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As we start our study, the remarkable structure of the Bible should be stressed. Although it is a collection of 66 books written by 40 or more different men over a period of 2,000 years, it is clearly one Book, with perfect unity and consistency throughout.

To be divinely inspired, a book must be historically accurate. For if its credibility cannot be established on the basis of known events, it certainly cannot be relied upon as an adequate guide in matters beyond our ability to check. On the other hand, if we can demonstrate that such a book is correct in historical matters, to an extent unknown among human writings, then we have strong evidence that the authors were inspired by God. In this study we shall learn that this is true of the Bible.

Down through the centuries, enemies of the Bible have attacked its historical accuracy. Time after time, the Scriptures have been thus questioned, only later to be shown correct by archaeology.

Archaeology is a study of relics, monuments, tombs, artefacts, of ancient civilizations. Peoples and events, known before only in Biblical accounts, have been brought to light by the excavations of ancient cities. Always, the Bible has been proven right. And it's this that we are going to look at and consider a few of the cases of such findings.

The individual writers, at the time of writing, had no idea that their message was eventually to be incorporated into such a book as the Bible, but each, nevertheless fits perfectly into place and serves its own unique purpose as a component of the whole. Anyone who diligently studies the Bible will continually find remarkable structural and mathematical patterns woven throughout its fabric, with an intricacy and symmetry incapable of explanation by chance or collusion.

The one consistent theme of the Bible, developing in grandeur from Genesis to Revelation, is God's great work in the creation and redemption of all things, through His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. His infinite love to His rebellious children and a last warning message. The Bible is God's love letter to you and to me.

Many class the Bible stories as fables, many who say they believe in the Bible still find it hard to believe in creation or the many stories found in these old pages of God's divine word. Page after page of history spanning thousands of years have been scoffed at, put aside, ridiculed.

But as we come to the close of time and men are not being taught these truths, find after find is being unearthed, both by the spade and by science, causing the

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scoffers and the disbelievers to admit that they were wrong and the Bible to be true and accurate.

There have been hundreds of books written on the subject of the evidences of the divine inspiration of the Bible, and these evidences are many and varied. Most people today, unfortunately, have not read any of these books. In fact, few have even read the Bible itself! Thus, many people tend to go along with the popular delusion that the Bible is full of mistakes and is no longer relevant to our modern world.

Nevertheless, the Bible writers claimed repeatedly that they were transmitting the very Word of God, infallible and authoritative in the highest degree. This is an amazing thing for any writer to say, but all forty or so men who wrote the Scriptures claim that they were indeed spoken to by God and impressed by His Holy Spirit to write the words given to them.

If one will seriously investigate these Biblical evidences, they will find that their claims of divine inspiration (stated over 3,000 times, in various ways) are amply justified.

Not only is the Bible filled with the fundamentals of science, but it is as much as 3,000 years ahead of its time. The Bible's statements in most cases directly contradicted the science of the day in which they were made. When modern scientific knowledge approaches reality, the divine accuracy of the scriptures is substantiated.

We are going to look at just some of these finds, the tip of the iceberg. There are so many, and you can do your own study and find much more than we are able to share here. So much has been found to verify God's word. Through archaeology the spade has uncovered much to silence the scoffers. History has shown that what God had foretold has accurately come to pass and the critics of God's word that had denied the many Biblical statements are having to admit that they were wrong. God will not be mocked. He says in Malachi...

[Malachi 3:6](#) ⁶ "I am the Lord, I change not."

So let's unlock some of the secrets of the past and see for ourselves if God's word can be trusted, if indeed, He changes not.

We will start this fascinating journey looking at science and the Bible.

Traditional science says that the earth was formed from molten matter from stars, and that it was cooled down slowly - over billions of years.

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But then Robert Gentry discovered one of the most intriguing mysteries that challenges the traditional theory of the "creation of the earth".

Gentry discovered **Polonium Halos** in granite rocks which **CANNOT** have formed if the earth cooled down over billions of years...

There has not been any satisfactory explanation for this discovery, except one: that the earth was formed in a **solid form** within **minutes!!!**

No one can create except God. Science may invent some fantastic things, medicine make some incredible discoveries, but no one, not even Satan himself can create. We all have to use the materials that God has provided for all we do. Only God is able to speak things into existence.

Evolution cannot explain where the first chemical matter or particulate matter such as dust and air particles came from. Some can be seen and others only under a microscope – but science cannot explain what caused non-life to become living. All it can do is look at what can be determined (or supposed) by the five senses – and then extrapolate by guessing from those things.

If a fair maiden kisses a frog which instantly changes into a handsome prince, we would call it a fairy tale. But if the change takes 40 million years, we call it evolution.

We often hear that science has proved evolution, but nothing could be further from the truth. You see, people often confuse scientific fact with scientific theory. Now current scientific theory does conflict with creation, but the facts of science do not! There are many scientists who fully accept the Biblical creation.

The theory of evolution says that over millions of years simple life forms (single celled creatures) slowly evolved into complex life forms (e.g. fish), and that one kind of animal evolved into another kind (ape to man).

Genesis, on the other hand, says that all life forms were created in six 24 hour days. Genesis chapter one states ten times that life forms can only reproduce after their own kind (fish to fish, bird to bird, ape to ape, man to man).

All the observable facts of science strongly support the Bible's claim that it is impossible for one kind to reproduce a different kind. The truth is, there is absolutely no tangible evidence to support evolution from any area of science, just theory and a wild imagination!

But if the Bible is wrong and man actually did evolve in small graduations over a long period of time, we should find ample fossil evidence of links in

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intermediate stages of transition. For decades, evolutionists have searched for fossils of these links, to prove biblical creation wrong. Although millions of fossils have been unearthed, not even one missing link has ever been found. Has it ever occurred to you that this is the reason why scientists refer to them as missing links?

Even Charles Darwin realized the difficulty missing links gave his theory. Darwin wrote in his book, *Origin Of The Species*, "Why, if species have descended from other species by fine graduation, do we not everywhere see innumerable transitional forms? Why is not all nature in confusion, instead of the species being, as we see them, well defined?" The reason they have never found any missing links is quite simple. Darwin's theory of evolution is wrong!

In 1912, Arthur Woodward announced to the world that he had found the missing link between ape and man. Piltdown Man, as he called it, consisted of a jaw bone and a piece of skull which he estimated to be over a 500,000 years old! However, in 1953, when the new fluoride dating process was applied to the bones, scientists were shocked to learn that the jaw bone was less than 50 years old.

Only then did they notice that the bones and teeth had been treated with salts and filed to make them appear old and primitive and that in fact the jaw belonged to an orang-utan.

In other words, Piltdown Man was a complete fraud. The world's foremost scientific experts had been fooled for over 40 years!

1 Corinthians 3:18-20 ¹⁸ Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. ²⁰ And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

For almost half a century evolutionists pushed Piltdown Man in the faces of Bible believers as scientific proof we evolved from apes!

In spite of over 100 years of intensive searching, the only place you will find a missing link today is in the colorful imagination of an evolutionist. Science doesn't have it, museums certainly don't have any! Why? Because - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:1 ¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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Have you ever considered that when God created the universe in six short 24 hour days, He may have been taking His time?

Although the Bible is not primarily a book of science, it does contain numerous scientific facts. We laugh at the scientific knowledge of just a hundred years ago. If man alone were the author of the Bible, we would expect to find many such humorous errors contained in it. However, if we examine the scientific data of the Bible and find it to be accurate to present-day knowledge, then we have powerful evidence for divine authorship.

The scientific facts we are about to examine are not only accurate, but were revealed thousands of years before man discovered them for himself. The Bible does not contain any errors typical of the time in which it was written. Would we expect anything less from a book written by God?

Look at the great number of balanced, interactive and interdependent “systems” in, say, a bird: It not only sees with eyes, it also flies, with wings. And of course that is not all. It has and does many other things, including: eating, it has a digestive system; it breathes, it has a respiratory system; Instinct - “thinking”, cognitive abilities, it can go toward food and away from an enemy.

And that is just one bird, but God has created a whole universe! Think about all the hundreds and thousands of species and individual microscopic life, animals, birds, fish, and plants that are in an interdependent environment. Some give off carbon dioxide and need oxygen, and some give off oxygen and need carbon dioxide.

How did everything evolve fast enough to function together?

