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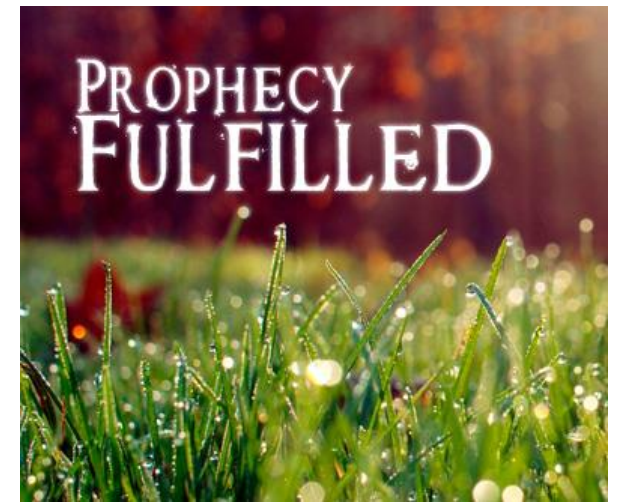
- **F - FULFILLED** prophecy
- **A - ARCHAEOLOGICAL** evidence
- **C - CONSISTENCY** of the Bible's internal witness
- **E - EXTERNAL** writings
- **S - SCIENTIFIC** understanding



1. FULFILLED PROPHECY

The Old Testament prophesied

- that He would be born of the seed of Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3, 22:18),
- of the tribe of Judah (Gen 49:10),
- and in the lineage of David (2 Samuel 7:12f).
- Micah 5:2 said that He would be born in Bethlehem,
- that He'd come while the temple was still standing (Malachi 3:1),
- that He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14),
- that He would open blind eyes, unstop deaf ears, lame to walk (Isaiah 35:5-6),
- that He'd be rejected by His own people (Psalm 118:22; 1 Peter 2:7).
- the time in history when He would die (Daniel 9:24-26),
- how He would die (Psalm 22:16-18, Isaiah 53; Zechariah 12:10),
- and that He would rise from the dead (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27-32).



**OVER 300 PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS THE MESSIAH –
WHERE & HOW HE'D BE BORN, DIE**

THE CROSS - Accounts of the death of Jesus Christ:

33 prophecies many of which he had no control:

Statistical probability to be fulfilled in one person?

1 in 83 billion

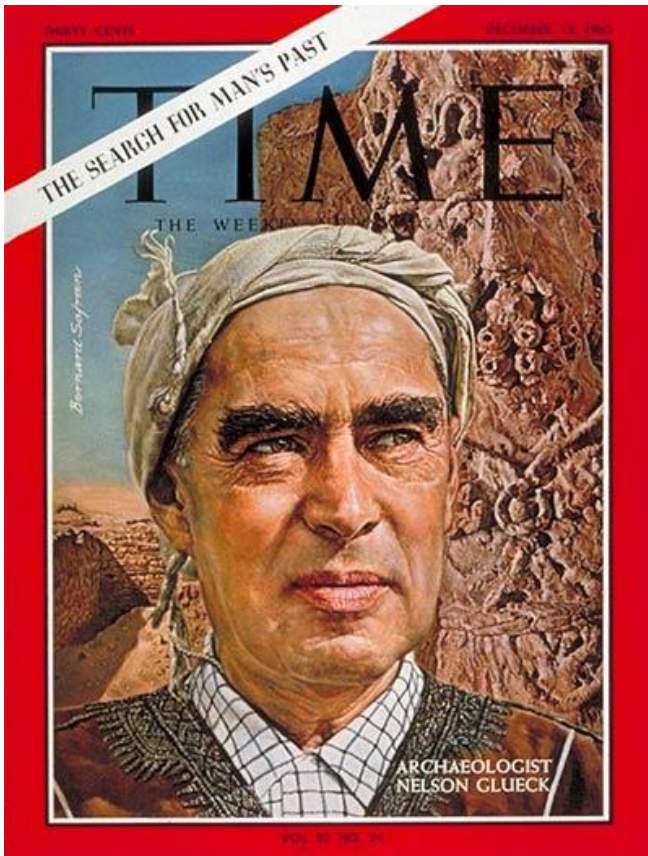


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2. A - ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Nelson Glueck who appeared on the cover of Time magazine and who is considered one of the greatest archaeologists ever, wrote:

“No archeological discovery has ever controverted [overturned] a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries.”
[Nelson Glueck, *Rivers in the Desert*, p. 31.]



ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE FOR BIBLE

Biblical Cities Confirmed by Archaeologically.

