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Biblical Contradictions

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If the Bible was divinely inspired, then why would it have so many really obvious contradictions?

Theological doctrines:

1. God is satisfied with his works Gen 1:31
God is dissatisfied with his works. Gen 6:6
2. God dwells in chosen temples 2 Chron 7:12,16
God dwells not in temples Acts 7:48
3. God dwells in light Tim 6:16
God dwells in darkness 1 Kings 8:12/ Ps 18:11/ Ps 97:2
4. God is seen and heard Ex 33:23/ Ex 33:11/ Gen 3:9,10/ Gen 32:30/ Is 6:1/ Ex 24:9-11
God is invisible and cannot be heard John 1:18/ John 5:37/ Ex 33:20/ 1 Tim 6:16
5. God is tired and rests Ex 31:17/ Jer 15:6
God is never tired and never rests Is 40:28
6. God is everywhere present, sees and knows all things Prov 15:3/ Ps 139:7-10/ Job 34:22,21
God is not everywhere present, neither sees nor knows all things Gen 11:5/ Gen 18:20,21/ Gen 3:8
7. God knows the hearts of men Acts 1:24/ Ps 139:2,3
God tries men to find out what is in their heart Deut 13:3/ Deut 8:2/ Gen 22:12
8. God is all powerful Jer 32:27/ Matt 19:26
God is not all powerful Judg 1:19
9. God is unchangeable James 1:17/ Mal 3:6/ Ezek 24:14/ Num 23:19
God is changeable Gen 6:6/ Jonah 3:10/ 1 Sam 2:30,31/ 2 Kings 20:1,4,5,6/ Ex 33:1,3,17,14
10. God is just and impartial Ps 92:15/ Gen 18:25/ Deut 32:4/ Rom 2:11/ Ezek 18:25
God is unjust and partial Gen 9:25/ Ex 20:5/ Rom 9:11-13/ Matt 13:12
11. God is the author of evil Lam 3:38/ Jer 18:11/ Is 45:7/ Amos 3:6/ Ezek 20:25
God is not the author of evil 1 Cor 14:33/ Deut 32:4/ James 1:13
12. God gives freely to those who ask James 1:5/ Luke 11:10
God withholds his blessings and prevents men from receiving them John 12:40/ Josh 11:20/ Is 63:17
13. God is to be found by those who seek him Matt 7:8/ Prov 8:17
God is not to be found by those who seek him Prov 1:28
14. God is warlike Ex 15:3/ Is 51:15
God is peaceful Rom 15:33/ 1 Cor 14:33

15. God is cruel, unmerciful, destructive, and ferocious Jer 13:14/ Deut 7:16/ 1 Sam 15:2,3/ 1 Sam 6:19
 God is kind, merciful, and good James 5:11/ Lam 3:33/ 1 Chron 16:34/ Ezek 18:32/ Ps 145:9/
 1 Tim 2:4/ 1 John 4:16/ Ps 25:8
16. God's anger is fierce and endures long Num 32:13/ Num 25:4/ Jer 17:4
 God's anger is slow and endures but for a minute Ps 103:8/ Ps 30:5
17. God commands, approves of, and delights in burnt offerings, sacrifices, and holy days
 Ex 29:36/ Lev 23:27/ Ex 29:18/ Lev 1:9
 God disapproves of and has no pleasure in burnt offerings, sacrifices, and holy days.
 Jer 7:22/ Jer 6:20/ Ps 50:13,4/ Is 1:13,11,12
18. God accepts human sacrifices 2 Sam 21:8,9,14/ Gen 22:2/ Judg 11:30-32,34,38,39
 God forbids human sacrifice Deut 12:30,31
19. God tempts men Gen 22:1/ 2 Sam 24:1/ Jer 20:7/ Matt 6:13
 God tempts no man James 1:13
20. God cannot lie Heb 6:18
 God lies by proxy; he sends forth lying spirits to deceive 2 Thes 2:11/ 1 Kings 22:23/ Ezek 14:9
21. Because of man's wickedness God destroys him Gen 6:5,7
 Because of man's wickedness God will not destroy him Gen 8:21
22. God's attributes are revealed in his works. Rom 1:20
 God's attributes cannot be discovered Job 11:7/ Is 40:28
23. There is but one God Deut 6:4
 There is a plurality of gods Gen 1:26/ Gen 3:22/ Gen 18:1-3/ 1 John 5:7

