

# The Bible Interprets Itself



# How Do You Perceive the Bible?

## Gallup Poll, 2006

The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	33%
The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	49%
The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by men.	15%
Not sure	2%
Refused to answer	1%



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<b>2008</b>	53	28	19
<b>2002</b>	59	24	17
<b>2000</b>	66	21	13
<b>1990</b>	63	18	19
<b>1985</b>	58	24	18
<b>1974</b>	62	20	18
<b>1957</b>	82	7	11



# The Bible is Not to be Treated Like a Buffet!

*All Scripture is given by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17



# So, How Does the Bible Interpret Itself?



# By Letting the Bible Explain Itself

## Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Image

*“...you are this head of gold. But after you shall arise another kingdom (of silver) inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes. (And) Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it...And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile...”*

Daniel 2:37-42



# Letting the Bible Explain Itself



*And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

Daniel 2:44



# By Comparing Different Bible Passages

How Old Was Moses When he Fled from Egypt?



*Then Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons. And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.*

**Acts 7:29-30**

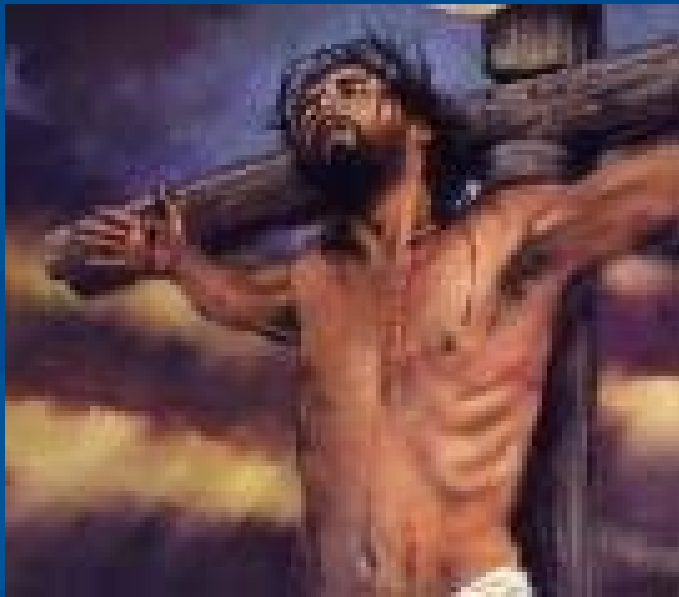
*And Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.*

**Exodus 7:7**



# From Fulfilled Bible Prophecy

## Jesus on the Cross



*And about the ninth hour  
Jesus cried out with a loud  
voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama  
sabachthani?" that is, "My  
God, My God, why have You  
forsaken Me?"*

Matthew 27:46

# Fulfilled Bible Prophecy

## Psalm 22 (1000 Years Before!)

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?*  
(vs. 1)

*All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him”*

(vs. 7-8)



# Fulfilled Bible Prophecy

## Psalm 22 (1000 Years Before!)

*For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots*

(vs. 16-18)



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