

# Why Not Read the Bible Today?

The Bible claims to be the Word of God. Doesn't that arouse your curiosity? The fact that most people today don't believe that doesn't disprove it. Many didn't believe the earth revolved around the sun until Galileo proved it!

The Bible consists of 66 books which have been preserved miraculously through the ages. Men became martyrs for its sake. William Tyndale was burnt at the stake because he translated the New Testament into English at a time when only the Latin version was available in England.

## Accuracy

Many of the Old Testament books are a historical record of the Jews and their surrounding nations and have been proved true by archaeology. Some books are prophetic and can be shown to be accurate down to the last detail.

One example is the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ, as foretold in Isaiah:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).*

His crucifixion is prophesied in the Psalms:

*For dogs have surrounded me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed me. They pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They look and stare at me. They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. (Psalm 22:16-18).*

No human being could have foreseen such events hundreds of years before they took place. The more you read the Bible and delve into its claims, the more convinced you will be that it is of divine origin.



## Have Confidence

If so much of the Bible can be proved to be accurate then we can believe its other claims – to have the answer to all our problems now and the hope of a future life in a perfected world.

Maybe you are daunted at the length of the book? Don't be discouraged. There are many aids and reading plans to help. Use the addresses in this magazine if you wish to ask for support.

Do you find the old-fashioned English of the Authorised Version difficult? Try a more modern translation. We can recommend you try the New King James Version for example, which is the version most often quoted in *Glad Tidings*. Another good alternative is the English Standard Version.

The more you read the Bible and investigate its claims, the more convinced you will be that it is indeed the Word of God. Why not take it down from the shelf and start reading now?

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