




# When God Talks

Hebrews 1:1-2



## When God talks

- ▶ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. (Heb. 1:1-2 NIV)
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## Two revelations

- ▶ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. (Ps. 19:1-2 NIV)
- ▶ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (Rom. 1:20 NIV)



## Two revelations

- ▶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16-17 NIV)
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## Assuming God...

- ▶ Would our maker have something to tell us?
- ▶ Are there things He would want us to know and to do?
- ▶ Does He have expectations of us?
- ▶ Are there warnings we need to know?



## The logical argument:

- ▶ If it is the case that A, that B, that C, ...and that T are all true of a candidate being considered as the inspired and authoritative revelation of God to man, then that candidate is the inspired and authoritative revelation of God to man;
- ▶ It is the case that A, B, C, ... and T are all true of the Bible;
- ▶ Therefore, the Bible is the inspired and authoritative revelation of God to man.



## The A, B, C ... and T

- ▶ Predictive prophecy clearly made in advance of their unquestioned fulfillment.
- ▶ Characterized by humanly impossible unity.
- ▶ Treats matters of science in a way which transcends human invention in the days when its various parts were written.
- ▶ A view of reality otherwise unknown in human thought.




## The A, B, C ... and T

- ▶ Has been confirmed by all the accepted means of historical research (e.g. archaeology)
- ▶ Is free from demonstrable error.
- ▶ Possessing other features which are beyond mere human wisdom or invention.





## God's challenge:

- ▶ Isaiah 41:21-24
  - ▶ Isaiah 41:24-26; 42:1-4; 44:24-28; 45:1-8, 13
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## Cyrus

- Isaiah – 762BC – 680BC
- The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. (Isa. 1:1 NIV)
- Cyrus – 600BC – 527BC
- Decree to rebuild Jerusalem – 536BC
- @ 144 years