Moral Precepts

24. Robbery commanded Ex 3:21,22/ Ex 12:35,36
 Robbery forbidden Lev 19:13/ Ex 20:15
25. Lying approved and sanctioned Josh 2:4-6/ James 2:25/ Ex 1:18-20/ 1 Kings 22:21,22
 Lying forbidden Ex 20:16/ Prov 12:22/ Rev 21:8
26. Hatred to the Edomite sanctioned 2 Kings 14:7,3
 Hatred to the Edomite forbidden Deut 23:7
27. Killing commanded Ex 32:27
 Killing forbidden Ex 20:13
28. The blood-shedder must die Gen 9:5,6
 The blood-shedder must not die Gen 4:15
29. The making of images forbidden Ex 20:4
 The making of images commanded Ex 25:18,20
30. Slavery and oppression ordained Gen 9:25/ Lev 25:45,46/ Joel 3:8
 Slavery and oppression forbidden Is 58:6/ Ex 22:21/ Ex 21:16/ Matt 23:10
31. Improvidence enjoyed Matt 6:28,31,34/ Luke 6:30,35/ Luke 12:3
 Improvidence condemned 1 Tim 5:8/ Prov 13:22

32. Anger approved Eph 4:26
Anger disapproved Eccl 7:9/ Prov 22:24/ James 1:20
33. Good works to be seen of men Matt 5:16
Good works not to be seen of men Matt 6:1
34. Judging of others forbidden Matt 7:1,2
Judging of others approved 1 Cor 6:2-4/ 1 Cor 5:12
35. Christ taught non-resistance Matt 5:39/ Matt 26:52
Christ taught and practiced physical resistance Luke 22:36/ John 2:15
36. Christ warned his followers not to fear being killed Luke 12:4
Christ himself avoided the Jews for fear of being killed John 7:1
37. Public prayer sanctioned 1 Kings 8:22,54, 9:3
Public prayer disapproved Matt 6:5,6
38. Importunity in prayer commended Luke 18:5,7
Importunity in prayer condemned Matt 6:7,8
39. The wearing of long hair by men sanctioned Judg 13:5/ Num 6:5
The wearing of long hair by men condemned 1 Cor 11:14
40. Circumcision instituted Gen 17:10
Circumcision condemned Gal 5:2
41. The Sabbath instituted Ex 20:8
The Sabbath repudiated Is 1:13/ Rom 14:5/ Col 2:16
42. The Sabbath instituted because God rested on the seventh day Ex 20:11
The Sabbath instituted because God brought the Israelites out of Egypt Deut 5:15
43. No work to be done on the Sabbath under penalty of death Ex 31:15/ Num 15:32,36
Jesus Christ broke the Sabbath and justified his disciples in the same John 5:16/ Matt 12:1-3,5
44. Baptism commanded Matt 28:19
Baptism not commanded 1 Cor 1:17,14
45. Every kind of animal allowed for food. Gen 9:3/ 1 Cor 10:25/ Rom 14:14
Certain kinds of animals prohibited for food. Deut 14:7,8
46. Taking of oaths sanctioned Num 30:2/ Gen 21:23-24,31/ Gen 31:53/ Heb 6:13
Taking of oaths forbidden Matt 5:34
47. Marriage approved Gen 2:18/ Gen 1:28/ Matt 19:5/ Heb 13:4
Marriage disapproved 1 Cor 7:1/ 1 Cor 7:7,8
48. Freedom of divorce permitted Deut 24:1/ Deut 21:10,11,14
Divorce restricted Matt 5:32
49. Adultery forbidden Ex 20:14/ Heb 13:4
Adultery allowed Num 31:18/ Hos 1:2; 2:1-3

50. Marriage or cohabitation with a sister denounced Deut 27:22/ Lev 20:17
Abraham married his sister and God blessed the union Gen 20:11,12/ Gen 17:16
51. A man may marry his brother's widow Deut 25:5
A man may not marry his brother's widow Lev 20:21
52. Hatred to kindred enjoined Luke 14:26
Hatred to kindred condemned Eph 6:2/ Eph 5:25,29
53. Intoxicating beverages recommended Prov 31:6,7/ 1 Tim 5:23/ Ps 104:15
Intoxicating beverages discountenanced Prov 20:1/ Prov 23:31,32
54. It is our duty to obey our rulers, who are God's ministers and punish evil doers only Rom 13:1-3,6
It is not our duty to obey rulers, who sometimes punish the good and receive
 unto themselves damnation therefor Ex 1:17,20/ Dan 3:16,18/ Dan 6:9,7,10/ Acts 4:26,27/
 Mark 12:38,39,40/ Luke 23:11,24,33,35
55. Women's rights denied Gen 3:16/ 1 Tim 2:12/ 1 Cor 14:34/ 1 Pet 3:6
Women's rights affirmed Judg 4:4,14,15/ Judg 5:7/ Acts 2:18/ Acts 21:9
56. Obedience to masters enjoined Col 3:22,23/ 1 Pet 2:18
Obedience due to God only Matt 4:10/ 1 Cor 7:23/ Matt 23:10
57. There is an unpardonable sin Mark 3:29
There is not unpardonable sin Acts 13:39

