Bible as Christ's Testimony.

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Unique main actors. The need for grace and forgiveness in the New Heavens and New Earth. What about those whom we won't see there?

Unique authors. Wrong impression about the Bible. Little library. 15 centuries in making. 3 languages. 35+ authors.

Uniqueness of the Bible... continuation.

[4] Unique authors.

What is the Bible? A book or a library?

But... all the books reflect the same worldview. They all are part of the same story. And they all also claim *divine* authorship.

Why would anyone believe that?

Producer & assistant. "History of the World". 15 centuries and more than 300 credentials. The key one – the resurrection of Jesus.

Gen 3:15 offspring of woman, Gen 12:1-3, 13:14-17, etc. offspring of Abraham, Gen 49:10-11 from the tribe of Judah, Deut. 18:15-19/-21 prophet like Moses, 2 Sam 7:12-14 the son of David, Isaiah 7:14 born of virgin, Isaiah 9:6 Son and Mighty God (also Is 11:1f.), Isaiah 53 Suffering servant, Jonah - death and resurrection, Micah 5:2-5 in Bethlehem, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Ezekiel 33:11-12 God will be our Shepherd, Daniels 9:24f when it will happen, Malachi 4:5 Eliah will prepare the way. Matt 16:21-23, 27:62-64.

Acts 3:11-23. What would be our analogy in our days?

[5] Unique purpose:

We know the Author. We know His attitude. We know His message.

What is its purpose? The Word of God is living and active. Coming with the Spirit.

God's purpose on two levels:

[1] there is a purpose for every book in the Bible. Certain context. Certain issues. Certain audience. E.g., see Paul's letters.

[2] But also, there is a purpose for the whole library. One of the best summaries is this. Read John 20:31 – believe and have life. 1 John 1:1-3 - know and have fellowship. 1 Tim 2:4 - know and are saved.

When we hear the message, things happen. Rom 1:16, 10:17, Gal 3:2. John 5:24.