# What does the Bible Claim to be?

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All 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament are contained in the book we call The HOLY Bible. This is a sacred book—and the most published, translated, and read book in all of human history. Why is that? What makes this book unlike any other book?

## The Bible claims to be a Divine Revelation from God to mankind!

Just think about that fact for a moment. Not only does the Bible claim to be from another world—from Heaven to this world on earth—but it also claims to be given as a gift from the Creator God to His created children. Hundreds of millions of people throughout time have agreed that the Bible indeed the Divine Revelation—why? Because they have experienced what Hebrews 4:12 states: "For the Word of God is living and powerful!" Let's look at a few key verses about our Holy Bible and what it claims to be:

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Revelation can be defined as "God's supernatural disclosure to human beings of truth they would not otherwise know and are incapable of discovering on their own."

# The Bible claims to have been given by God to man by REVELATION

<sup>1</sup>God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds. Hebrews 1:1-2

# The Bible instructs all who teach the Bible to teach as the ORACLES OF GOD

<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11

### The Bible records the instructions of Jesus to teach His Word to the WORLD

<sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

Those two verses, right from Jesus Christ Himself, is the reason why we started the movement called "Teach Every Nation!" with the goal of teaching the Word of God in every nation of the world before Christ returns.