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Part 3 – Why the Bible Can Be Trusted

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(Matthew 24:35 NIV) Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

1. It is _____ accurate.

(Psalms 33:4 NIV) For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

2. It is _____ accurate.

(Psalms 148:5-6 NLT) Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for He issued His command, and they came into being. He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked.

(Isaiah 40:22 NIV) God sits enthroned above the circle of the earth...

(Job 26:7 NIV) He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing.

(Jeremiah 33:22 NLT) And as the stars of the sky cannot be counted and the sand on the seashore cannot be measured...

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3. It is _____ accurate.

(2 Peter 1:21 NIV) For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 26:56 NLT) But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures."

(Revelation 22:6 NIV) The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

4. It is _____ unified.

(Luke 24:27 NIV) And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

5. It is _____ by Jesus.

If you are going to trust Jesus, you have to trust what Jesus trusted.

(Matthew 5:18 NIV) For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

6. It has _____ attacks.

(1 Peter 1:24-25 NIV) For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

7. It has _____ power.

(John 8:31-32 NIV) To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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