# When God Talks

Hebrews 1:1-2

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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)

#### 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)

# 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:

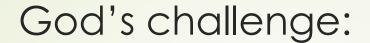
- If it is the case that A, that B, that C, ...and that T are all true of a candidate being considered as the inspired and authoritative revelation of God to man, then that candidate is the inspired and authoritative revelation of God to man;
- It is the case that A, B, C, ... and T are all true of the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



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

## 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