

Series: Sharing Your Faith  
Lesson: How to Explain the Bible is From God  
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Lesson 7 Review Notes:

1. What does the Bible claim to be?
  - a. 2 Peter 1:21 - Written by men who were \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.
  - b. 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 - Written by men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.
  - c. 2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_ (NIV)
  - d. From these passages, it is clear that the scriptures originated in the mind of \_\_\_\_\_ who guided them through the Holy Spirit.
  - e. When applied to the writing of scriptures, the word “inspired” means that while God used the skills and the language which the writer already possessed, He guided the writer’s work so that the final product was as God wanted with no room for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To believe that the Bible is a book that came from \_\_\_\_\_ while all other books are of \_\_\_\_\_ origin, the Bible would have to have some \_\_\_\_\_ which would make it different from any other book.
3. The first of these special characteristics is that the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_. If it were not accurate, the Bible could not be \_\_\_\_\_. But if it is accurate about the history it tells, then we can believe the writers were men of \_\_\_\_\_. Here are three out of hundreds of points in which the scriptures are shown to be accurate in fact, history, culture, and geography.
  - a. Many of the people mentioned in the Bible have also been mentioned in history: David, Jehu, Omri, Hezekiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Ahab, Belshazzar, Cyrus, and Caiphas. Another of special interest is \_\_\_\_\_, an official of the city of \_\_\_\_\_ while Paul was there and who left an inscription there with his name on it. (See [Romans 16:23b.](#))



- b. [Isaiah 20:1](#) mentions a king named \_\_\_\_\_ who was from \_\_\_\_\_. The remains of his palace and many records he left were found and are now in the British Museum and the Louvre.
    - c. The Bible gives five chapters to a description of the time when King Sennacherib, from \_\_\_\_\_, invaded Judah in \_\_\_\_\_ BC. The Bible says he conquered many cities including \_\_\_\_\_, but that he did not conquer \_\_\_\_\_. In \_\_\_\_\_, an archaeologist uncovered his palace and records and he tells this very same story.
4. The second special characteristic is that the Bible has \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The Bible was written by different men over a period of about \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - b. Yet when these books are put together, they tell one story that all fits together without contradiction. The only way this could happen is if there was someone behind its writing who was guiding the writers during all these years.
5. The third special characteristic is that the Bible agrees with \_\_\_\_\_ facts.
  - a. Other writings from Bible times say the earth is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe, that there are stars, and that the earth is supported by a huge \_\_\_\_\_ or by five \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. But notice that the following verses (any many others) mention facts not known at the time these words were written that have now been discovered.
6. [Isaiah 40:22](#)—the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth
7. [Job 26:7](#)—he suspends the earth over \_\_\_\_\_.
8. [Genesis 15:5](#): there are too many \_\_\_\_\_ to count.
9. [1 Corinthians 15:39](#)—the flesh of man and animals is \_\_\_\_\_. c. We can account for such accuracy in a book written prior to man’s discovery of such knowledge only by accepting that the writers had \_\_\_\_\_ from a power greater than themselves.
10. The fourth special characteristic is that the Bible makes verifiable \_\_\_\_\_ far in advance.

- a. [Isaiah 13:19-22](#), written in \_\_\_\_\_, predicts that \_\_\_\_\_ will be destroyed and never be re-built or inhabited. At the time this was written, the city had been thriving for many centuries and was soon to be the capital of two major world empires. Yet, Isaiah's words came true.
- b. [Ezekiel 29:14-19](#), written in \_\_\_\_\_, predict that the nation of \_\_\_\_\_ will be invaded by Nebuchadnezzar and from then on will be a kingdom. This too, has been exactly fulfilled.
- c. [Ezekiel 35:1-4, 9](#) predict that the cities of the nation of \_\_\_\_\_, who descended from \_\_\_\_\_, will be \_\_\_\_\_ and that the people will also be wiped out as a nation. This nation, which had existed for centuries, was conquered and the people were amalgamated into other nations.
- d. [Deuteronomy 28:36-37, 63-66](#) predicts that the \_\_\_\_\_, if they are not faithful to God, will be among other nations where they will be persecuted. This also, has come true.
- e. That such predictions about nations, cities, and peoples were all fulfilled precisely hundreds of years later is possible only through a power greater than \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom.