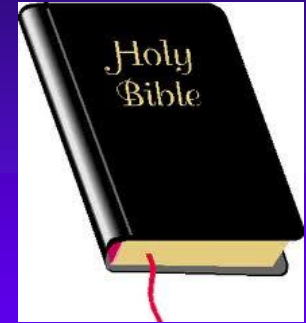


# You Can Trust The Bible

- Christian Faith Based on Bible
- Skeptic Claims About The Bible
- Bible Claims to be God's Word
- Challenges As a Believer and Scientist



- Special and General Revelation
- Does what I believe to be true match reality?

2 Tim. 3:16,17

2 Pet. 1:21

Is. 55:8,9

1 Cor. 2:16

- Challenges to Our Youth
  - Indoctrinated in secularism/evolution
  - No answers to the hard questions
- Recent poll – 70% of youth leave
- Roadblocks to Faith

**Over 300**



Christian  
Jewish  
Islam  
Apocrypha  
Zoroastrian  
Mormon  
Oriental  
etc

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# Roadblocks To Faith

1. Lack of knowledge
2. Perceived hypocrisy
3. Turning away from sin
4. Pain and suffering
5. Perceived conflict between Science & the Bible
6. No answers from the Church to the hard questions



Hos. 4:6  
Rom. 1:20  
Rom. 2:15  
Matt. 7:5  
James 1:26  
Acts 3:19

# Reliable Transmission of the Bible

## ◆ Reliability depends on:

- Number of copies of manuscripts
- Time gap, original to earliest copy

## ◆ Dead Sea scrolls found 1947

- Earlier (by 1000+ yrs) copies of OT manuscripts
- Dated to 100-200 BC

## ◆ Earliest NT manuscript

- Fragment of John's gospel
- Dated to 125 AD
- Referenced by church fathers

## ◆ 99.99% of originals reclaimed





# Where Is The Dead Sea?



# Manuscript Reliability

Work/Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Years Elapsed	Number of Copies
Caesar	100-44 BC	900 AD	1000	10
Plato	427-347 BC	900 AD	1300	7
Aristotle	384-322 BC	1100 AD	1500	49
Iliad (Homer)	900 BC	400 BC	500	643
Heridotus	480-425 BC	900 AD	1300	8
New Testament	40-95 AD	125 AD	30	25,000

# Historical Accuracy of the Bible

## ◆ Gospel of Luke & Acts

- Written by Dr. Luke
- Eyewitness and Prophet reports
- 32 countries, 54 cities, 9 islands
- Exact titles of historical figures
- Accurate history & geography

## ◆ Ebla tablets found in 1974

- Confirm biblical places
- Confirm writing ability of Moses

## ◆ Confirmed by archaeology

- Pool of Bethesda discovered
- Archaeologists use Bible as guide

Luke 1:1-4

Acts 1:1-2

Gen. 14:2

John 5:2



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# Where is Ebla?



Ebla



Damas



Ruins of Ebla's Royal Palace



Clay Tablet at Ebla

# Fulfilled Prophecy of the Bible

- ◆ 27% of Bible prophetic (when written)
  - 500+ of 1000+ prophecies fulfilled
- ◆ 300 prophecies about Messiah
  - 109 fulfilled in His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming
  - Birthplace, sold for 30 pieces
- ◆ Prophecies about people, places
  - Fall of Babylon, **Jer. 50-51**
  - Destruction of Tyre, **Ezek. 26**
  - Cyrus as ruler, **Is. 44:28**
- ◆ Prophecies about Jews
  - Dispersion and re-gathering
- ◆ **Is. 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19a**
  - Dead Sea Scrolls

Mic. 5:2  
Zech. 11:12  
Ezek. 26  
Is. 44:28  
Deut. 28:64  
Is. 11:11-12  
Is. 61:1-2  
Luke 4:18-19





# Biblical Truth in Science?

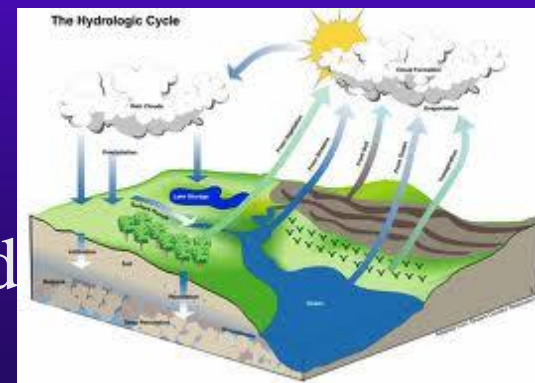
- ◆ We trust the Bible for spiritual truth
- ◆ Archaeology, history, geography, and prophecy confirm the truth of the Bible
- ◆ Do we trust the Bible for truth in science?
  - Astronomy, geophysics, geology, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography, physics, biology
- ◆ There are many biblical references to nature and natural processes
  - Authors use everyday language
  - Amazingly accurate statements
  - Anticipatory scientific insights in the Bible



# Scientific Accuracy of the Bible

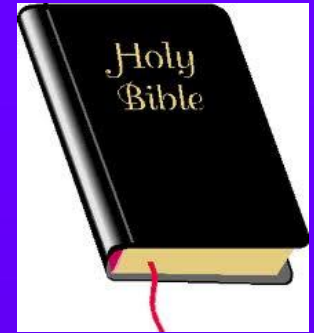
- ◆ Five categories: matter, space, time, force, action
- ◆ Biblical references to science:
  - Number of stars –  $10^{22}$
  - Earth as a sphere
  - Earth suspended in space
  - Earth spinning on its axis
  - Hydrologic cycle
  - Life is in the blood
  - Circumcision on day 8
- ◆ Science disciplines established by Bible-believing scientists

Gen. 1:1  
Jer. 33:22  
Is 40:22  
Job 26:7  
Job 38:14  
Eccl. 1:7  
Lev. 17:11  
Lev. 12:3



# The Bible IS Trustworthy

- ◆ Bible is a Book of Spiritual Truth
- ◆ Accurately Copied Over Time
- ◆ Confirmed by Archaeology, History, Geography, Prophecy
- ◆ Statements On Science Are True
- ◆ The Bible IS God's Word
- ◆ There are answers to skeptics
- ◆ Know What, Why, and How To Defend What You Believe!
- ◆ Know It! Live It! Share It! Defend It!



1 Pet. 3:15

Jude 3

2 Cor. 10:4-5

Col. 4:6



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