And what about the marvels of gender. It takes male and female to have a baby kangaroo, elephant, dog, llama, hamster, and human being. Just exactly how did they all evolve soon enough to copulate and survive as different kinds?

QUESTION: If it takes 1,000,000 years (or even 100!) for one eye to evolve, how much time would it take for the ecology we see on earth today to evolve?

ANSWER: Take your pick. Any number you choose between one year and 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 years (or even 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 times 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 years) it simply makes no difference. Creation, or what we know to be in the universe, is NOT a matter of time and chance! There simply is not enough time, and the “chances” become above-astronomical proportions when you start multiplying complex systems

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and ask them to come into being close enough together and at the same time for them to survive in an interdependent ecology.

Man from Dust

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Researchers at NASA's Ames Research Centre confirmed that every element in man can be found in the soil, prompting one of the scientists to say:

"...the biblical scenario for the creation of life turns out to be not far off the mark".

<http://www.genesis-creation-proof.com/solar-system.html>

The Seed of Life

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

This verse reveals that the female possesses the "seed of life." This was not common knowledge until a few centuries ago. It was widely believed that the male only possessed the "seed of life" and that the woman was nothing more than a glorified incubator.

Blood Clotting in Infants

In the Bible we find that it consistently says that a baby must be circumcised on the eighth day.

Genesis 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any foreigner, who is not of your descendants.

God specifically directed Abraham to circumcise newborn males on the **eighth** day.

When a baby is born, they have no bacteria in their intestines for the first few days. By the seventh day, the bacteria multiply and produce vitamin K. Without vitamin K and prothrombin protein (which is produced by the liver using vitamin K), the blood will not clot properly and the possibility of severe bleeding as well as infection would make circumcision dangerous, especially in a primitive medical situation.

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Most studies report that in “normal” infants the level of prothrombin on the first day after birth is high, with a rapid fall on the second, to a lower level on the third and fourth, followed by a recovery by the sixth day.

On the eighth day, the amount of prothrombin present actually is elevated **above one-hundred per cent of normal** — and is the only day in the male’s life in which this will be the case under normal conditions. If surgery is to be performed, day eight is the perfect day to do it. Vitamin K and prothrombin levels are at their peak. The chart below, patterned after one published by S.I. McMillen, M.D., in his book, *None of These Diseases*, portrays this in graphic form.

We should commend the many hundreds of workers who laboured at great expense over a number of years to discover that the safest day to perform circumcision is the eighth. Yet, as we congratulate medical science for this recent finding, we can almost hear the leaves of the Bible rustling, telling us that God had already initiated circumcision with Abraham about four thousand years ago...

This information recoded by Moses in Genesis 17:12, not only was scientifically accurate, but was years ahead of its time. How did Moses have access to such information? The answer, of course, is provided by the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 3:16 — “Every scripture is inspired of God.”

Leviticus tells us:

[Leviticus 17:11](#) ¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood.

This is now another medical fact. We know many years ago they would cut patients to let the blood out thinking that would

The great biological truth concerning the importance of blood in our body’s mechanism has been fully comprehended, but only in recent years. Up until 120 years ago, sick people were “bled,” and many died because of the practice. If you lose your blood, you lose your life. Yet Leviticus 17:11, written 3,000 years ago, declared that blood is the source of life: “For the life of the flesh is in the blood.”

Disease

The Encyclopaedia Britannica documents that in 1845, a young doctor in Vienna named Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis was horrified at the terrible death rate of women who gave birth in hospitals. As many as 30 per cent died after giving birth. Semmelweis noted that doctors would examine the bodies of patients who

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died, then, without washing their hands, go straight to the next ward and examine expectant mothers. This was their normal practice, the presence of microscopic diseases was unknown. Semmelweis insisted that doctors wash their hands before examinations, and the death rate immediately dropped to 2 per cent.

Now look at the specific instructions God gave His people for when they encountered disease:

Leviticus 15:13 ¹³ And when he that has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

Until recent years, doctors washed their hands in a bowl of water, leaving invisible germs on their hands. However, the Bible says specifically to wash hands under "running water." Leviticus was written around 1490 B.C. SCIENCE WAS ABOUT 3000 YEARS BEHIND!

God had commanded the Hebrews to cleanse themselves with fresh water even before the discovery of bacteria (God is in the tomorrow already!)

During the devastating Black Death of the fourteenth century, patients who were sick or dead were kept in the same rooms as the rest of the family. People often wondered why the disease was affecting so many people at one time. They attributed these epidemics to 'bad air' or 'evil spirits'.

A History of Medicine, by Grant R. Jeffery, says: "However, careful attention to the medical commands of God as revealed in Leviticus would have saved untold millions of lives. Arturo Castiglione wrote about the overwhelming importance of this biblical medical law: 'The laws against leprosy in Leviticus 13 may be regarded as the first model of sanitary legislation'"

Leviticus 13:46 ⁴⁶ All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.

Why do health officials quarantine infectious individuals? So they won't spread infection. How can these men, with their limited knowledge thousands of years ago, be so far ahead of science?

The signature of God with all these truths revealed in Scripture, makes one wonder how a thinking person could deny that the Bible is not supernatural in origin? There is no other book in any of the world's religions (Vedas,

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Bhagavad-Gita, Koran, Book of Mormon, etc.) that contains scientific truth. In fact, they contain statements that are clearly unscientific.

Hank Hanegraaff said, "Faith in Christ is not some blind leap into a dark chasm, but a faith based on established evidence."

Dietary Guidelines

Let's now look at dietary guidelines.....

By the 1980s, all the health organizations of the United States had adopted low-fat, high fibre dietary guidelines. This was the culmination of numerous scientific studies that had demonstrated that diets high in vegetables, fruits, and grains reduced the risk of heart disease, cancer, and many other diseases. Secular physicians generally agree that these dietary guidelines that were producing longer life spans were first developed by religious movements founded in the 1800s, particularly by the Seventh-day Adventists.

Where did the Seventh-day Adventists get their guidelines? From a meticulous and careful study of the Bible. It appears man has finally caught up to the dietary recommendations given by God to the Israelites some 3,500 years ago!

Additionally Leviticus 11:9-12 says...

Leviticus 11:9-12 ⁹ These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. ¹⁰ And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you: ¹¹ They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. ¹² Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.

Scripture states that we should avoid those sea creatures which do not have fins or scales. We now know that bottom-feeders tend to consume waste and are likely to carry disease.

Likewise for meats:

Leviticus 11:3 ³Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

Leviticus 11:4 ⁴Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof:

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God then lists some of the animals that we need to avoid, one that we will mention is the pig, because this is a common meat to most.

Leviticus 11:7 ⁷And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.

Was God correct? Well.....

Pigs will eat anything including worms, rats, garbage, their own faeces and other pigs, and shortly after a pig has eaten "whatever", it then turns into meat on the pigs bones and this is the meat people eat; bacon, sausage, ham, salami, pork chops, etc. The Centre for Disease Control stated that well over 100 viruses' come from China to the Unites States each year through pigs! In fact, the majority of flu viruses that we encounter come from the lungs of pigs. Also, pigs foster many other toxins that are concealed with diseases and contain worms.

Pork is the main source of Taenia Solium tapeworm. This kind of bacteria when eaten spreads throughout the body and goes undetected for years! The bacteria takes nutrients from our cells and encourages inflammation and decline within all tissues. Then we have...

Trichinella Spiratis (Trichina worms). Larvae are released in the stomach and enter the small intestine where they mature into adults and reproduce. New-born larvae usually enter the bloodstream and are distributed around the body. Most eventually end up in the host's muscles.

We now that many dieses come from animals, we have had a few in recent years. There is a saying you are what you eat, so when you are eating the flesh of animals you are consuming the leftovers of what they have eaten and when you consider the pigs and scavengers of the sea you may well want to rethink your diet.

This is why God gave us guidelines. You see our original diet was vegetation, nuts and grains, but if we feel the need to eat meet then we would be sensible and follow the health laws of the Creator in Leviticus 11.

Now on a lighter note...

Proverbs 16:24 ⁴Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

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The Bible states that kind words and laughter are good for one's health. In recent years, American newspapers have published various reports that laughter releases chemicals within a person's body that can contribute to one's health. And that depression and stress can weaken the immune system and contribute to various health problems.

But the Bible knew of the health virtues of laughter roughly 3000 years ago when the Bible's book of Proverbs was recorded: years ahead of medical science.

