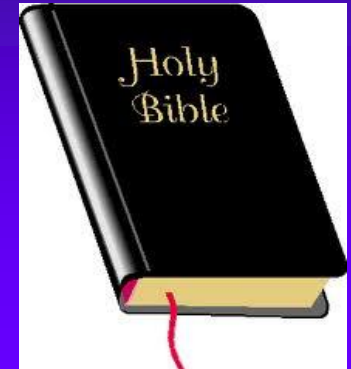


7 Reasons Why The Bible Is Not Just Another Book

- Bible – The Word of God
 - God-breathed
 - Special revelation
 - Profitable for teaching
- Not Just Another Book
 - Seven reasons why
 - Based on sound evidence
- God's Word is Trustworthy
- Our Faith is Rational

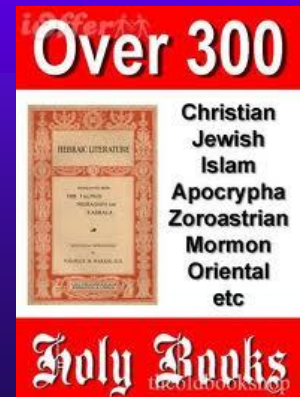


2 Tim. 3:16,17

2 Pet. 1:21

Is. 55:8,9

1 Cor. 2:16





Seven Reasons Why

1. Direct claims of the Bible
2. Perfect unity of the Bible
3. Reliable transmission of the Bible
4. Unique teachings of the Bible
5. Historical accuracy of the Bible
6. Scientific accuracy of the Bible
7. Fulfilled prophecy of the Bible

1. Direct Claims of the Bible

- ◆ It is the Word of God
- ◆ In the Old Testament (OT)
 - And God said
 - Thus says the Lord
 - The word of the Lord
- ◆ In the New Testament (NT)
 - By a word from the Lord
 - I received from the Lord
- ◆ NT refers to what God said in the OT as “the Scriptures said”

2 Pet. 1:21

Gen. 1:3

Mal. 4:3

1 Th. 4:15

1 Cor. 11:23

Mark 7:13f

Luke 5:1

2 Tim. 3:16,17

Ps. 12:6

Ps. 119:140

Prov. 30:5

John 10:35

2. Perfect Unity of the Bible

- ◆ 66 books written over 1500 years
- ◆ 40 different authors
- ◆ 3 different languages
- ◆ Diverse literary genre
- ◆ Written on 3 continents
 - 13 different countries
- ◆ Bible speaks with 1 voice on all matters that it addresses, never contradicts itself
- ◆ One unified story in midst of diversity

Heb. 1:1-2



3. Reliable Transmission of the Bible

- ◆ Reliability depends on:
 - Number of copies of text
 - Time gap, original to copy
- ◆ Dead Sea scrolls found 1947
 - Earlier (by 1000 yrs) copies of OT books
 - Dated to 100-200 BC
- ◆ Earliest NT manuscript
 - Fragment of John's gospel
 - Dated to 125 AD
- ◆ 99.99% of originals reclaimed





Bibliographical Evidence

- ◆ Two important questions:
 - How many manuscript copies do we have?
 - How close are the copies to the original?
- ◆ The New Testament (NT):
 - Over 5600 Greek manuscripts extant
 - Over 10,000 manuscripts of the Latin Vulgate
 - Over 9200 other translations

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

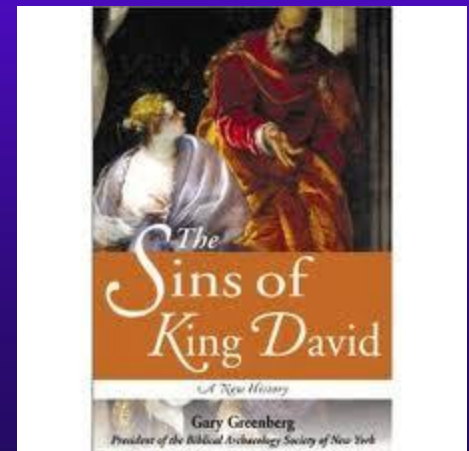
Where Is The Dead Sea?



