

# The Azimuth Institute

## Directional Study Notes

### Bible Doctrine

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**B.** History has shown that the Bible is indestructible.

1. The Roman Emperor decreed in 303 AD that all Bibles were to be destroyed.

He believed that to destroy the Bible was to destroy Christianity because he viewed them as “people of the book.”

Afterward, he raised a pillar which said, “Extincto Nomene Christianorum” which means “the name Christian is extinguished).

Yet only nine years later in 312 AD, the new Roman Emperor, Constantine, declared Rome to be a Christian nation!

2. The indestructibility of the Bible was promised.

Isaiah 40:8 *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*

Isaiah 55:11 *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

Isaiah 59:21 *As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever.*

Matthew 5:18 *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

Matthew 24:35 *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

Luke 16:17 *And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.*

3. The indestructibility of the Bible was fulfilled in the copying of the autographs.

God preserved His Word by the hands of dedicated copyists

### The Copyist's Care

The faithful copying of God's Word continued until the invention of the "movable-type printing press by Johann Gutenberg in Germany in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

The first major book to be printed for distribution was the Bible!

It was known as the Gutenberg Bible.

### C. Fulfilled Prophecy

1. The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Roman General Titus.

Matthew 24:2 *And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*

2. The unnatural death of Peter

John 21:18-19 *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. (19) This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.*

### D. Scientific Accuracy

Although not a science book, the Bible is accurate when it speaks on scientific matters.

1. The life is in the blood (cf. the death of George Washington)

Leviticus 17:11 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

2. The paths or currents in the sea (cf. Matthew Maury).

Psalms 8:8 *The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.*

### 3. The earth is spherical

Isaiah 40:22 *It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:*

For years people thought that the earth was flat!

### 4. The earth is suspended in space

Job 26:7 *He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.*

### 5. The stars are innumerable

Genesis 15:5 *And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.*

### 6. There are mountains and canyons in the sea

2 Samuel 22:16 *And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.*

Jonah 2:6 *I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.*

### 7. There are springs and fountains in the sea

Cf. Gen. 7:11, 8:2

Proverbs 8:28 *When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:*