We now move on to the...

The Solar System and Our Planet

Jeremiah 33:22 ²² As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

Genesis 15:5 ⁵ And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

The Bible stated that the stars cannot be counted. For centuries, scientists and astronomers thought they could count the precise number of stars in the universe. Brahe, for example, said there were 777. Kepler claimed the total was 1,005. Hipparchus said there were 1,022 stars. Ptolemy raised the number to 1,056. Eventually, scientists, including the great Galileo, concluded that the stars could not be numbered, just as the Bible had always claimed.

The Bible also stated that stars differ from one another, centuries before scientists reached the same conclusion. Today we know that the stars in the skies are very different from one another, that they are made up of differing concentrations of different elements, and that they vary in their sizes, their ages and in their proximity to the earth. But the ancient people had no way to prove this. Even so, Paul, who received many insights from Jesus, wrote a passage about 2,000 years ago in the Bible's book of 1 Corinthians, which said that the stars in the heavens did indeed differ from one another:

"The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor."

1 Corinthians 15:41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

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The book of Job goes on to say:

Job 38:31-32 ³¹Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? ³²Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

What is this verse talking of? Is there logic conveyed in God's questions?

Well, let's first look at **THE PLEIADES**

Job 38: ³¹Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades.

Notice the amazing astronomical contrast with the Pleiades. The seven stars of the Pleiades are in reality a grouping of 250 suns. Photographs now reveal that 250 blazing suns in this group are all travelling together in one common direction. Concerning this cluster, Isabel Lewis of the United States Naval Observatory tells us:

Astronomers have identified 250 stars as actual members of this group, all sharing in a common motion and drifting through space in the same direction.

Elsewhere Lewis speaks of them as "*journeying onward together* through the immensity of space."

From Lick Observatory came this statement of Dr. Robert J. Trumpler:

Over 25,000 individual measures of the Pleiades stars are now available, and their study led to the important discovery that the whole cluster is moving in a south-easterly direction. The Pleiades stars may thus be compared to a swarm of birds, flying together to a distant goal. This leaves no doubt that the Pleiades are not a temporary or accidental agglomeration of stars, but a system in which the stars are bound together by a close kinship.

Dr. Trumpler said that all this led to an important discovery. Without any reference whatsoever to the Book of Job, he announced to the world that these discoveries prove that the stars in the Pleiades are all bound together and are flying together like a flock of birds as they journey to their distant goal.

That is exactly what God had said. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" In other words, Can you keep them bound together so that they remain as a family of suns? Incredible...

But before we move on to Orion, one more amazing fact is found in Amos 5:8...

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Amos 5:8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

The King James Bible translates this passage as "seven stars and Orion." When the King James Bible was translated (A.D. 1601), science only knew of six stars in the Pleiades constellation.

Today, modern astronomy knows there are seven stars. The seventh star is very dim and can only be seen with a telescope. So how did the Old Testament authors know there were seven stars in the Pleiades constellation? They just transcribed the words before them.

ORION

God asked Job...

Job 38: ³¹ Canst thou . . . loose the bands of Orion?"

Garrett P. Serviss, the noted astronomer, wrote about the bands of Orion in his book: *Curiosities of the Sky*.

At the present time this band consists of an almost perfect straight line, a row of second-magnitude stars about equally spaced and of the most striking beauty. In the course of time, however, the two right-hand stars, Mintaka and Alnilam, will approach each other and form a naked-eye double; but the third, Alnitak, will drift away eastward so that the band will no longer exist.

In other words, one star is travelling in a certain direction at a certain speed, a second one is travelling in a different direction at a second speed, and the third one is going in a third direction at still a different speed. Actually every star in Orion is travelling its own course, independent of all the others. Thus, these stars that we see forming one of the bands of Orion are like three ships out on the high seas that happen to be in line at the present moment, but in the future will be separated. In fact, all these stars that at the present time constitute the constellation of Orion are bound for different ports, and all are journeying to different corners of the universe, so that the bands are being dissolved.

MAZZAROTH

Job 38:32 ³² Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?

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The word “Mazzaroth” is the Hebrew word for the constellations.

A constellation is a group of stars that, when seen from Earth, form a pattern.

Psalms 104:19-23 ¹⁹He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. ²⁰Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. ²¹The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. ²²The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. ²³Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

Then we read:

Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Quite clearly, God has made the lights in the sky for time keeping! The daily work cycle is shown above.

The Bible also tells us that God established Mazzaroth, or the constellations, for signs as well as seasons. Jesus, talking to His disciples about His second coming, said...

Luke 21:25 ²⁵And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;

The Bible describes the precision of movement in the universe:

Jeremiah 31:35 ³⁵ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; the LORD of hosts is his name:

ARCTURUS

Lastly the verse goes on to talk about Arcturus:

Job 38:32 ...or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

Garrett P. Serviss wrote:

Arcturus, one of the greatest stars in the universe, is a runaway whose speed of flight is 257 miles per second. Arcturus, we have every reason to believe, possesses thousands of times the mass of our sun. Think of it! Our sun is

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traveling only 12 ½ miles per second, but Arcturus is traveling 257 miles per second. Think then of the prodigious momentum this motion implies.

A further observation of Arcturus by Serviss reveals:

It could be turned into a new course by a close approach to a great sun, but it could only be stopped by collision head on with a body of enormous mass. Barring such accidents, it must, as far as we can see, keep on until it has traversed our stellar system, whence it may escape and pass out into space beyond, to join perhaps one of those other island universes of which we have spoken.

Charles Burckhalter, of the Chabot Observatory, added an interesting note regarding this great sun:

This high velocity places Arcturus in that very small class of stars that apparently are a law unto themselves. He is an outsider, a visitor, a stranger within the gates; to speak plainly, Arcturus is a runaway. Newton gives the velocity of a star under control as not more than 25 miles a second, and Arcturus is going 257 miles a second. Therefore, combined attraction of all the stars we know cannot stop him or even turn him in his path.

When Mr. Burckhalter had his attention called to this text in the book of Job, he studied it in the light of modern discovery and made a statement that has attracted worldwide attention:

The study of the Book of Job and its comparison with the latest scientific discoveries has brought me to the matured conviction that the Bible is an inspired book and was written by the One who made the stars.

The wonders of God's universe never cease to amaze. Arcturus and his *sons* are individual runaway *suns* that seem to be out of orbit in our galaxy. Traveling at such incredible speeds, why don't they crash with other suns or planets? Where are they headed? Only God knows. Indeed they are not runaways. They will not crash, because God is guiding them.

Some write off the history of Job as Old Testament folklore. Whoever heard of God talking to a man! These are hand-me-down tales! However, the account of Job cannot be gainsaid. Whatever the method of communication used by God, the astonishing facts cannot be refuted. These scientific facts recorded in the book of Job concerning the Pleiades, Orion and Arcturus anticipated scientific discovery by nearly 3,000 years. Scientists only discovered these startling facts in the Twentieth Century, yet they were recorded in the book of Job nearly 3,000 years ago. What an awesome confirmation of the Bible! Who can doubt

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the Bible is the inspired word of God? How can these men, with their limited knowledge thousands of years ago, be so far ahead of science? The book of Job certainly has a powerful, exclusive lesson for modern man. Twentieth Century science has proven that God's Word, the Bible, is true.

Lightning, Thunder and Rain

In ancient times, most religious scriptures taught that lightning bolts were missiles thrown in anger by their gods. In China, Taoist scripture regarded the rainbow as a deadly rain dragon. In Confucius scripture, the goddess of lightning, Tien Mu, flashed light on intended victims to enable Lei Kung, the god of thunder, to launch his deadly bolts accurately.

However, the Bible also talks about rain, lightning and storms. But it contains none of these superstitious ideas found in the other so-called scriptures. The Bible taught that earth's weather followed rules and cycles.

[Genesis 8:22](#) While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Job stated:

[28:26](#) ²⁶When He (God) made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

Centuries later, scientists began to discern the "rules for the rain" that Job talked about. Rainfall is part of a process called the water cycle. Here's how the cycle works. The sun evaporates water from the ocean. That water vapour rises and becomes clouds. This water in the clouds falls back to earth as rain, collects in streams and rivers and makes its way back to the ocean. That process repeats itself again and again.

