

The Bible claims over and over to be God's exclusive Word to mankind.

This PDF file is referenced in video #2 of three videos that are designed to increase your confidence in the Bible. Please note that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of Bible verses that claim to be God's Word. This PDF file only contains a small portion of them.

It is broken down into 3 categories of verses:

1. Old Testament claims about itself
2. New Testament claims about the Old Testament.
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1. Claims of the Old Testament about itself.

Sometimes, writers claimed that their own writings were the Words of God:

2 SA 23:2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. (David claiming that God spoke through him.)

Sometimes, one writer would claim that another writer's words were the Word of God:

2CH 36:22 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing: (The write of II Chronicles claiming the Jeremiah's writings were the word of God.)

EZR 1:1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing: (Ezekiel claiming that Jeremiah's writings were the words of God.)

DA 9:1 In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom-- 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. 3 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. (Daniel claiming that Jeremiah's writings were the words of God.)

(The Old Testament contains many such verses.)

Writers sometimes wrote words that claimed to be a direct quote from God Himself:

This type of thing occurs hundreds, if not 1000's of times throughout the Old Testament. I will only provide a few examples.....the PDF file contains many more.

Moses:

GE 15:1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:
"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward. "

GE 15:4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."

EX 9:20 Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. 21 But those who ignored the word of the LORD left their slaves and livestock in the field.

NU3:16 So Moses counted them, as he was commanded by the word of the LORD.

NU 3:51 Moses gave the redemption money to Aaron and his sons, as he was commanded by the word of the LORD.

Nu 15:31 Because he has despised the LORD's word and broken his commands, that person must surely be cut off; his guilt remains on him.'

Deut 5:5 (At that time I stood between the LORD and you to declare to you the word of the LORD, because you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

Samuel

1 SA 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

1 SA 15:10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: 11 "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions."

1 SA 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination,
and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
he has rejected you as king."

2 SA 7:4 That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

2 SA 7:5 "Go and tell my servant David, `This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?"

2 SA 24:11 Before David got up the next morning, the word of the LORD had come to Gad the prophet, David's seer: 12 "Go and tell David, `This is what the LORD says: I am giving you three options. Choose one of them for me to carry out against you!"

From I Kings and II Kings

1KI 6:11 The word of the LORD came to Solomon: 12 "As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, carry out my regulations and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. 13 And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel."

1KI 12:22 But this word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God: 23 "Say to Rehoboam son of Solomon king of Judah, to the whole house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, 24 `This is what the LORD says: Do not go up to fight against your brothers, the Israelites. Go home, every one of you, for this is my doing.'" So they obeyed the word of the LORD and went home again, as the LORD had ordered.

1KI 13:1 By the word of the LORD a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. 2 He cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD: "O altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: `A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.'" "

1KI 13:20 While they were sitting at the table, the word of the LORD came to the old prophet who had brought him back. 21 He cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, "This is what the LORD says: `You have defied the word of the LORD and have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you."

1KI 16:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu son of Hanani against Baasha: 2 "I lifted you up from the dust and made you leader of my people Israel, but you walked in the ways of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin and to provoke me to anger by their sins."

1KI 17:2 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: 3 "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there."

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him: 9 "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."

1KI 18:1 After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land."

I Kings 19:9 There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1KI 20:35 By the word of the LORD one of the sons of the prophets said to his companion, "Strike me with your weapon," but the man refused.

1KI 21:17 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite: 18 "Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth's vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. 19 Say to him, `This is what the LORD says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?' Then say to him, `This is what the LORD says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, dogs will lick up your blood--yes, yours! "

1KI 21:28 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite: 29 "Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son."

1KI 22:19 Micaiah continued, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the host of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, `Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?'

"One suggested this, and another that. 21 Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, `I will entice him.'

2KI 7:1 Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

II Kings 19:21 This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:

" `The Virgin Daughter of Zion
despises you and mocks you.
The Daughter of Jerusalem
tosses her head as you flee.

2KI 20:16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD: 17 The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD. 18 And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood, that will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

From I Chronicles and II Chronicles

I Chron 15:15 And the Levites carried the ark of God with the poles on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the LORD.

1CH 17:3 That night the word of God came to Nathan, saying:

1CH 17:4 "Go and tell my servant David, `This is what the LORD says: You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in. 5 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up out of Egypt to this day. I have moved from one tent site to another, from one dwelling place to another. 6 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their leaders whom I commanded to shepherd my people, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ' "

1CH 17:7 "Now then, tell my servant David, `This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock, to be ruler over my people Israel. 8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name like the names of the greatest men of the earth. 9 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning 10 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies.

2CH 11:2 But this word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God: 3 "Say to Rehoboam son of Solomon king of Judah and to all the Israelites in Judah and Benjamin, 4 `This is what the LORD says: Do not go up to fight against your brothers. Go home, every one of you, for this is my doing.' " So they obeyed the words of the LORD and turned back from marching against Jeroboam.

2CH 12:7 When the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, this word of the LORD came to Shemaiah: "Since they have humbled themselves, I will not destroy them but will soon give them deliverance. My wrath will not be poured out on Jerusalem through Shishak. 8 They will, however, become subject to him, so that they may learn the difference between serving me and serving the kings of other lands."

