

## Christ considered the Old Testament to be without error.

But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void. Luke 16:17 (ESV)

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Matthew 5:18 (ESV)

**If we can trust Jesus to be our savior, we can trust Jesus to be our teacher about this book.**

...Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? Mark 14:61

And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." Mark 14:62 (ESV)

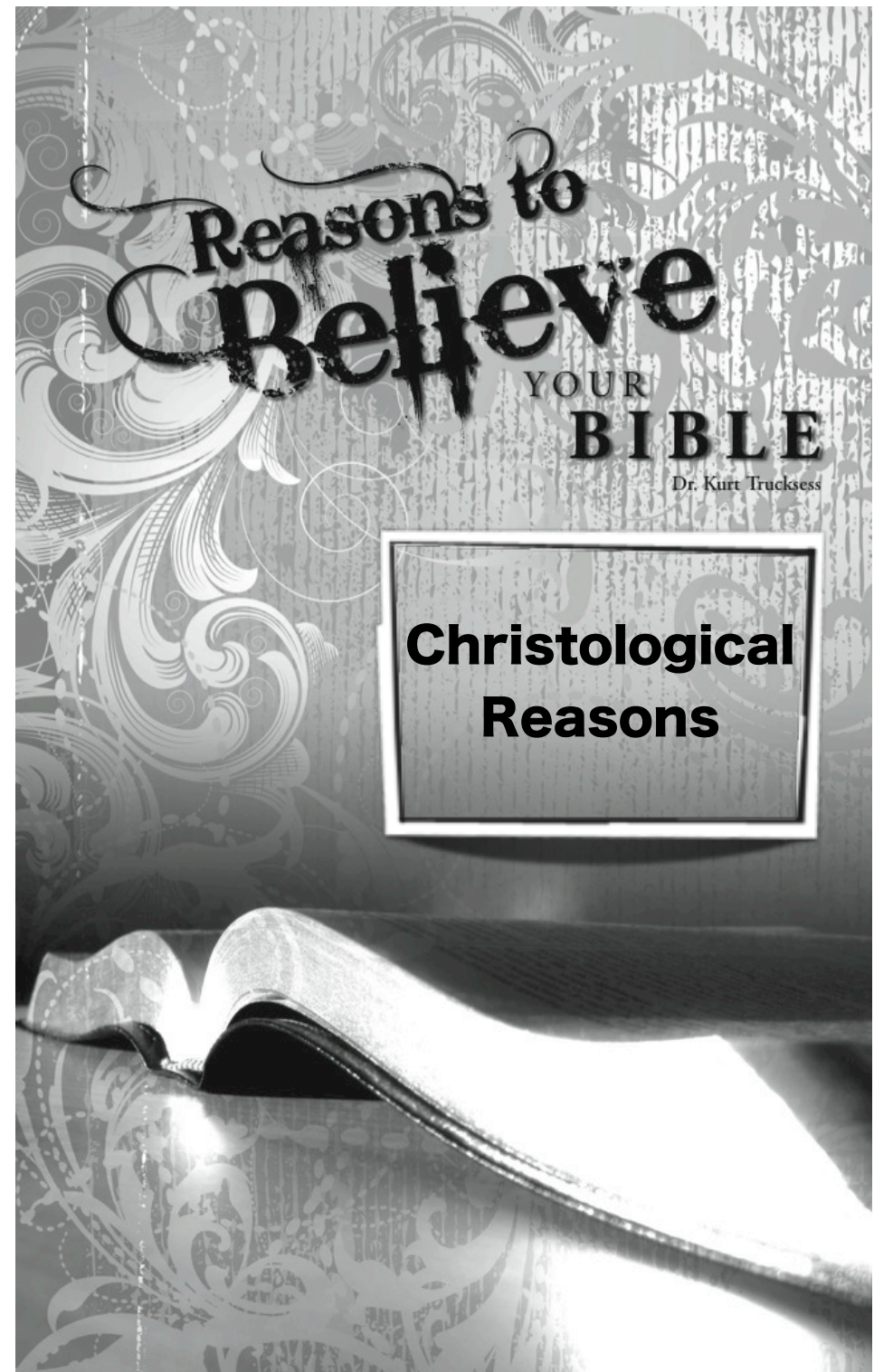
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## Christological Reasons to Believe Your Bible

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### Believing what Christ believed about the Old Testament.

#### Christ believed Old Testament history

##### Christ believed in a literal Adam and Eve.

He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? Matthew 19:4–5 (ESV)

##### Christ believed in a literal Noah and flood.

For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew 24:37–39 (ESV)

### Christ recognized the authority of Old Testament prophecies.

For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." Luke 22:37 (ESV)

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ...But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."... Matthew 26:53–56 (ESV)

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Luke 24:25–26 (ESV)

#### The words of Old Testament Scripture are the Words of God.

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24 (ESV)

He answered, "Have you not read that **he who created them** from the beginning made them male and female, and **said**, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? Matthew 19:4–5 (ESV)

## Christ believed in a literal Moses and manna.

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. John 6:31–32 (ESV)

## Christ believed in a literal Jonah and Ninevite repentance.

For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. Matthew 12:40–41 (ESV)

## Christ affirmed the authority of the Old Testament.

## The tense of the verbs are authoritative.

And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong." Mark 12:26–27 (ESV)

## The words are authoritative over any teachings and traditions.

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! Mark 7:8–9 (ESV)

## It is the authority to decimate Satan's attacks and beat temptations.

It is written..... I

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)