About 300 years ago, Galileo discovered this cycle. But amazingly the Scriptures described this cycle centuries before.

The prophet Amos wrote:

[Amos 9:6](#) ...he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name.

How did Amos know this? Because he wrote as he was moved by the Spirit of God.

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Actually, scientists are just beginning to fully understand God's "decrees or rules for the rain." Since 68 BC it was thought that somehow thunder triggered the rainfall. Now scientists are beginning to realize that as stated in Job 28:26, it is lightning that triggers the rain to fall. Job knew this 3,000 years ago. Certainly his writings were inspired of God.

Flat Versus Round Earth

For thousands of years people believed that the earth was flat. If one went too far, he would fall over the edge.

This was taught in both Hindu and Buddhist scripture. In the 1500s, the first ship sailed around the world. This proved the earth was round

In our century, Arabs spoke of infidels being pushed over the edge into space. About 3,000 years ago the Bible said the earth was round, but this was not discovered until 500 years ago.

Isaiah spoke of the "circle of the earth.":

Isaiah 40:22 ²²It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

The book of Job said...

Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

This statement says the earth hangs on "nothing". The Hebrew word for "nothing" means nothingness or void. You see at the time these Scriptures were penned, everyone believed that the earth was **flat** ... and notice how Isaiah describes the **circle** of the earth. Previously, they thought the earth was a shell sitting on the back of a turtle which was perched on the back of an elephant ... or that it was hanging from a rope ... or resting on the shoulders of the Greek god, Atlas. With that kind of mind-set, could **man** have been the author of the Scriptures noted above?

Paths of the Sea

Matthew Maury (1806-1873) is considered the father of oceanography. He was bed-ridden during a serious illness and asked one of his children to read a portion of the Bible to him. While listening, he noticed the expression "paths of the sea" in the Psalms:

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[Psalms 8:8. The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.](#)

Upon his recovery, Maury took God at his word and went looking for these paths. We are indebted to his discovery of the warm and cold continental currents.

His book on oceanography is still considered a basic text on the subject and is still used in universities today. God had already told us these paths existed. Maury took God at His word, used the Bible as a guide and went on to be classed as a "Scientist of the Seas".

Valleys and Springs in the Seas

The Bible also states the existence of channels and fountains in the seas. Only until the past few hundred years did people have the technology to discover that there are deep valleys and fresh water springs in the oceans. But the Bible always knew:

[2 Samuel 22:16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD...](#)

[Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.](#)

Entropy: The Increase of "Unavailable Energy"

Today, scientists know that entropy a.k.a. "unavailable energy," is constantly increasing and that the earth is in a state of continual decay ... corruption ... waxing old. (So much for evolution).

The 2nd law of thermodynamics (aka entropy) says in essence everything is moving from a state of order to a state of disorder. In other words things are breaking down. This law of science is seen in everything from the human body to the automobile in which you drive. Want to deny entropy? Never change the oil, fluids, check the air pressure in your tires, or fill your car with gas etc, and entropy is going to take place. Now keep in mind this is a law of science. There are very few laws of science because a law of science has to be absolutely the case and be tried many, many times before it can be declared a law.

So think about this for a second.....if everything is moving from a state of order to disorder as this law of science shows, then that would mean that there was one time when everything was in pristine condition. This would mean that

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everything at one time was at its best and is now wearing down and eventually will one day wear out. The Bible states in Genesis that the earth was initially created perfect:

Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

In fact it was only the sin of Adam and Eve that caused the earth to begin to wear out, that caused entropy to become a reality:

Genesis 3:17-18 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake... 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.

But the Bible also tells us that before the earth wears out completely, before maximum entropy, Jesus will come to take His people home and renew the earth to what it once was.

Psalms 102:25-26 ²⁵Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. ²⁶They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.

Romans 8:21 ²¹Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The earliest public knowledge of the idea of entropy was proven by Rudolf Clausius around 1850 ... but it was there in the Bible as early as 2,300 years ago in the Book of Psalms ... and over 1,900 years ago in the Book of Romans.

The Bible Describes the Hydrologic Cycle

The water cycle was not fully understood until about 30 B.C. by a Roman engineer named Marcus Vitruvius. Yet every aspect of the water cycle was fully revealed to mankind in 1600 B.C.! The Bible's description is in perfect harmony with modern science. Eccl 1:6-7; 11:3; Job 26:8; Amos 9:6. Vitruvius was 1600 years too late!

In various passages, the Bible describes a hydrologic cycle, the process by which clouds are formed, rain is produced and ground water is replenished. Science made the same discovery in the 1600s, long after the Bible passages were written. Here are the related Bible verses:

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Job 26:8 ⁸ He binds up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

Job 36:27-28 ²⁷ For He draws up drops of water, Which distil as rain from the mist, ²⁸ Which the clouds drop down *And* pour abundantly on man.

Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 ⁶ The wind goes toward the south, and turns about unto the north; it whirls about continually, and the wind returns again according to his circuits. ⁷ All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, then they return again.

The bible describes the circulation of atmosphere:

Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 "the wind goes toward the south and turns around to the north, the wind whirls about continually and comes again on its circuit."

The bible also includes some principles of fluid dynamics:

Job 28:25, "to establish the weight for a wind and apportion the waters by measure."

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Crucifixion As A Form of Execution

We now move on to look at some archaeological finds.

Psalm 22:16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

Zechariah 12:10 ¹⁰ And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Both these scriptures mention Jesus being pierced ... and yet crucifixion, involving the piercing of hands and feet, was not even remotely known as a form of execution until 700 years after Psalm 22 was written ... and 800 years after Zechariah was written.

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Noah

Most people have heard of Noah's ark and the flood; here again the sceptics were scoffing at such an idea of a world flood. However, evidence has emerged over the years that once again verifies the Bible.

The evidence for the flood is so overwhelming that we can only possibly scratch the surface in this study and look at just a little of the evidence.

Flavius Josephus was a famous Jewish historian of the 1st century AD. From his writings we know that the Ark of Noah was well-known, because he mentions it in Antiquities of the Jews. Josephus stated, "Its remains are shown there by the inhabitants to this day."

Initial reports were that Noah's Ark was discovered in mid May of 1948 by a local Kurdish shepherd. Due to heavy rains in May of the same year, combined with three noteworthy earthquakes, the Ark was exposed.

While routinely examining aerial photos of his country, a Turkish army captain noticed this picture...

There, on a mountain, 25 miles from the Russian border, 20 miles south of Mt. Ararat, the biblical landfall of Noah's Ark, was a boat shaped form about 500 feet long.

Soon an expedition including American scientists set out for the site. At 7,000 feet in the midst of crevasses and landslide debris, the explorers found a clear, grassy area shaped like a ship and rimmed with steep, packed-earth sides. Its dimensions are close to those given in Genesis. "The length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, the breadth of it 50 cubits, and the height of it 30 cubits," that is 460 x 75 x 45 feet, or 34,500 square feet, or 1,552,500 cubic feet.

In 1987 the Turkish government acknowledged that this was Noah's Ark. More proof of the flood can be seen all over the world in rapid burial.

Rapid Burial

Fossils all over the world show evidence of rapid burial. Many fossils, such as fossilized jellyfish, show by the details of their soft, fleshy portions that they were buried rapidly, before they could decay. Normally, dead animals and plants quickly decompose. The presence of fossilized remains of many other animals, buried in mass graves and lying in twisted and contorted positions, suggests violent and rapid burials over large areas. These observations, together with the occurrence of compressed fossils and fossils that cut across two or

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more layers of sedimentary rock, are strong evidence that the sediments encasing these fossils were deposited rapidly — not over hundreds of millions of years. Furthermore, almost all sediments that formed today's rocks were sorted by water. The worldwide fossil record is, therefore, evidence of rapid death and burial of animal and plant life by a worldwide, catastrophic flood. The fossil record is not evidence of slow change.

Bones of whales have been found 440 feet above sea level north of Lake Ontario; a skeleton of another whale was discovered in Vermont, more than 500 feet above sea level; and still another in the Montreal-Quebec area, about 600 feet above sea level...

Both observable science and the biblical account agree that the waters were higher than the mountains. Otherwise, fossils could not have been covered with sediment and turned into fossils on top of the mountains. The only real question is, where did the water come from? Here is the Bible's claim:

[Psalm 24:1](#) ¹The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

[2](#) For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

The Bible claims that the earth was founded upon the seas and established on top of the waters. Compare that to the Genesis account of the waters being released:

[Genesis 7: 11](#) In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.