2CH 18:18 Micaiah continued, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the host of heaven standing on his right and on his left. 19 And the LORD said, `Who will entice Ahab king of Israel into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?'

"One suggested this, and another that. 20 Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, `I will entice him.'

" `By what means?' the LORD asked.

2CH 18:21 " `I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said.
" `You will succeed in enticing him,' said the LORD. `Go and do it.'

2CH 18:22 "So now the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of these prophets of yours. The LORD has decreed disaster for you."

2CH 36:20 He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. 21 The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

From Isaiah:

ISA 1:10 Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the law of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

ISA 1:11 "The multitude of your sacrifices--
what are they to me?" says the LORD.
"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

And the book continues as if the whole thing is the words of God.

ISA 16:13 This is the word the LORD has already spoken concerning Moab. 14 But now the LORD says: "Within three years, as a servant bound by contract would count them, Moab's splendor and all her many people will be despised, and her survivors will be very few and feeble."

ISA 38:4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: 5 "Go and tell Hezekiah, `This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life. 6 And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.

ISA 38:7 " `This is the LORD's sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: 8 I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.'" So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.

Jeremiah

JER 1:4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
JER 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

JER 1:6 "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

JER 1:7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, `I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.
8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

JER 1:9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

JER 1:11 The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?"
"I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied.

JER 1:12 The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

JER 1:13 The word of the LORD came to me again: "What do you see?"
"I see a boiling pot, tilting away from the north," I answered.

JER 2:4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob,
all you clans of the house of Israel.

JER 2:5 This is what the LORD says:

JER 2:31 "You of this generation, consider the word of the LORD:

"Have I been a desert to Israel
or a land of great darkness?

Why do my people say, `We are free to roam;
we will come to you no more'?

JER 7:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Stand at the gate of the LORD's house and there proclaim this message:

JER 13:3 Then the word of the LORD came to me a second time: 4 "Take the belt you bought and are wearing around your waist, and go now to Perath and hide it there in a crevice in the rocks." 5 So I went and hid it at Perath, as the LORD told me.

Note: There are many similar verses in Jeremiah and the other prophets like these. A large portion of the Old Testament contains direct quotations of God's words like this.

2. Claims of NT concerning Old Testament:

Paul's claim concerning the OT:

"All Scripture is God-breathed" (II Timothy 3:16) *πᾶσα γραφή θεόπνευστος*
(all) (scripture) (God-breathed)

"It is not as though God's word had failed" (Romans 9:6).
(Paul calling the Old Testament the Word of God)

Peter's claim concerning the OT:

"Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit: (II Peter 1:21).

Jesus' claims concerning the OT:

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself....⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (Luke 24:27 & 44)

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me" (John 5:39)

And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar" (Matthew 23:35)

Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the law until all is accomplished" (Matthew 5:18).
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The smallest stroke is this little tail at the lower right-hand portion of this Hebrew letter.

3. Claims of the New Testament about itself

Sometimes, a NT writer claims that the words of another NT writer were God's words:

Peter calls Paul's writings Scripture:

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction" (II Peter 3:15-16)

Paul concerning Luke's writings:

For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," (from O.T.) and "The worker deserves his wages." (from Luke) (I Timothy 5: 18)

(Paul considered Luke's writings equivalent with the Old Testament scriptures)

Sometimes, New testament writers claiming that their own words were God's words:

Paul:

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. (I Corinthians 2:13)

I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness-- 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **(Colossians 1:25)**

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe" (I Thessalonians 2:13).

Paul calling his preaching the Word of God:

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness-- a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, and at his appointed season He brought His word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, (Titus 1:1-3)

John calling his words the word of God:

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw--that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. **(Revelation 1:1 -3)**

The early church considered that the words taught by the Apostles were God's words.

The disciples preached "the Word of God":

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly (Acts 4:31)

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7)

But the word of God continued to increase and spread (Acts 24:24)

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Acts:19:17-20)

Resulting implications of Specific Claims

The actual words, no just thoughts or ideas:

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. I Cor 2:13

Letters, not just the words:

Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the law until all is accomplished. (Inspiration extends to the letters and strokes) Matthew 5:18:

Authoritative: (Having God's authority)

Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: (Matthew 15:3-7)

(Jesus believed it was the Authoritative Word of God. He used it like we do, counting on every word.)

All of it is authoritative:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. I Timothy 3:16

From our examination of all these claims together, the following Bible-based conclusions can be made about this great claim:

- God is the initiator.
- He used men to write the words (in their own style) that He wanted written. (not dictated)
- The final product = the authoritative, exclusive Word of God to mankind.

The Bible stands or falls based upon its own testimony. It makes itself out to be the Word of God. If it is not, then it is not a good book, rather a deceitful book since it calls itself God's Word.

Preservation of every single word is promised by God.

The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. (Psalm 12:6-7)

Because God does not lie, we must believe that God has preserved every one of His Words just as He promised.

Note: The Bible has been translated into hundreds of languages and God cares about all of the translations that exist. But the Words that God promised to preserve are the actual words that were written down by His prophets when they wrote them in their own language.