

A DEPENDABLE GUIDEBOOK

Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of Lesson 2: To examine both internal and external evidences in connection with the authority and authenticity of the Bible. The writers of both the Old and New Testaments make strong claims for a divine Authorship, in order that the listener and reader in their own day, and the readers since their day, might recognize their records as of divine origin. In the course of teaching the lesson, the instructor would do well to clarify "revelation" and "inspiration" for the student. God revealed truth to the human agent,--in broad outlines, pictures, thoughts, and often specifics. Inspiration involves the process, in which God spoke through visions, dreams, angels, audible voice, and man depended upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit to speak and record it correctly for people.

During the study itself: Do not hurry your students. Make sure that they find every text. Thus, we, as the teachers, let the Bible speak. This is key to the mighty working of the Holy Spirit on the mind of the students. They hear the divine Author, rather than just the human teacher. And they hear it from their Bible. This helps to dissolve the often heard criticism that they are being taught "Adventist doctrine." And if you will urge them to underline the texts at home from week to week, they will hear God speak again, from their Bible, and without you around. Your work through the week is to pray earnestly for them, and for the speaking of the Holy Spirit to them. This leads to eternal decisions.

Appeal: In addition to the "intrinsic" appeal of every question, question 7 is especially designed to become the climactic point.

Illustration: As in the first lesson, the numbers used in the illustration correspond with the numbers of the questions in the lesson outline. In this lesson, you will need to supply illustration points in connection with question 6. See Unto a Perfect Man, pages 66-68. The four points that you find there are excellent external evidences of the divine Authorship and credibility of the records of the Bible. You may have other points that you want to use and include in the illustration. The unnumbered entries are for review and could be put in following the brief introduction. Then study the lesson through, and fill in the numbered points to summarize the lesson at its close.

<div>Perfect World</div>		<div>Perfect World</div>
God with Man, Happy People		God with Man, Happy People
<div><u>OLD TESTAMENT CLAIMS</u></div> <div>1. "And God said" 2. Spoke God's Words 3. Reveal God's secrets</div>	<div>+</div>	<div><u>NEW TESTAMENT CLAIMS</u></div> <div>5a. God's words 5b. Sure Word 5c,d. We speak what we saw</div>
<div>Sin</div>	<div><u>JESUS CLAIMS</u></div> <div>4a. OT fulfilled 4b. It is written 4c. OT spoke of Him 4d. Moses wrote of Him</div>	<div><u>EXTERNAL EVIDENCES</u></div> <div>6a. Preservation 6b. Archaeology 6c. Bible Prophecy 6d. Changed lives</div>