

A PROPHETSVIEW GUIDE

10 REASONS

UNDERSTANDING HEBREW
AND GREEK WILL CHANGE
HOW YOU READ YOUR BIBLE

Not ten fun facts. One reframe.

THE ORIGINAL WORDS AREN'T EXTRA CREDIT.
THEY'RE THE WHOLE STORY, TOLD ON PURPOSE.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This Isn't a List of Trivia

I used to think Hebrew and Greek word studies were a bonus — something you did once you already knew your Bible, to add a little extra color to a verse you already understood.

Then I started actually doing the work, and I realized it wasn't a bonus at all. It was the difference between reading a summary and reading the actual thing.

This guide isn't ten interesting facts to make you sound smarter in a Bible study. It's ten reasons your entire view of Scripture changes once you stop reading it secondhand — through someone else's translation choices — and start reading it the way it was actually written.

Family Business, this channel's other series, makes one big claim: the Bible isn't a rulebook, it's a family story, start to finish. This guide is going to show you where that claim actually lives in the text — in the words themselves, not just the big picture.

Ten reasons. Read them in order. By the last one, you won't read your Bible the same way again.

REASON 1 OF 10

EVERY BIBLE YOU'VE READ IS ALREADY SOMEONE ELSE'S CHOICE

You've never actually read the Bible in the language it was written in — and neither has almost anyone you know.

Every English Bible on your shelf is a translation. That's not a knock on any of them — it's just true. And translation always means someone already made a decision for you: which English word gets to stand in for a Hebrew or Greek word that often carries more weight, more range, more meaning than any single English word can hold.

Take the word “love.” English has one word for it. Greek has at least four — agape (committed, sacrificial love), phileo (brotherly affection), storge (family loyalty), eros (romantic desire) — and your English Bible collapses all of them into the same four letters. “God so loved the world” (agape) and “the Father loves the Son” (phileo, John 5:20) read identically in English. They aren't identical in the text.

Going back to the original language isn't a scholar's flex. It's getting past a choice that was already made for you, every single time you open your Bible.

“You're not reading the Bible less by going to the original words. You're reading it for the first time.”

REASON 2 OF 10

“BELIEVE” DOESN'T MEAN WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS

You've said “I believe” about God more times than you can count. And you've probably never once meant what the Bible actually means by it.

The Greek word behind “believe” throughout the New Testament is *pisteuo*. Search “*pisteuo* meaning” and most results hand you “to believe, to have faith” and move on — technically true, and missing the weight of the word. *Pisteuo* isn't mental agreement. It's active trust. Allegiance. The kind of loyalty you'd stake something on, not just nod along with.

“Whoever believes in him shall not perish” (John 3:16) was never asking you to agree with a fact about Jesus. It was asking for your allegiance — the way you'd pledge loyalty to a king, not just acknowledge one exists.

That's the difference between the casual, modern “I believe in aliens, I guess” and what the Bible is actually asking of you. One is a shrug. The other is a commitment.

*“I agree that's true and I'm staking my life on it are not the same sentence — and *pisteuo* has only ever meant the second one.”*

ONE WORD CAN CORRECT WHAT YOU WERE TAUGHT

REASON 3 — YOUR “HEART” ISN'T JUST YOUR FEELINGS

Jeremiah 17:9 gets quoted as a warning about your emotions: “the heart is deceitful above all things.” But the Hebrew word is *lev*, and *lev* doesn't mean feelings. It means the whole inner command center — mind, will, and emotion together.

Jeremiah wasn't warning you that your feelings lie. He was warning you that your whole inner decision-making self can talk you into something you shouldn't do. That's a bigger warning than the English gives you, not a smaller one.

REASON 5 — YOU CAN CHECK WHAT YOU WERE TAUGHT

A lot of what gets preached with total confidence was never actually in the text — it got added somewhere between the original words and the sermon you heard. Once you can look up a word yourself, you're not stuck taking anyone's word for it. Not a pulpit's. Not a YouTube channel's. Not even this one's.

That's not disrespect for teachers. That's the difference between being told what a verse means and being able to verify it yourself.

ONE WORD CAN CONNECT GENESIS TO REVELATION

The Bible reads like 66 separate books until you start tracking a single word across all of them — then it reads like one story, because it is one.

Genesis 1:27 says God made humanity in His image — tselem in Hebrew. That word doesn't reappear casually. Paul calls Jesus “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15) — eikon in Greek, the exact concept tselem was pointing at, now standing in a body. Humanity was made to carry God's image and broke it. Jesus is called the image restored — the true Adam, doing what the first one didn't.