The Bible tells us that the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

The Bible says that the water spewed from below and rained from above. The majority of the water did not come from above, but below. The waters of the deep are still observable today.

Just watch the news during a prolonged draught. As the water tables below the surface drain, huge sinkholes often appear. Consider also that major fault lines circle the earth and still actively move today. A catastrophic event would have easily caused water below the crust of the earth to spew out violently and the land to sink. Look at this map of the earth's fault lines.

In these maps, you will notice that almost every major fault is right on the ocean coastline or under the ocean.

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Near Lompoc, California, an 80-foot whale fossil was found in a diatomaceous earth quarry. It was oriented vertically, standing on its tail. Only a cataclysmic deposition like the flood could account for this.

Fossil of Fish Swallowing Fish.

This shows that burial and fossilization must have been quite rapid to have preserved a fish in the act of swallowing another fish. Thousands of such fossils have been found.

Here we have a fish in the belly of this 14-foot-long fish, because digestion is rapid, fossilization must have been even more so.

Here we see a curved fish had not long had its dinner. The curved back shows that this fish died under stress.

This fossil of a dragonfly shows its wing delicately preserved. The 1 1/2-foot-long wing must have been buried rapidly and evenly to preserve its details. Imagine the size of the entire dragonfly!

You may have heard of the K-T Boundary? BBC's Horizon science program told of this amazing phenomenon – a layer of sediment found all over the earth. They stated that the K-T Boundary is a layer laid down during an 'extinction event'.

Below this layer are bones of dinosaurs and many other plant and animal species which no longer exist. Horizon is a program which accepts evolution as fact instead of what it is – discredited theory. It is a program which would never give credence to the Bible. But for those with eyes to see, it is becoming ever clearer that science is proving the Bible true at every turn. The K-T Boundary is obvious evidence of Noah's Flood.

In Agate Springs in north-western Nebraska, there exists remains of a hill covering about ten acres. This is a bone bed which was accidentally discovered in 1876. Alfred Rehwinkel in his book *The Flood*, states:

"It is estimated that the bones of about nine thousand complete animals are buried on this one hill...Hence, it is likely that many times that number of animals were brought together at this hill and buried there by the action of water...This is a fact that is most important. Animals of every kind died in great numbers and were buried almost instantly". Alfred Rehwinkel, *The Flood*, 1951, p. 183.

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The important fact is that this massive deposit of many kinds of animals was obviously made by a huge amount of water.

Similar occurrences to this have been found in San Ciro, at the base of the mountains surrounding the plain of Palermo in Sicily, an immense mass of the bones of hippopotami of all ages, mingled with a few of deer, ox and elephant.

In England and Western Europe, notably in the Rock of Gibraltar and at Santenay, a few miles South of Chalons in central France, where there is an accumulation of bones in fissures 1,000 ft. above the sea, similar in many respects to that in the cave described at San Ciro, though the bones of hippopotami did not appear in these places; but the bones of wolves, bears, horses and oxen, none of which had been gnawed by carnivora, were indiscriminately commingled as though swept in by all-pervading currents of water" (1915, "*Deluge of Noah*").

Many people have had the experience of hiking into the mountains and finding fossilized seashells, fish and other aquatic creatures. This proves that these strata were under water at one time in the past.

Genesis 7:10-23 ¹⁰And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. ¹⁷And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. ¹⁸And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. ²⁰Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. ²¹And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: ²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

²³And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

Dead Sea Scrolls

One of the greatest finds that give authenticity to the Bible is the Dead Sea Scrolls.

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In the spring of 1947 a Bedouin goat-herder, searching the cliffs along the Dead Sea for a lost goat (or for treasure, depending on who is telling the story), came upon a cave containing jars filled with manuscripts.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are regarded by many as the most important archaeological find of the twentieth century.

The Isaiah Scroll is the only complete biblical book surviving among the Dead Sea Scrolls. Found in Cave One at Qumran, it dates from about 120 BCE.

The text of the scroll hardly differs from the version used today and demonstrates the degree to which the text of the Bible was faithfully transmitted over the centuries.

The **Cyrus Cylinder**, discovered in 1879, records Cyrus' overthrow of Babylon and his subsequent deliverance of the Jewish captives.

The **Rosetta Stone** was discovered in 1799 in Egypt by Napoleon's soldiers, the stone was written in three languages: hieroglyphics, demotic, and Greek. It unlocked the mystery of the hieroglyphics which has helped confirm the authenticity of the Bible. After many years of studying the Rosetta Stone and other examples of ancient Egyptian writing, Jean-François Champollion deciphered hieroglyphs in 1822. Champollion could read both Greek and Coptic and he was able to figure out what the seven demotic signs in Coptic were.

The **Moabite Stone** discovered in 1868 at Dibon, Jordan, confirmed the Moabite attacks on Israel as recorded in 2 Kings 1 and 3.

The **Lachish Letters**, discovered in 1932-1938, 24 miles north of Beersheba, described the attack of Nebuchadnezzar on Jerusalem in 586 BC.

Metal Books

A Daily Mail article dated 30th March 2011 reported that 70 metal books found in a cave in Jordan could be the biggest find since the Dead Sea Scrolls.

This ancient collection of 70 tiny books, their lead pages bound with wire, could unlock some of the secrets of the earliest days of Christianity.

On pages not much bigger than a credit card, are images, symbols and words that appear to refer to the Messiah and possibly even to the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

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The books were discovered five years ago in a cave in a remote part of Jordan, to which Christian refugees are known to have fled after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Important documents from the same period have previously been found there.

Initial metallurgical tests indicate that some of the books could date from the first century AD. If the dating is verified, the books would be among the earliest Christian documents, predating the writings of St Paul.

After lying for nearly 2,000 years hidden in a cave in the Holy Land, the fine detail is difficult to determine, however, the image on one of the books is eerily familiar: a bearded young man with flowing curly hair. In a certain light it is not difficult to interpret the marks around the figure's brow as a crown of thorns.

The extraordinary picture of one of the recently discovered hoard of up to 70 lead codices – booklets – found in a cave in the hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee is one reason Bible historians are clamouring to get their hands on the ancient artefacts.

If genuine, this could be the first-ever portrait of Jesus Christ, possibly ever created. Astonishingly, one of the booklets appears to bear the words 'Saviour of Israel' – one of the few phrases so far translated.

David Elkington, a British scholar of ancient religious history and archaeology, and one of the few to have examined the books, said they could be 'the major discovery of Christian history'.

It appears that as we are approaching the last days of earth's history, many, many, archaeological evidences are being unearthed, validating as never before the authenticity of the Bible.

Read more at:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-1371290/70-metal-books-Jordan-cave-change-view-Biblical-history.html#ixzz1dslQimqS>

Archaeological Excavations

The Bible's authenticity is also evidenced by archaeological excavations that prove the existence of cities and people found in the Bible. The discovery of the city of Petra for example, helped confirm the authenticity of the Bible's record.

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Petra

Petra is the Greek word for "rock." In the heart of Mount Seir, halfway between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, there is a valley surrounded on all sides by very steep rocky cliffs, with a few narrow gorges leading inside. In this valley, the city of Petra was built. Its Biblical name was *Sela*. The city of Petra has a lot of history. The Edomites lived here when Israel came from Egypt during the Exodus, about 1445 BC.

About 400 BC, the Edomites were driven out by the Arabian Nabataeans. These people made Petra their capital and controlled the most important trade routes between the East and the West. Caravans passing through this territory had to pay taxes to the Nabataeans, who in this way became very wealthy, enabling them to build beautiful palaces, temples, theatres, and tombs hewn out of solid rock in their capital city.

Finally traffic through Nabataean territory dried up, Petra became deserted and forgotten, and for centuries it was a legendary city. All the references in Scripture were considered by higher critics to be figments of the imagination. They claimed the non-existence of Petra as proof for the unreliability of Scripture.

Then in the year 1812, the Swiss explorer Johann Burckhardt, disguised as an Arabian sheik, discovered the lost city. When he published his report, it seemed almost unbelievable that such a picturesque place could have existed just 161 kilometres south of Jerusalem without being known.

