologetics.org/IsIslamcorrectIstheBiblecorrupted/tabid/114/Default.aspx>

** http://sciencespeaks.dstoner.net/Prophetic_Accuracy.html

*** <http://www.str.org/articles/is-the-new-testament-text-reliable#.UukSSnknJ1E>