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### Here we go again - Another attack on God's word!



An American television channel which is also networked in the United Kingdom, H2, has announced that it will soon be showing a series of anti-Bible programmes in which "experts" will purport to "prove" that the Bible is full of contradictions, historical inaccuracies, frauds and many other forms of "mistakes"!

Central to the philosophy of the programme makers will be a rejection of the virgin birth of Christ and, of course, the inspiration and inerrancy of the Word of God.

The advert for the programme is vexing and disconcerting enough, so it can be imagined just what the series of programmes will do!

Remember the roaring of Goliath? "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. . . . And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. . . . And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. . . ." 1 Samuel 17:4, 8, 10.

He was big He was impressive and the army of Israel were intimidated by his size and his boastful arrogance. But not so David, and the rest is history!

Let every child of God bear in mind some simple facts regarding the Bible and the history of its enemies.

#### **1. Let me begin by stating that the Lord has warned us of such attacks!**

Peter said, in and around AD 65-70: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of," 2 Peter 2:1-2.

In this we have an evidence of the inspiration and accuracy of God's Word as it predicted attacks such as that which H2 TV has announced!

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun," Ecclesiastes 1:9. And, of course, neither there is. Attacks upon God's Word can be traced back to the Garden of Eden and the beginning of the history of sin and rebellion on earth. "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Genesis 3:1.

The devil has been repeating, very successfully, that lie ever since. The H2 TV channel has just adopted his "script" for its series of programmes attacking God's Word.

#### **2. Since there is 'no new thing under the sun,' the programmes will not come forward with any criticism that has not been uttered before.**

It is somewhat like those computer 'bugs' which do the rounds and re-emerge from the ether every so often. In like fashion, all that these programmes will say, and I have no prior knowledge of the content, but as I do know every possible attack upon God's Word has been made before on many former occasions.

The devil and his crew, despite all their so-called 'research and latest technology', will not say anything which has not been said before in some form or other. For instance, the trailer for the series of programmes mentioned how that the doctrine of the 'virgin birth of Christ' is based upon a mis-translation of Isaiah 7:14. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall



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call his name Immanuel," Isaiah 7:14.

That false claim has been made by every modernist and liberal translator of the Scriptures since Isaiah wrote those words!

It is not new so, Christian, don't be alarmed. It may be your first time to hear such a claim but believe me it is old hat as far as anti-Bible propaganda is concerned.

### **3. Furthermore, let it be understood that all such attacks have been fully and irrefutably answered in the past.**

It is impossible to embarrass the devil and the same may be said of his agents! It matters not to him or to them that what they are now saying has been fully refuted in the past.

It is a great mercy that we have, in the wealth of Christian publications across the world, the effective answers given by our forefathers in times past. Those answers are frequently recycled, as it were, by modern Bible defenders as they counter the lies of the devil in this generation.

By the aid of modern technology, virtually every Christian may search and find, on good Christian sites on the internet, full, sufficient and satisfactory rebuttals of all the devil has said in the past and may ever say in the future against God's Word.

The devil's attacks rely upon one feature that is all too common among Christians - they forget the works of God all too quickly!

Heed these words:

"I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments," Psalm 78:2-7.

But sadly, all too soon such reports of God's mighty deeds are forgotten.

"And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them," Psalm 78:11.

It is for this reason that such attacks upon God and His truth, as that in which the H2 network is engaged, causes such panic and unease amongst the people of God.

O Christian, read your Bible and familiarise yourself with the mighty deeds of our God in former times and ever bear in mind the words recorded by the prophet: "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed," Malachi 3:6.

### **4. The Bible has withstood the attacks of more able, more intelligent adversaries than those that the H2 network can cobble together.**

What are the 'experts' assembled by this television network in comparison to the intellectual 'Goliaths' of former times? But all of them fell before the 'stone from a sling' of a 'shepherd boy' preacher, much despised in the same fashion as David was contemptuously viewed by Goliath.

"And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before



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him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel," 1 Samuel 17:40-46.

Such contests are not a time for God's people to fear, but rather to pray and expect yet another defeat for the haters of Jehovah.

God give us the faith of David when we are faced by such attacks. "This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

May it be so again and may the H2 television network pay the price of foolishly attacking the 'Rock of Holy Scripture'!

Pay attention to these words:

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision," Psalm 2:1-4.

Let us laugh with God at the absurd and preposterous defiance of puny-minded men "For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform," Psalms 21:11.