Because of the unstable Middle Eastern political situation, visits to Petra were made virtually impossible, and only in recent years has this ancient city become readily accessible to tourists. Obadiah describes the lofty places of Petra and the confidence of its inhabitants. However, Jeremiah predicted that the city would lose its power and become uninhabited.

Obadiah 3:4 ³ The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? ⁴ Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 49:16-18 ¹⁶ Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD. ¹⁷ Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

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¹⁸ As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

Why did God predict the demise of the inhabitants of Petra? For the answer, one must look into the rituals and practices of these people. The main place of worship, the *Jabel-Aibb' Atuf*, is the best-preserved high place in all the Bible lands. The object of worship here was not God, but the sun. And as part of their worship they offered human sacrifices. Close by, two obelisks may be seen which were probably sun pillars of fertility.

It was because of these and other abominable practices that God instructed Israel on their entry into Canaan after the Exodus, to destroy the high places of the heathen. Because of the pagan vices and immoral rites practiced there, the finger of prophecy forecast the downfall and entire destruction of cities like Petra

Joel 3:19 ¹⁹ Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Ezekiel 35:3-9 ³ And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. ⁴ I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. ⁵ Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end: ⁶ Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee. ⁷ Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth. ⁸ And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword. ⁹ I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Standing on Petra's high place with the colourful ruins of the city below, you can hear the voice of its desolate silence declaring that God's prophetic Word never fails.

Another interesting archaeological find deals with the walls of Jericho, where once again the critics of Christianity questioned the truth of the Bible because archaeology had not discovered the city of Jericho. They doubted the existence of the city and the Biblical account that said the walls had fallen outward (Joshua 6).

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Professor John Garstang discovered the city of Jericho during an archaeological dig in 1931, but the real find was that the walls of the city were spread outward away from the city. That is, the walls had fallen outward just like the Bible said. This was a one-of-a-kind to be found on an archaeological dig.

The Bible tells us that the Israelites “burned the whole city and everything in it” (Jos 6:24). Once again, the discoveries of archaeology have verified the truth of this record. A portion of the city destroyed by the Israelites was excavated on the east side of the tell. Wherever the archaeologists reached this level they found a layer of burned ash and debris about 3 ft thick. Kenyon described the massive devastation:

The destruction was complete. Walls and floors were blackened or reddened by fire, and every room was filled with fallen bricks, timbers, and household utensils; in most rooms the fallen debris was heavily burnt, but the collapse of the walls of the eastern rooms seems to have taken place before they were affected by the fire. Kenyon 1981:370.

The grain left at Jericho and found by archaeologists in modern times give a graphic testimony to the obedience of the Israelites nearly three and a half millennia ago. Only Achan disobeyed, leading to the debacle at Ai described in Joshua 7.

Such a large quantity of grain left untouched gives silent testimony to the truth of yet another aspect of the Biblical account. A heavily fortified city with an abundant supply of food and water would normally take many months, even years, to subdue. The Bible says that Jericho fell after only seven days. The jars found in the ruins of Jericho were full, showing that the siege was short since the people inside the walls consumed very little of the grain.

Babylon

Two hundred years ago, scholars doubted whether Babylon ever existed. The only record that could be found was in the Bible.

Critics used the story of Babylon, and what they called its "non-historic kings," to discount Scripture. However, Babylon was discovered and excavated in 1898.

The Bible tells the story of the tower of Babel and how the language of mankind was confused there. Archaeologists have found that the inhabitants of ancient Mesopotamia had a popular habit of building towers called ziggurats. Almost every city of importance had at least one.

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The Tower of Babylon was the highest and largest of all, being 91 meters high and built in seven stages. The foundations and a few steps of the stairway may still be seen today. This was the most probable location of the Tower of Babel. It is interesting to note that, according to the Scriptures, the tower was built of brick and asphalt (Genesis 11:3), and this is the very building material found in the buildings of Babylon.

We know today that Babylon was one of the first cities in the world, and was founded by Nimrod, great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:9-10). Archaeologists have found his name on many inscriptions and tablets, while a massive head of Nimrod has been excavated near Calah on the Tigris River.

We are left with only one remaining possibility why Babylon remains unpopulated to this day: because the Bible is what it claims to be: the Inspired Word of God! Prophecy has indeed fulfilled its function, for now the emptiness of Babylon lends credibility to the remaining prophecies of the Bible.

<http://www.openbible.info/topics/babylon>

Nebuchadnezzar 606-538 B.C.

Nebuchadnezzar was another name which Bible critics mocked as having not existed. He was a mighty king of Babylon in the year 606-538 BC. But again the Bible was accused of having made the name up, as no finding had ever substantiated it. However once again they were to be proved wrong...as archeologists started to search for evidence.

Bricks like these Nebuchadnezzar II bricks are very common around the ruins of ancient Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar used them in all of his official building projects and they were made in the millions, every one of them was stamped or inscribed in cuneiform.

The discovery of this Nebuchadnezzar II inscribed brick is important in the study of Biblical archaeology because it contains a declaration by king Nebuchadnezzar II, the monarch who is mentioned so often in the Bible and who is the one who destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem in 586 BC and carried the Jews away into exile.

The Ishtar Gate, one of the eight gates of the inner city of Babylon, was built during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar II (604 - 562 BC). Only the foundations of the gate were found, by going down some 45 feet, they were moulded with unglazed figures on them.

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The gateway has been reconstructed in the Pergamum Museum, Berlin, from the glazed bricks found, so its original height is different in size. Reconstructed height is 47 feet.

The Lion of Babylon, large and splendidly carved in basalt, reminds us again that the lion was the symbol of the goddess Ishtar. In the sculpture, the lion's back has marks indicating that it was meant for a precious saddle upon which the goddess Ishtar would stand.

You will remember Saddam Hussein trying to rebuild Babylon before the first Gulf War of 1991. He saw himself as a new Nebuchadnezzar who needed a new capital. In 1971, UNESCO announced that it would help Iraq completely restore the ancient city of Babylon. The reconstruction would be under the general supervision of Saddam Hussein. There was a four-lane highway between Baghdad and Babylon with brick factories along the way, turning out bricks for this tremendous reconstruction project. On one end of the brick was the name Nebuchadnezzar, and on the other end was the name Saddam Hussein, who envisioned himself as a modern day Nebuchadnezzar, able to restore the glory that was once Babylon's. But he never accomplished it.

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Tyre

Tyre is another city in the Bible that speaks of its total destruction.

Ezekiel 26:4,12,14 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her...and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water...And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD

The destruction of Tyre could have been plausible. However, the prophecy that Tyre would be thrown into the midst of the sea, and its former location be scraped like the top of a rock seemed more than implausible. Yet both these prophecies were fulfilled.

Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon besieged the city and conquered it. The inhabitants of Tyre, however, escaped to a nearby island. Nebuchadnezzar then rendered

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the city to ruins. For two and a half centuries, these ruins were a mute contradiction of the Bible.

However, when Alexander the Great conquered the Medo-Persian empire, long after Nebuchadnezzar's siege, the new island city of Tyre resisted his advances.

Frustrated by their efforts, Alexander ordered his troops to build a causeway to the island by throwing the ancient ruins of mainland Tyre into the midst of the sea, creating a way for him and his troops, thus fulfilling the prophecy that Tyre would be thrown into the midst of the sea. The scraped rocks and sunken causeway of ancient Tyre declare with emphasis to this generation that the Bible is more than just an ordinary book.

Sodom and Gomorrah

You have maybe heard of Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis tells us that God thoroughly destroyed these cities. In Genesis 18 we read...

Genesis 18:20 ²⁰ "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous....."

Genesis 19:24 ²⁴ "Then the LORD rained down burning sulphur on Sodom and Gomorrah - from the LORD out of the heavens."

And, "...God destroyed the cities of the plain."

It is recorded that Abraham asked God to spare the city if there were 50 righteous people in it. God said He would spare it for 50 righteous. Then Abraham again said; would you spare the city if there were 45 righteous. God said He would. This city must have been really wicked because Abraham goes on pleading with God until he got right down to 10. You can read about this in Genesis 18.

We know that God did not find even 10 righteous people in that city. The only people saved from that destruction were Lot, his wife and two daughters, and even Lot's wife died because she looked back.

Many writers throughout history have discussed the destruction of these two cities. Greek geographers and Roman historians wrote about them, even the Jewish historian Josephus wrote about them.