4. Unique Teachings of the Bible

- ◆ 1000+ prophecies
- ◆ 5 centuries of Israel history
 - God's chosen people
- ◆ Accurate scientific facts
- ◆ Records sins of leaders
 - Abraham's lies
 - Rebellious Israelites
 - King David's adultery
 - Jesus' Disciples rebuked
 - Disorder in the early church

Deut. 9:24
2 Sam. 11:26, 27
Matt. 8:10-26
Gen. 12:11-13
1 Cor. 1:11



5. Historical Accuracy of the Bible

- ◆ Gospel of Luke & Acts
 - Written by Dr. Luke
 - Eyewitness reports
 - 32 countries, 54 cities, 9 islands
 - Exact titles of historical figures
 - Accurate history & geography
- ◆ Confirmed by archaeology
 - Pool of Bethesda discovered
 - Archaeologists use Bible as guide
- ◆ Ebla tablets found in 1974
 - Confirm biblical places
 - Confirm writing ability of Moses

Luke 1:1-4
Acts 1:1-2
John 5:2
Gen. 14:2



Where is Ebla?



Ebla



Damas



Ruins of Ebla's Royal Palace

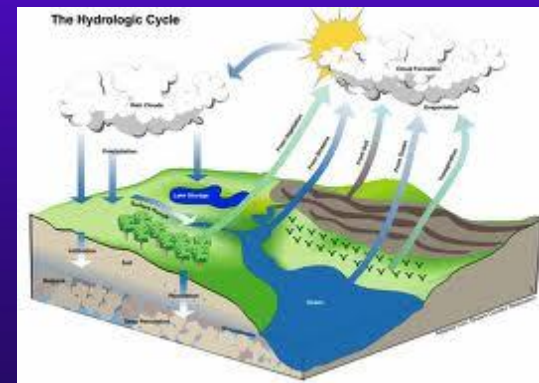


Clay Tablet at Ebla

6. 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
- ◆ 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



7. Fulfilled Prophecy of the Bible

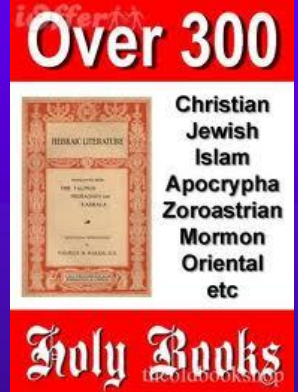
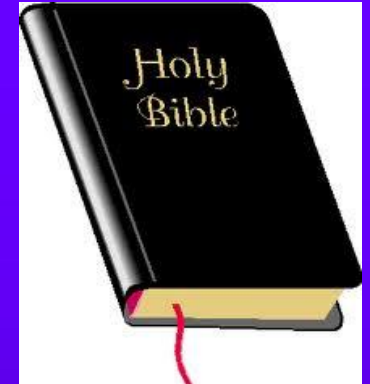
- ◆ 27% of Bible prophetic (when written)
- ◆ 500+ of 1000+ fulfilled
- ◆ 300 prophecies about Messiah
 - 109 fulfilled in His 1st Coming
 - Birthplace, sold for 30 pieces
- ◆ Prophecies on people, places
 - Destruction of Tyre
 - Cyrus as ruler
- ◆ Prophecies on Jews
 - Dispersion and regathering
- ◆ Is. 61, Luke 4 and the DSS

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



The Bible IS Unique

- ◆ Coherent unified history
- ◆ Book of spiritual truth
- ◆ Confirmed by prophecy, history, geography, archaeology
- ◆ Its statements on science are true
- ◆ Presents people with all their warts
- ◆ Accurately copied over time
- ◆ The Bible IS God's Word
- ◆ No other book like the Bible



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