In addition to Jericho, places such as Haran, Hazor, Dan, Megiddo, Shechem, Samaria, Shiloh, Gezer, Gibeah.

A Common Flood Story.

Not just the Hebrews (Gen. 6–8), but Mesopotamians, Egyptians, and Greeks all report a flood in primordial times.

The Nuzi Tablets.

The some 20,000 cuneiform clay tablets discovered at the ruins of Nuzi, east of the Tigris River and datable to c.1500 BC, reveal institutions, practices, and customs consistent to those found in Genesis.



Burial Plaque of King Uzziah. Down in Judah, King Uzziah ruled from 792 to 740 BC. His stone burial plaque has been discovered on the Mount of Olives, and it reads: *“Here, the bones of Uzziah, King of Judah, were brought. Do not open.”*

Luke's accurate use of official titles in the book of Acts.

In the past, scholars 'knew' that Luke was an inaccurate and unreliable historian. But discoveries have shown that a range of different titles were in use at the time for local government officials, and that - wherever we know what the title was - the author of Acts got it right!



Luke's use of different titles in other places has also been confirmed by archaeological discoveries.

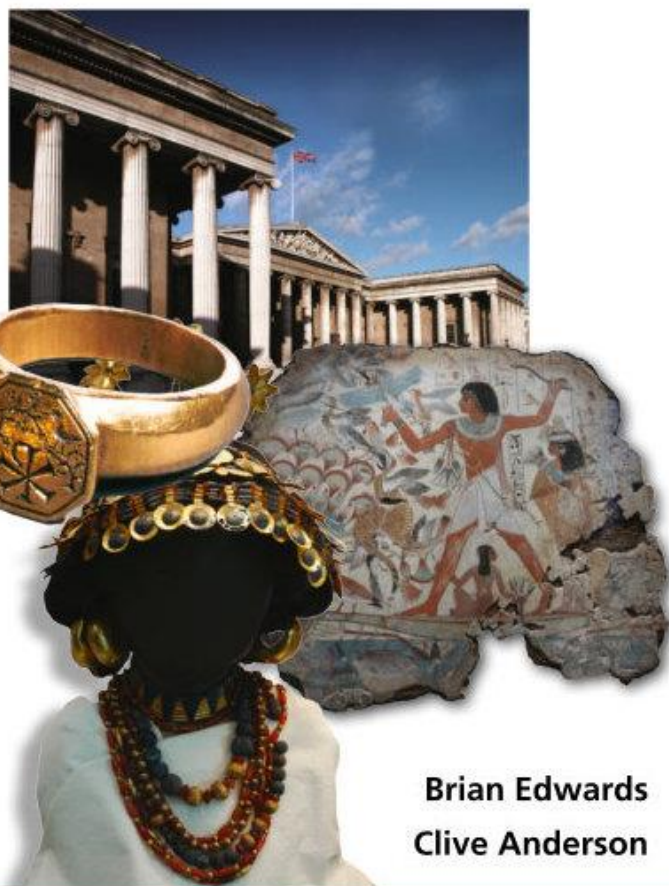
And the same careful and accurate person who wrote Acts also wrote Luke's gospel. In the introduction to his Gospel, he says this:

"Many people have written accounts about the events that took place among us. They used as their source material the reports circulating among us from the early disciples and other eyewitnesses of what God has done in fulfillment of his promises. Having carefully investigated all of these accounts from the beginning, I have decided to write a careful summary for you, to reassure you of the truth of all you were taught." (Gospel of Luke, chapter 1 verses 1-4)



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Through The British Museum with the Bible



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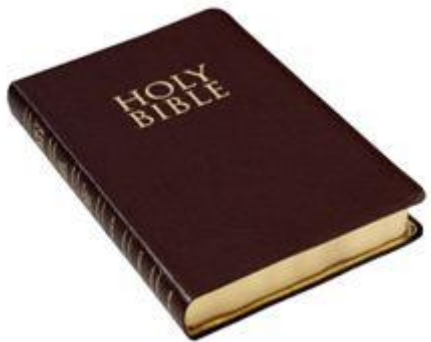
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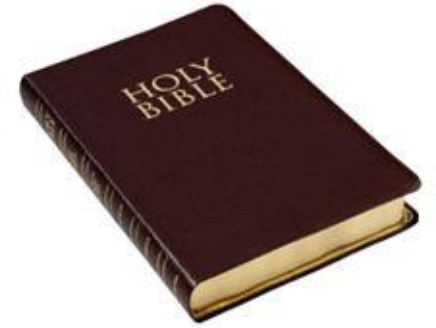
From the first book of the Bible, Genesis, to the last book, Revelation, the Bible is absolutely consistent in what it teaches.

