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# Isaiah

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## **Fleeting Humanity**

There is no remembrance of men of old, and even those who are yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow.                      Ecclesiastes 1:11

You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath.                      Psalm 39:5

Man is like a breath; his days are like a fleeting shadow.                      Psalm 144:4

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.                      James 4:14

## **God's Word**

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.                      Psalm 119:89

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.                      Isaiah 55:10-11

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of pen will by any means disappear from the law until everything is accomplished.                      Matthew 5:18

## The Bible Endures

"A thousand times over, the death knell of the Bible has been sounded, the funeral procession formed, the inscription cut on the tombstone, and committal read. But somehow the corpse never stays put. No other book has been so chopped, knived sifted, scrutinized, and vilified. What book of philosophy or religion or psychology or *belles lettres* of classical or modern times has been the subject of such a mass attack as the Bible? With such venom and skepticism? With such thoroughness and erudition? Upon every chapter, line and tenet?"

- Bernard Ramm

And yet the Bible endures. God's Word stands. In fact, the Bible does more than endure. It continues to flourish. There is no other book remotely like the Bible in its impact upon human history. The Bible is the most read and most published book ever. There have been more copies produced of the Bible in its entirety and more portions and selections than any other book in history. The Bible has more ancient manuscript evidence than any ten pieces of classical literature combined. The Bible was one of the first major books to be translated, and has continued to be translated into more languages than any other book in existence. The Bible continues to be loved by millions, read by millions and studied by millions. It's influence has only grown throughout the world and throughout time.

The Word of God stands forever.

Excerpts taken from Josh McDowell's *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, pp 18-21.