In 1975, archaeologists discovered, underneath the mounting dust of the desert region near the Dead Sea, the remains of a large settlement that dated back to the Bronze Age. They were able to uncover a temple as well as the remains of a

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massive defense wall that appeared to run around the entire city. Made completely of stone and mud brick, the wall was estimated to be several feet thick.

With further exploration, another three nearby cities were also located. They also appeared to date back to the same period in time and had suffered the same fate as the previous two cities. After mapping out the locations of each of the cities and their relationship to the Dead Sea, archaeologists realized that these represented the five cities of the plains; two of which were known as Sodom and Gomorrah.

They even referenced in the Bible where it speaks not only of "fire from heaven" but also states that the cities were "overthrown", which could very well attest to the validity of earthquakes. In fact, they proclaimed that the whole area to the south and east of the Dead Sea bore what would appear to be scars of past earthquakes. One major such event would appear to have taken place around the time documented within the Bible.

These findings, of course, were not very popular, and historians and geologists from all over the world came forward to help "disprove" such fantastic tales of fancy.

However, that wasn't all that the team uncovered in these cities. Lumps of what looked like spongy charcoal were located throughout, bearing evidence of some kind of fiery catastrophe.

Archaeologists began to piece together the history of the two sites. They were astonished, at the five cities of the plain that they located, the evidence was staggering. **Millions of brimstone balls.**

Each of the cities of the plain contain evidence of brimstone which God rained down upon the cities to destroy them. The brimstone is composed of **96-98** per cent sulphur, with trace amounts of magnesium which create an extremely high temperature burn. This is the only place on earth where you can find 96 per cent pure monoclinic sulphur in a round ball. This brimstone is **NOT** from any type of geo-thermal activity as there is no evidence of such in the area, and geo-thermal sulphur nodules are only **40** per cent pure sulphur and are of the rhombic type. They have been found embedded in an ashen area near the Dead Sea, which show clear signs of having once been ancient building structures!

These sulphur balls are mostly golf ball sized, and some have burn marks all around them! Webster's Dictionary says that "brimstone" = sulphur. Accordingly, we have found the absolute proof that we have finally located Sodom and Gomorrah - the cities of the plain.

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Man-made formations are found in the cities, including ziggurats, sphinxes, windows, arched doorways and walls resembling double Canaanite city walls.

Unique shapes are visible in the cities that are not found in nature, including sphinx shapes.

Everything in these cities burned and turned into ash, including the buildings themselves, as the Bible says that the cities were to be destroyed also. The Bible told us that God rained down "fire and brimstone". When God rains down fire, even limestone buildings were totally destroyed and turned into ash.

The extremely high burning temperatures created a multi-shaded layering of ash that was formed by thermal ionization, caused by electrons repelling and attracting, creating a swirling effect in the remains. Layers of multi-shaded ash crumble in your hand.

Dead Sea and sphinx in rear.

The intense fire which God rained down upon these cities was so hot that it burned the limestone blocks that were used in the construction of the cities. The ash there today is composed of Calcium Sulphate and Calcium Carbonate which are by-products of the limestone and sulphur burning.

Such overwhelming evidence. Dead Men really Do Tell Tales, and they seem to be telling more and more as this earth's history comes to an end.

Not only places but people of the Bible have been looked upon as myths, legends.

For example, the Bible makes over 40 references to the great Hittite Empire. You see, 100 years ago, no archaeological evidence had ever been found to prove it really did exist. "Just another Bible myth!" sceptics charged in an attempt to destroy our faith in the Bible. However, in 1906, Hugo Winckler uncovered a library of 10,000 clay tablets. These ancient records fully documented the long lost Hittite Empire and its people and confirmed the reliability of the Bible.

Later excavations uncovered Boghazkoy, the capital city of this "mythical" empire. Sceptics once rejected the Bible's claim that the Hittite Empire existed, until they saw the evidence with their own eyes. Today, despite all the evidence seen with their own eyes, sceptics now reject the Bible's claim that God himself exists.

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Perhaps the only way they will believe in God is after they have seen him with their own eyes when they stand before Him on the judgment day. Only, then it will be too late!

But from the Hittites we move on to Joseph. Most people have heard of Joseph and his coat of many colours, but do you know the rest of his story?

Joseph

The Bible stories concerning the relationship of God's people with Egypt have been subject to much ridicule. Critics regard Biblical stories, such as the accounts of Joseph and the Exodus, as mythology.

The stones of archaeology were silent witnesses to the dramas of the past, and it was only after 1799, when the Rosetta Stone was discovered, that the ancient records could be deciphered and verified.

Today it is possible to not only read hieroglyphics, but also the ancient cuneiform writings. Astoundingly, the ancient relics have succeeded in silencing many of the Biblical critics. The harmony between Scripture and archaeological findings has shed new light upon the debate.

The Bible account tells us that Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers. However, no matter what trial beset Joseph, he always remained true to God and His commandments. He interpreted a dream for the Pharaoh and became great in Egypt, next to Pharaoh himself. The dream foretold seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Joseph saved the people from death with his plan to store grain for seven years during the time of plenty.

There can be little doubt that Joseph, son of Jacob, adopted the name Imhotep, which best characterized the purpose of his life, and by which he was ultimately remembered in Egypt.

This rock inscription on the island at Sehel, in southern Egypt, connects Imhotep with a famine lasting seven years.

<http://www.kent.net/DisplacedDynasties/Exodus%20Chapter%203.htm>

The Sakkara Pyramid and "The Granaries of Joseph" were found there.

In recent times, frescoes have been found in Egyptian tombs depicting fat and thin cows, and inscriptions have been found referring to seven lean and seven opulent years, making this Biblical story more than just a myth.

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We are also told in Genesis 40 how Joseph interpreted the dream of Pharaoh's butler. In this dream grapes are mentioned. But the ancient historian, Herodotus, states that the Egyptians grew no grapes and drank no wine, and many therefore questioned the accuracy of the biblical account. However, paintings discovered on ancient Egyptian tombs show the dressing, pruning, and cultivating of the vines, and also the process of extracting the juice of grapes, as well as scenes of drunkenness. There can be little doubt then that Herodotus was wrong and the Bible right.

For example, until 1993 there was no proof of the existence of King David or even of Israel as a nation prior to Solomon. Then in 1993 archeologists found proof of King David's existence outside the Bible. At an ancient mound called Tel Dan, in the north of Israel, words carved into a chunk of basalt were translated as "House of David" and "King of Israel" proving that he was more than just a legend.

Then in 2005 Israeli archaeologist Eilat Mazar found King David's palace, relying on the Bible as one of her many tools. She says, "What is amazing about the Bible is that very often we see that it is very accurate and sometimes amazingly accurate."

The Hittites

Forty-eight times in the Scriptures, a people called the Hittites are mentioned. We find them blocking Israel's path as it sought to enter the promised land. We read of Uriah, the Hittite, whom David sent to his untimely death. However, in all the records of antiquity, not a reference to those people was to be found, and therefore the sceptics attributed them to the imagination and fiction.

In 1876, George Smith began a study of monuments at a place called Djerabis in Asia Minor. This city proved to be old Carchemish, a capital of the ancient Hatti.

We now know that the Hatti were the Hittites of the Bible, who, according to Prof. A.H. Sayce, "contended on equal terms with both Egypt and Assyria."

The Hittites not only proved to be a real people, but their empire was shown to be one of the great ones of ancient times.

Sargon

In Isaiah we read:

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Isaiah 20:1 ¹In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him)...

This is the only mention of King Sargon in the Bible, and the only one in ancient literature. His place in history was severely questioned on this account. But in the years 1842-1845, P.E. Botta, uncovered the tremendous royal palace of Sargon. Among the other things discovered was an account of the siege of Ashdod mentioned in Isaiah.

Once more the Bible was right, the critics wrong.

Sergius Paulus, The Proconsul

In Acts 13:7 mention is made of Sergius Paulus, the proconsul of Cyprus.

Acts 13:7 ⁷Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

For a long time, sceptics contended that Luke should have called him *propraetor* instead of *proconsul*, since this was the usual title. However, coins discovered on Cyprus have positively established that the governors of Cyprus were *proconsuls*. One such coin found at Soli on Cyprus bears the inscription, "Paulus the Proconsul", very possibly referring to the very man mentioned in Acts.