What's so amazing about that?



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WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT THAT?



- The Bible is one book made up of 66 books
- Written by over 40 different authors
- over a period of 1,600 years!
- in over a dozen countries on 3 different continents!
- in at least 3 different languages
- by people from all walks of life!
- Farmers & kings, soldiers & shepherds, princes & priests, historians, fisherman, tax collectors, scholars, businessmen,
- In caves, ships, palaces, prisons, deserts

COULDN'T GET A MORE DIVERSE GROUP over 1600 years yet they make one book with one story without contradiction.



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Jesus taught and believed the fact that the bible is the word of God.

(Matthew 4:4,7,10; 19:4-5; 22:29; Luke 16:17; John 10:35; 16:12-14)

WHAT IS THE CONTINUITY OF THE MESSAGE?

‘Paradise lost’ and ‘Paradise regained’ because of God acting in history to bring us back into relationship with himself through Jesus Christ.



CHRISTIANITY ISN'T TRUE BECAUSE IT WORKS....

IT **WORKS** BECAUSE **IT'S TRUE.**

OSCAR's TESTIMONEY.....



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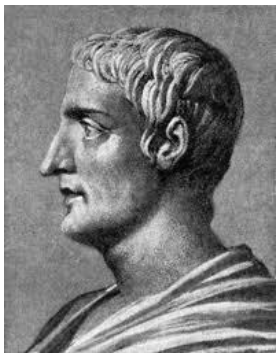
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Dozens of historical writings outside of the Bible (in the records of the Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans) confirm the historical accuracy of many of the names of people, places, and events mentioned in the Bible.

External sources verify that **50 persons mentioned in the Old Testament** and **30 persons written about in the New Testament** were actual historical figures



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There **are 39 or more sources outside of the Bible** confirm more than 100 facts regarding Jesus' life, teachings, crucifixion, and resurrection.

(See: The Historical Jesus: Ancient Evidence for the Life of Christ by Gary R. Habermas).

First century historian Flavius Josephus mentions more than a dozen individuals talked about in the Bible, including major figures: Herod the Great, Pontius Pilate, John the Baptist, Jesus.

Some of the other **39 sources that mention Jesus** include:

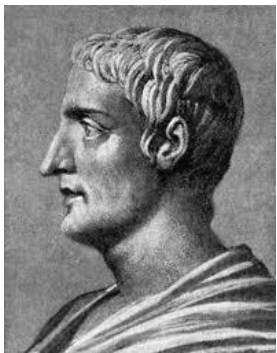
- **Cornelius Tacitus** (ca. A.D. 55 –120) a Roman Historian
- **Gaius Suetonius** (the chief secretary of Emperor Hadrian (A.D. 117 –138)
- **The Jewish Talmud** (Sanhedrin 43A)



Taken this from the Arabic text of Josephus' writings called Antiquities, chapter 18:63-64, a text that is unchallenged by most critics of the Bible.

Josephus wrote:

"At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. And his conduct was good, and (He) was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned Him to be crucified to die. And those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that He had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that He was alive."



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5. **S - SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING**

The Bible *wasn't given* to be a science textbook.

Doesn't use scientific language but it never gives bad science!



