

In six days God created  
the heavens and earth.

# The Bible

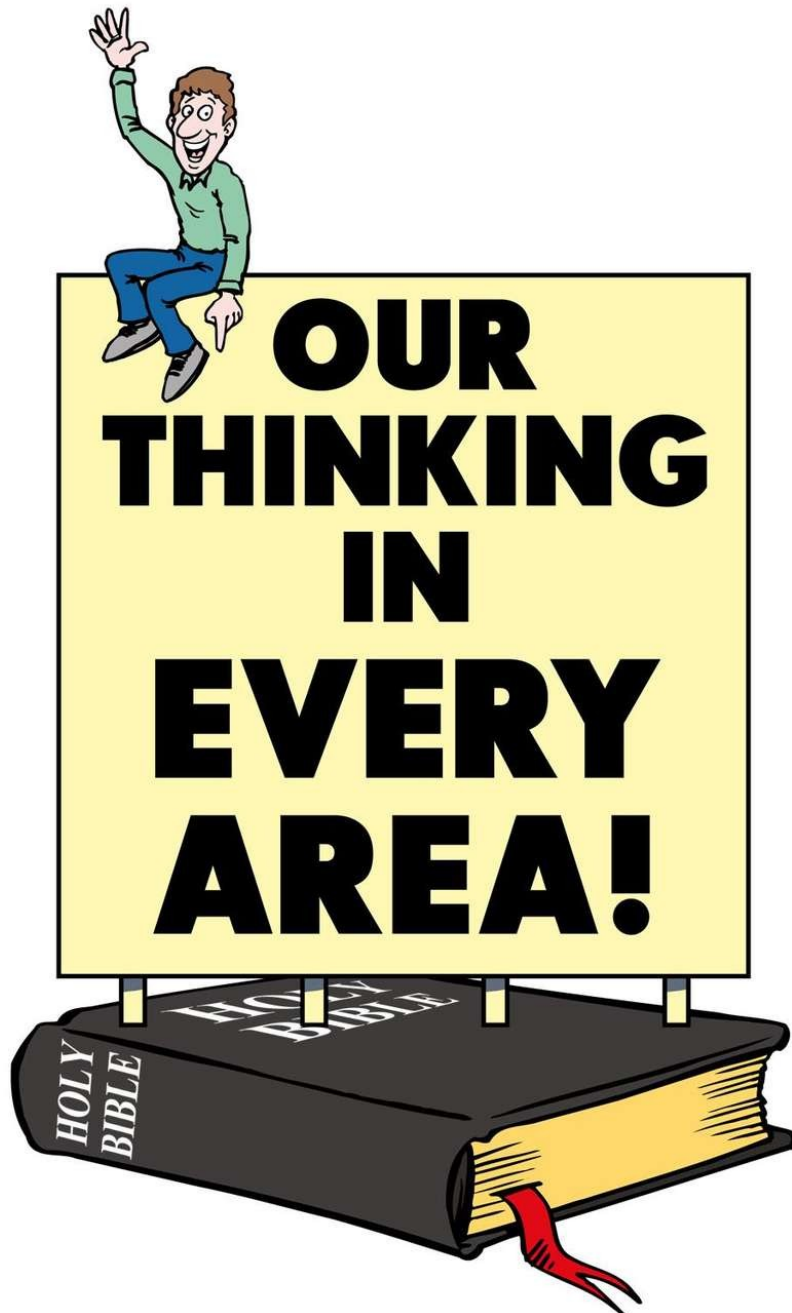
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GENESIS



# Outline

- About the bible!
- How was the bible put together. Who decided what?
- What about other books, like the Apocrypha?
- What are the dead sea scrolls?
- What evidence or proof is there of the bible's infallibility, inerrancy, and divinity?
- Exegesis vs Eisegesis?
- What about the Da Vinci Code?
- Bible questions and so-called contradictions.



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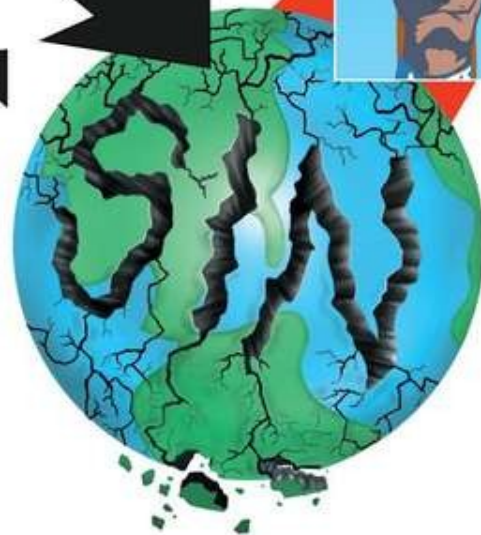
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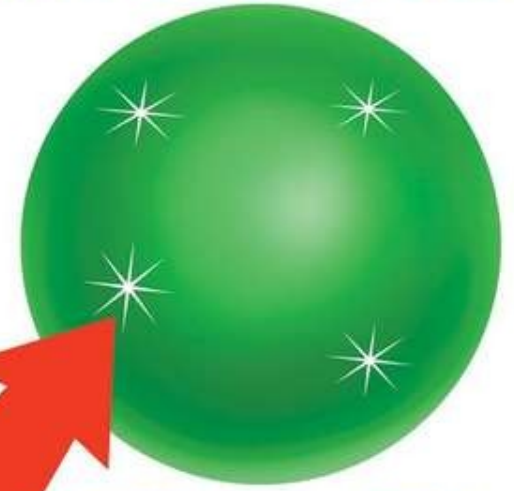
# PERFECT WORLD