Historical Facts

58. Man was created after the other animals Gen 1:25,26,27
Man was created before the other animals Gen 2:18,19
59. Seed time and harvest were never to cease Gen 8:22
Seed time and harvest did cease for seven years Gen 41:54,56/ Gen 45:6
60. God hardened Pharaoh's heart Ex 4:21/ Ed 9:12
Pharaoh hardened his own heart Ex 8:15
61. All the cattle and horses in Egypt died Ex 9:3,6/ 14:9
All the horses of Egypt did not die Ex 14:9
62. Moses feared Pharaoh Ex 2:14,15,23; 4:19
Moses did not fear Pharaoh Heb 11:27
63. There died of the plague twenty-four thousand Num 25:9
There died of the plague but twenty-three thousand 1 Cor 10:8
64. John the Baptist was Elias Matt 11:14
John the Baptist was not Elias John 1:21
65. The father of Joseph, Mary's husband was Jacob Matt 1:16
The father of Mary's husband was Heli Luke 3:23
66. The father of Salah was Arphaxad Gen 11:12
The father of Salah was Cainan Luke 3:35,36

67. There were fourteen generations from Abraham to David Matt 1:17
There were but thirteen generations from Abraham to David Matt 1:2-6
68. There were fourteen generations from the Babylonian captivity to Christ. Matt 1:17
There were but thirteen generations from the Babylonian captivity to Christ Matt 1:12-16
69. The infant Christ was taken into Egypt Matt 2:14,15,19,21,23
The infant Christ was not taken into Egypt Luke 2:22, 39
70. Christ was tempted in the wilderness Mark 1:12,13
Christ was not tempted in the wilderness John 2:1,2
71. Christ preached his first sermon on the mount Matt 5:1,2
Christ preached his first sermon on the plain Luke 6:17,20
72. John was in prison when Jesus went into Galilee Mark 1:14
John was not in prison when Jesus went into Galilee John 1:43/ John 3:22-24
73. Christ's disciples were commanded to go forth with a staff and sandals Mark 6:8,9
Christ's disciples were commanded to go forth with neither staffs nor sandals. Matt 10:9,10
74. A woman of Canaan besought Jesus Matt 15:22
It was a Greek woman who besought Him Mark 7:26
75. Two blind men besought Jesus Matt 20:30
Only one blind man besought Him Luke 18:35,38
76. Christ was crucified at the third hour Mark 15:25
Christ was not crucified until the sixth hour John 19:14,15
77. The two thieves reviled Christ. Matt 27:44/ Mark 15:32
Only one of the thieves reviled Christ Luke 23:39,40
78. Satan entered into Judas while at supper John 13:27
Satan entered into him before the supper Luke 22:3,4,7
79. Judas committed suicide by hanging Matt 27:5
Judas did not hang himself, but died another way Acts 1:18
80. The potter's field was purchased by Judas Acts 1:18
The potter's field was purchased by the Chief Priests Matt 27:6,7
81. There was but one woman who came to the sepulchre John 20:1
There were two women who came to the sepulchre Matt 28:1
82. There were three women who came to the sepulchre Mark 16:1
There were more than three women who came to the sepulchre Luke 24:10
83. It was at sunrise when they came to the sepulchre Mark 16:2
It was some time before sunrise when they came. John 20:1
84. There were two angels seen by the women at the sepulchre, and they were standing up. Luke 24:4
There was but one angel seen, and he was sitting down. Matt 28:2,5