You can't see that connection in English. “Image” just sits there twice, thousands of years apart, looking like a coincidence. In the original languages it isn't a coincidence. It's the same thread, pulled all the way from Creation to Christ.

“That's not a Bible trivia fact. That's the whole book telling you it was always headed somewhere — on purpose.”

REASON 6 OF 10

THE SUPERNATURAL VERSES WERE NEVER HIDDEN — JUST SOFTENED

Some of the wildest verses in your Bible have been sitting in plain sight the whole time — right behind an English word too safe to raise any questions.

Psalms 82:1 says God “takes his place in the divine council” and judges “in the midst of the gods.” Most English readers skim right past it — “gods,” lowercase, must be a metaphor. The Hebrew word is *elohim*, the same word used for God Himself elsewhere, here applied to real spiritual beings God actually rules over. Genesis 6:2 mentions “sons of God” — *bene elohim* — and most translations don't touch the phrase enough for you to ask a single question about it.

None of this is hidden. It was always there. English just translated it smooth enough that nobody stops to ask what it actually says.

“The original language doesn't add anything supernatural to your Bible. It just stops softening what was already there.”

IT CHANGES HOW YOU PRAY, NOT JUST HOW YOU READ

You've prayed the words “persevere” or “don't give up” more times than you can count, and probably never once known what you were actually being asked to do.

Luke 18:1 says to “always pray and not give up.” The Hebrew concept underneath that kind of persistence is Shāmar — and Shāmar doesn't mean wait around. It means guard, the way a shepherd stands watch over a flock all night, alert, refusing to look away, because something valuable is out there. That's not the same instruction as “try harder.” That's a completely different posture.

Once you know the actual word, you stop praying a translated instruction and start praying the real one.

“A prayer life built on English alone is praying a summary. The original word hands you back the instructions.”

THE CRAFTSMANSHIP AND THE DISCERNMENT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING

REASON 8 — THE BIBLE WAS NEVER WRITTEN FLAT

Hebrew poetry uses parallelism, wordplay, and structure that mostly disappears in translation. Jeremiah 1:11-12 is built on a Hebrew pun — God shows Jeremiah an almond branch (shaqed) and says He is “watching” (shoqed) over His word, two words that sound almost identical in Hebrew and mean nothing alike in English. The wordplay IS the message. Translate it and the pun — and the point — both vanish.

The original language doesn't just carry more meaning. It carries more craftsmanship. Every word was chosen on purpose, including the ones chosen to sound like each other.

REASON 9 — YOU KEEP A SKILL, NOT JUST A FACT

A fact you're handed can be handed to you wrong. A skill you build for yourself can't. Once you know how to check a word — what it actually means, where else it shows up, what it doesn't mean — no teacher, pulpit, or channel, including this one, can slip something past you unchallenged again.

That outlasts any single video, guide, or sermon you'll ever sit under.

IT TURNS THE BIBLE FROM INFORMATION INTO RELATIONSHIP

There's a difference between reading about someone and actually meeting them — and that difference is exactly what's at stake here.

A word you looked up yourself, sat with, and actually understood isn't a fact you memorized. It's a door you walked through. You didn't just learn what *pisteuo* means. You met what it's asking of you. You didn't just learn what *Shāmar* means. You felt what it changes about how you pray.

That's the difference between reading the Bible as information and reading it as an actual relationship with the God who chose every one of those words on purpose.

“Facts fade. A door you've walked through stays open.”

CLOSING

THIS IS THE SAME CLAIM FAMILY BUSINESS MAKES — JUST ABOUT THE WHOLE BIBLE

Family Business doesn't teach that the gospel is just “get saved, go to heaven, miss hell.” It teaches that the whole Bible, start to finish, is a Father getting His family back.

This guide has been making the same kind of claim about the Bible itself. It's not just “read your Bible so you know more.” It's that God chose every word on purpose — the way a father chooses his words carefully with a child he loves — and the original language is where you can actually watch Him doing it, verse after verse, all the way from Genesis to Revelation.

Ten reasons. One thread underneath all of them: the words were never random, and neither is the story they're telling.

If what hit you hardest was the unseen realm, the Divine Council, the “sons of God” language — go watch Family Business. That's the whole series.

If what hit you hardest was how this changes prayer — go watch Between The Altar and The Battle, or grab the full companion guide: all fifteen prayer words, same depth as this one.

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