The Bible is full of the most exciting stories of which critics laughed and scorned, but one by one they are being silenced as the spade uncovers more and more proof that the Bible is indeed the inspired book of God, that His word can be trusted, and that what He says, He will do. The last person we will look at is well known to most. Moses.

Moses

Many people who have never read the Bible have heard of the story of Moses. Moses in the bulrushes, Moses and the burning bush, Moses and the parting of the Red Sea, and of God reminding the Israelites of the 10 commandments, writing these on stone with His own finger and handing them to Moses on Mount Sinai. It's these laws of God on which we base our morals on today.

According to Biblical chronology, Moses was born in 1530 BC, during the reign of Tutmoses I, who ruled from 1532 to 1508 BC. Tutmoses I was the third pharaoh of the 18th dynasty. The Bible tells us that this king did not know Joseph, he was the Pharaoh who issued the decree that all the sons born to the

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Israelites were to be thrown into the river, but that girls were permitted to live. Here's what the Bible has to say:

Exodus 1:7-12, 22 ⁷ But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. ⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we; ¹⁰ come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and *so* go up out of the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. ²² So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

Here we have the well-known story of Moses in the bulrushes:

Exodus 2:2-10-12,15 ² So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was* a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months.

³ But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid *it* in the reeds by the river's bank. ⁴ And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

⁵ Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶ And when she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give *you* your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

¹⁰ And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

Moses would have been known as Tutmosis II. He could have become the pharaoh, but he declined. He had an affinity with his people and even the riches of Egypt could not take sway.

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¹¹ Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹² So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian;

It is while Moses is in Midian that he is called by God from a burning bush (Exodus 3:2).

Exodus 3:9-11 ⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

The return of Moses and his fear of Pharaoh is understandable, particularly since the same pharaoh that induced him to flee became the sole ruler in Egypt.

Tutmoses III was one of the greatest pharaohs in history. He was known as the Napoleon of Egypt. He ruled until 1450 BC, which, according to the chronology in 1 Kings 6:1, is the year of the Exodus.

1 Kings 6:1 ¹ And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

Moses and his brother Aaron go before Pharaoh, but he is stubborn and will not let the people go. God then sends 10 plagues. It is not until the last plague, the 10th one, when all the first born of the Egyptians die, that Pharaoh finally lets them go. You can read about this in chapters 7-11 of Exodus.

According to the Bible, the Exodus took place on March 17, 1450 BC. The precise dates of the Passover and the Exodus are recorded in the Scriptures.

The Bible tells us that the pharaoh then ruling (Tutmoses III) followed the Israelites through the Red Sea, and that he was killed in the process. The biography of Tutmoses III, written by Amenemhab says, "Lo, the king completed his lifetime of many years, splendid in valour, in might and triumph: from year 1 to 54."

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1504 to 1450, a reign of 54 years, brings us precisely to the date of the Exodus. Amenemhab mentions the month and the day of his death:

"The last day of the third month of the second season ... He mounted to heaven, he joined the sun: the divine limbs mingled with him who begot him."

According to the Egyptologist James Breasted, this translates to March 17, 1450 BC. A mummy of Tutmoses III in the Cairo museum was analyzed by two Egyptologists, Harris and Weeks, in 1973 and found to be a mummy of a young man, whereas Tutmoses III must have been at least 80.

Egyptians had a way of disguising their embarrassments. The pharaoh was probably never recovered from the Red Sea, and to hide this fact, a fake mummy was put in his place.

There is more circumstantial evidence from the 18th dynasty to support this argument. Tutmoses III co-reigned with his son, Amenhotep II (after the death of Hatshepsut), and Amenhotep II was not in Egypt at the time of the Exodus, but in Syro-Palestine suppressing an uprising with most of the Egyptian army. According to Egyptian writings, he returned in June 1450 BC, when he apparently defaced many Egyptian monuments.

This act needs an explanation. The Bible tells us that all the first-born in Egypt died in the last plague. On returning to Egypt, he would have found not only the Israelites gone, but he would have also found his father dead, and his first-born son killed in the plague. One can now understand the emotion felt by Amenhotep that caused such a violent outburst.

The Exodus, this remarkable escape, must have left its mark upon the Egyptian people, and many adhered to the God of the Hebrews, rather than to the Egyptian deities. The essence of the Egyptian religion was that of sun worship, but numerous gods played secondary roles in their belief system. Amenhotep IV changed his name to Akhenaten, symbolizing the change from Amun worship to Aten worship (*Amenhotep* means "Amun is pleased"). Further evidence of Akhenaten's break with the old religion is that he shifted his capital from Luxor to a new capital Akhetaten. In a song written by Akhenaten to his god, there are 17 verses corresponding with Psalm 104.

So is there any other evidence to support the story of Moses and the exodus? Well there is much more, but we will close with the story of the Red Sea parting and the Israelites being saved whilst the Egyptians drowned.

In the Red Sea, where the Bible tells us the waters parted, there are numerous chariot wheels, plus human and horse bones at the crossing site.

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Here we see a human femur bone that's covered by coral, this was tested at Stockholm University where they found that it is from the right leg of a man 165-170cm, which is around 5.4-5.5 ft tall. It is basically mineralized by resting in the Red Sea for such a long time.

Found in an Egyptian tomb from the same time period. Four, six and eight spoke wheels are found in the gulf, and were only used during the 18th dynasty or 1446 BC when the exodus took place.

A silent testimony to the miracle of "The Parting" of the Red Sea.

Today, so many Bible cities, names and events have been unearthed through archaeology that the Bible is considered the single most important historical document in existence. Many lost cities have been located using the Bible as a road map. So startling and impressive are some of these finds that one archaeologist was compelled to say, "They are digging up Bible stories!" The shovel and spade have confirmed that the historical information of the Bible is both accurate and reliable.

And what of the major character of this old book, Jesus The Bible's predictions about Jesus, written centuries before He was born.

Well there are over 300 prophecies of Jesus and all but His second coming have been fulfilled.

It predicted the year of His birth, His birth place, His healing powers, His betrayal and death and resurrection and so much more, which would be a study in itself.

For proof of Jesus outside the Bible, we may look to Jewish historian Flavius Josephus and to Roman historian Caius Cornelius Tacitus - both well-known and accepted.

Josephus, in the book "Jewish Antiquities" wrote:

"At that time lived Jesus, a wise man, if he may be called a man; for he performed many wonderful works. He was a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure. . . .And when Pilate, at the instigation of the chief men among us, had condemned him to the cross, they who before had conceived an affection for him did not cease to adhere to him. For on the third day he appeared to them alive again, the divine prophets having foretold these and many other wonderful things concerning him. And the sect of the Christians, so called from him, subsists at this time" (Antiquities, Book 18, Chapter 3, Section 1).

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Tacitus, in writing about accusations that Nero burned the city of Rome and blamed it on Christians, said the following:

". . .Nero procured others to be accused, and inflicted exquisite punishment upon those people, who were in abhorrence for their crimes, and were commonly known by the name of Christians. They had their denomination from Christus (Christ, dm.), who in the reign of Tiberius was put to death as a criminal by the procurator Pontius Pilate. . . .At first they were only apprehended who confessed themselves of that sect; afterwards a vast multitude discovered by them, all of which were condemned, not so much for the crime of burning the city, as for their enmity to mankind. . . ." (Tacitus, Annals, 15, 44).

This book is what it claims to be, the inspired word of God to His people.

If only more would realize that the Bible is not only a guide to the fallen ruins of ancient cities, but also a road map to the glorious city of Heaven!

It seems, as we said earlier, that God in these last days is showing us beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is who He claims to be, the great God Jehovah, the Creator, the Lord and Saviour of mankind. We are His people, He loves us so much and wants us to be found in His kingdom, but we can only be there if we choose to be. What will your choice be?

Read, study the Bible for yourself. We have looked at the spade and the Bible, but there is much more evidence in the pages of God's word, in prophecy. On our website you will find these prophetic studies that will take you on a fascinating journey through history right down to the time in which we are living. Again you will see without a shadow of a doubt that this book is divine. Page after page will unravel before you the colourful tapestry of this earth's history, where you can verify the past, see prophecy fulfilling before your very eyes and have certainty for the future.

Time for our old earth is short. God's word is sure, His love for you is unmeasured. There is nothing you have ever done that if truly repentant God will not forgive. You too can have hope for today and certainty for tomorrow.

It's your choice. What will it be?