85. There were two angels seen within the sepulchre. John 20:11,12
There was but one angel seen within the sepulchre Mark 16:5
86. Christ was to be three days and three nights in the grave Matt 12:40
Christ was but two days and two nights in the grave Mark 15:25,42,44,45,46; 16:9
87. Holy ghost bestowed at pentecost Acts 1:8,5
Holy ghost bestowed before pentecost John 20:22
88. The disciples were commanded immediately after the resurrection to go into Galilee Matt 28:10
The disciples were commanded immediately after the resurrection to go tarry at Jerusalem Luke 24:49
89. Jesus first appeared to the eleven disciples in a room at Jerusalem Luke 24:33,36,37/ John 20:19
Jesus first appeared to the eleven on a mountain in Galilee Matt 28:16,17
90. Christ ascended from Mount Olivet Acts 1:9,12
Christ ascended from Bethany Luke 24:50,51
91. Paul's attendants heard the miraculous voice, and stood speechless Acts 9:7
Paul's attendants heard not the voice and were prostrate Acts 26:14
92. Abraham departed to go into Canaan Gen 12:5
Abraham went not knowing where Heb 11:8
93. Abraham had two sons Gal 4:22
Abraham had but one son Heb 11:17
94. Keturah was Abraham's wife Gen 25:1
Keturah was Abraham's concubine 1 Chron 1:32
95. Abraham begat a son when he was a hundred years old, by the interposition of Providence
Gen 21:2/ Rom 4:19/ Heb 11:12
Abraham begat six children more after he was a hundred years old without any interposition of providence
Gen 25:1,2
96. Jacob bought a sepulchre from Hamor Josh 24:32
Abraham bought it of Hamor Acts 7:16
97. God promised the land of Canaan to Abraham and his seed forever Gen 13:14,15,17; 17:8
Abraham and his seed never received the promised land Acts 7:5/ Heb 11:9,13
98. Goliath was slain by Elhanan 2 Sam 21:19 *note, was changed in translation to be correct. Original
manuscript was incorrect
The brother of Goliath was slain by Elhanan 1 Chron 20:5
99. Ahaziah began to reign in the twelfth year of Joram 2 Kings 8:25
Ahaziah began to reign in the eleventh year of Joram 2 Kings 9:29
100. Michal had no child 2 Sam 6:23
Michal had five children 2 Sam 21:8
101. David was tempted by the Lord to number Israel 2 Sam 24:1
David was tempted by Satan to number the people 1 Chron 21:1

102. The number of fighting men of Israel was 800,000; and of Judah 500,000 2 Sam 24:9
The number of fighting men of Israel was 1,100,000; and of Judah 470,000 1 Chron 21:5
103. David sinned in numbering the people 2 Sam 24:10
David never sinned, except in the matter of Uriah 1 Kings 15:5
104. One of the penalties of David's sin was seven years of famine. 2 Sam 24:13
It was not seven years, but three years of famine 1 Chron 21:11,12
105. David took seven hundred horsemen 2 Sam 8:4
David took seven thousand horsemen 1 Chron 18:4
106. David bought a threshing floor for fifty shekels of silver 2 Sam 24:24
David bought the threshing floor for six hundred shekels of gold 1 Chron 21:25
107. David's throne was to endure forever. Ps 89:35-37
David's throne was cast down Ps 89:44

Speculative Doctrines

108. Christ is equal with God John 10:30/ Phil 2:5
Christ is not equal with God John 14:28/ Matt 24:36
109. Jesus was all-powerful Matt 28:18/ John 3:35
Jesus was not all-powerful Mark 6:5
110. The law was superseded by the Christian dispensation Luke 16:16/ Eph 2:15/ Rom 7:6
The law was not superseded by the Christian dispensation Matt 5:17-19
111. Christ's mission was peace Luke 2:13,14
Christ's mission was not peace Matt 10:34
112. Christ received not testimony from man John 5:33,34
Christ did receive testimony from man John 15:27
113. Christ's witness of himself is true. John 8:18,14
Christ's witness of himself is not true. John 5:31
114. Christ laid down his life for his friends John 15:13/ John 10:11
Christ laid down his life for his enemies Rom 5:10
115. It was lawful for the Jews to put Christ to death John 19:7
It was not lawful for the Jews to put Christ to death John 18:31
116. Children are punished for the sins of the parents Ex 20:5
Children are not punished for the sins of the parents Ezek 18:20
117. Man is justified by faith alone Rom 3:20/ Gal 2:16/ Gal 3:11,12/ Rom 4:2
Man is not justified by faith alone James 2:21,24/ Rom 2:13
118. It is impossible to fall from grace John 10:28/ Rom 8:38,39
It is possible to fall from grace Ezek 18:24/ Heb 6:4-6, 2 Pet 2:20,21

136. Temptation to be desired James 1:2
Temptation not to be desired Matt 6:13
137. Prophecy is sure 2 Pet 1:19
Prophecy is not sure Jer 18:7-10
138. Man's life was to be one hundred and twenty years Gen 6:3/ Ps 90:10
Man's life is but seventy years Ps 90:10
139. The fear of man was to be upon every beast Gen 9:2
The fear of man is not upon the lion Prov 30:30
140. Miracles a proof of divine mission Matt 11:2-5/ John 3:2/ Ex 14:31
Miracles not a proof of divine mission Ex 7:10-12/ Deut 13:1-3/ Luke 11:19
141. Moses was a very meek man Num 12:3
Moses was a very cruel man Num 31:15,17
142. Elijah went up to heaven 2 Kings 2:11
None but Christ ever ascended into heaven John 3:13
143. All scripture is inspired 2 Tim 3:16
Some scripture is not inspired 1 Cor 7:6/ 1 Cor 7:12/ 2 Cor 11:17