

“Are there mistakes found in the Bible? – AUTHENTIC with Shawn Boonstra” was posted on the YouTube Voice of Prophecy channel on 10/13/23. Shawn’s “the Bible” for this video is the English Standard Version (ESV).

If you wish to watch the video, here’s the web address:

<https://youtu.be/gGiz5w0Bn7U?si=KjEO66lijCICMFHL>

At the start Shawn says, “I, I’m sure you’ve heard this a hundred times over, the Bible is full of mistakes. Today we’re gonna look at that claim and we’re gonna look at what the skeptics never seem to get around to saying.”

At 0:34 Shawn says he’s responding to a critic last week that posted questions about the Christian faith online. Shawn thinks there’s an unfounded accusation behind what the critic said. The critic criticized the contents of “the Bible” and Shawn using his “the Bible” is apparently going to demonstrate how wrong the critic was. Shawn says “the Bible claims to be a communication from God.” We’ll see how well God does in Shawn’s “the Bible.”

At 2:49 the question of the day from the skeptic to God is posted; “Why did You reveal Yourself in a book full of historical inaccuracies and theological contradictions?” Shawn says, “But let’s just dig into the accusation itself, which deals with the historical accuracy of the Bible.” Shawn apparently isn’t going to tackle the “theological contradictions” part of the question. Shawn thinks the alleged mistakes are because of misunderstanding.

At 5:06 a view of a page of a bible opened to John 3:16 is posted. That “the Bible” is the Roman Catholic New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

At 6:05, 2 Timothy 3:16 is posted from the Roman Catholic ESV. As posted, there is a comma after “God” which isn’t in my ESV. I believe that’s because a different edition than mine was used or, more likely, a mistake by whoever made that slide. According to Shawn, “that’s a relatively modern translation but it’s a very accurate one.” Shawn never said which translation it is. Here’s something from Shawn’s “accurate” translation he apparently thinks has “historical accuracy” and no mistakes.

“And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, struck down Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.” 2 Samuel 21:19 from the ESV.

You probably don’t need this explained since just about anyone in English speaking countries knows David killed Goliath and not Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite.

Genesis 2:7 is shown at 6:34 from the ESV.

At 7:22 Shawn says, apparently referring to the ESV, that “the whole book still displays the presence and the truth of God, because he’s the one who breathed his presence into it.”

At 7:33, 2 Peter 1:21 is posted from the ESV. Remember that Shawn just said that “the whole book still displays the presence and truth of God” and that he has also said the translation he’s using is a very accurate one.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 from the ESV.

Notice that it says Christ was “put to death in the flesh” but it doesn’t say he was made alive in the flesh but rather “in the spirit.” In other words, according to this “very accurate” translation, it was Jesus’ spirit that spoke to “spirits” of wicked men who had died in the flood. If Jesus after his resurrection took the trouble to speak with them, they must have still had a chance of salvation. What a great passage to teach the doctrine of purgatory.

At 8:03 Shawn claims “the Bible” is reliable. He then says that “I still maintain that most of the people who say it’s full of mistakes haven’t actually read it.” Well, we’ve already covered two gross mistakes and had I the time or inclination I could probably list one or two hundred more mistakes found in Shawn’s favorite fake bible that the King James Version doesn’t have. Shawn should stick to the real Bible and if he has actually read his favorite fake English bible and doesn’t understand it has gross errors, he needs to study English a bit.

At 9:10, after an ad, Shawn admits that he’s not “a real Bible scholar.” That’s not his problem. Bible scholars from Andrews University have said just as ridiculous things as Shawn has. The crying need is for Seventh-day Adventists to **READ THE BIBLE AND THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY FOR THEMSELVES AND NOT RELY ON MINISTERS AND SCHOLARS TO KNOW WHAT IT SAYS IN ENGLISH.** They also need to use the real “the Bible” and not one of the many fake “the Bible” out there.

At 12:05, 2 Kings 18:13-16 is posted from the ESV.

Shawn attempts to show that archeology agrees with “the Bible.” He discussed the Taylor Prism stone that **DOESN’T**, by his own admission, agree with his favorite fake “the Bible” that has mistakes aplenty and apparently thinks this proves something. LOL. He really thinks so. He thinks there are “minor variations” including 300 talents of silver versus 800 talents of silver.

At 24:38 Shawn gets around to the question of “the Bible” being “theologically inconsistent.” We’ve already covered Jesus’ “spirit” speaking with the spirits of dead people who died in the flood. I would call that pretty theologically inconsistent because Shawn’s favorite fake “the Bible” says this.

“As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them." Luke 24:36-43 from the ESV.

The presentation ends with an ad for "biblestudies.com." That's right. You're invited to get Bible studies from people that apparently don't know a fake "the Bible" from the real one.

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