Science

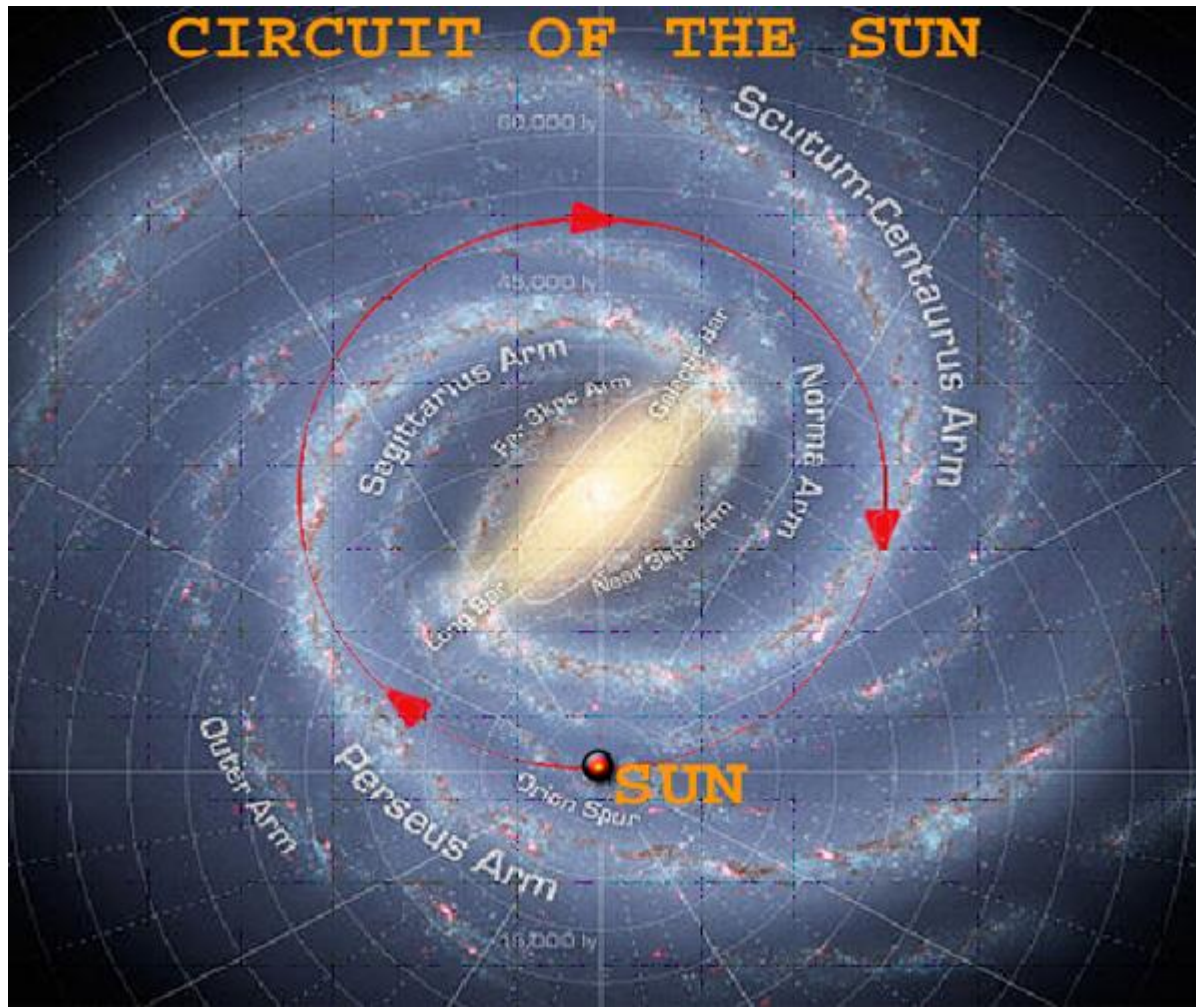


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A FEW EXAMPLES OF SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY:

A. THE SUN - PSALM 19:6

The Bible teaches that the Sun is actually on a circuit through space. Writing of the Sun in *Psalm 19:6*, David said, “Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end.”



A FEW EXAMPLES OF SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY:

B. THE SHAPE OF THE EARTH - ISAIAH 40:22



When the rest of the world believed the Earth was flat, Isaiah declared that the world was round.

Isaiah 40:22 says, "It is He [God] who sits above the circle of the Earth."



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A FEW EXAMPLES OF SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY:

C. The Suspension of the Earth - Job 26:7

In one of the oldest books in the Bible, Job said in Job 26:7, “He [God] hangs the Earth on nothing.” Scientists did not discover that the Earth hangs on nothing until 1650.



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A few examples of scientific accuracy continued.....

D. THE STARS - JEREMIAH 33:22

Before the invention of the telescope, man actually believed that the stars could all be numbered.

What had the Bible said?

2,600 yrs ago **Jeremiah 33:22** “The number of stars are infinite”

Jeremiah wrote that more than 2,000 years
before Galileo made his discovery.



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RESOURCES: MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE FOR BIBLE

- Norman Geisler: From God to Us: How We Got the Bible
- F. F. Bruce: The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?
- Walter C. Kaiser: The Old Testament Documents: Are They Reliable and Relevant?
- Josh McDowell: Evidence That Demands A Verdict
- Frank Morrison: Who Moved The Stone
- The Case for Christ: The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel
- Norman Geisler and Frank Turek: I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist
- https://www.christianityexplored.org/Groups/276317/Home/CE_ORG/Tough_Questions/Tough_Questions.aspx



CONCLUSION:

The Bible is clear. Everything that is vital for us to know and trust for salvation is made plain somewhere in Scripture.

YOU CAN TRUST THE BIBLE!

Quote: “If you are an intelligent person, you will read the one book that has drawn more attention than any other, if you are searching for the truth.”



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