# RESTORATION



## INTRUSION

DEATH  
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NEW HEAVEN  
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NEW EARTH



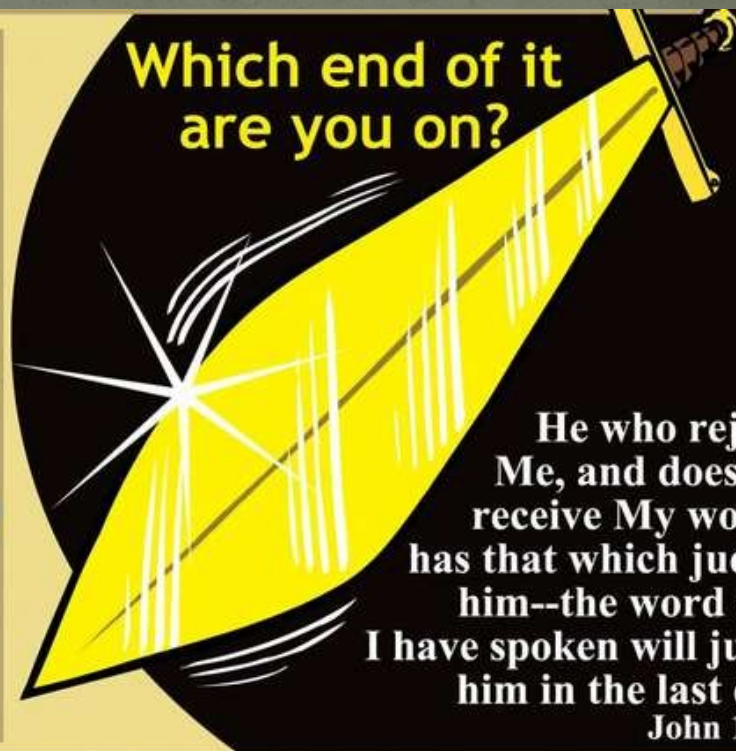
Many people think of the Bible as just a book, or even a 'good book'.



Yet it's God's Word. It's **POWERFUL!** Ephesians calls it a sword.  
Ephesians 6:17



And when it comes to swords, there's **one** really important thing to know.



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“The word of God is useful for teaching, rebuking, training in righteousness...”

# The Bible

- Psalm 19:7-9—“The law of the Lord is perfect... the testimony of the Lord is sure... the commandment of the Lord is pure... the judgments of the Lord are true forever.”
- Psalm 119:43—“the word of truth.”
- Psalm 119:142—“Thy law is the truth.”
- Psalm 119:160—“Thy word is true from the beginning.”
- John 17:17—“Thy word is truth.”
- 2 Peter 1:21 "No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."
- 2 Timothy 3:14-17 "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

# The Bible

**John 12:46-50** “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment--what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

**1 Cor 2:13** “This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”

# The Bible

- A divine, supernatural, God-inspired book.
- No other book that can compare. Is in a league all on it's own.
- The only book that reveals the origin, mission, and destiny of man
- Has never ever been proven wrong; even though many people over thousands of years have tried.
- It is the most desired and most read book of all time in the whole world.
- It is a love letter from God to man!
- Is not God, but leads us to the Living God which is the reason we read it; because we want more of Him!!
- Later we'll look at 5 evidences that prove the bible cannot be man made, but has to be divine.



**MEANING OF  
LIFE**

**STANDARDS**

**MARRIAGE**

**LAWS**

**CREATION**

**GOD'S  
WORD**

**ABORTION**

**PORNOGRAPHY**

**HOMOSEXUAL  
BEHAVIOR**

**LAWLESSNESS**

**EVOLUTION**

**MAN'S  
OPINION**

# Bible Facts

## Whole Bible

66 books

1,189 chapters

31,173 verses

774,746 words (3,566,480 letters)

Longest book: Psalms

Shortest book: 3 John

Oldest book: Job (1500 BC)

Youngest book: Revelation (95 AD)

Middle verse: Psalm 118:8

## Old Testament

39 books

929 chapters

23,214 verses

593,493 words

Psalms

Obadiah (3<sup>rd</sup> shortest book in the bible)

Job (1500 BC)

Malachi (400 BC)

2 Chronicles 20:13

Canonized: Before Jesus

## New Testament

27 books

260 chapters

7,959 verses

181,253 words

Acts

3 John (2 John has less verses but more words)

James (45 AD)

Revelation (95 AD)

Acts 17:17

Canonized: 375 AD

# Bible Facts

- Written over 1600 years (1450 BC – 100 AD)
- 40 different authors (shepherds, farmers, tent-makers, kings, philosophers, poets, statesmen, scholars, etc) (continents, mood)
- 3 languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Koine Greek)
- Translated into over 2,500 (out of 6500 in the world) languages already. (First English version – 1382 by John Wycliffe, completed 1388 by John Purvey) | Shakespeare (considered as the master writer) has only been translated into 50 languages, Quran also about 50, others much less.
- First ever translation was in 270BC. OT was translated into Greek in Alexandria, Egypt.
- By far the best-selling book of all time. (168,000 bibles sold or given away in the USA daily). Recent statistics show there are between 5 & 6 hundred million bibles distributed each year (578,029,863 in 2002). These distributions include book, cassette, video, etc. **Still the best seller!!**

# Bible Facts

- The word “God” appears 3,358 times in the bible (Is in every book except for Esther & Song of Solomon).
- The word “Lord” appears 7,736 times in the bible.
- Middle books are Micah & Nahum.
- Longest chapter: Psalm 119
- Shortest chapter: Psalm 117
- Longest verse: Esther 8:9
- Shortest verse: John 11:35
- Oldest man: Methuselah – 969 years old
- Split into chapters in AD 1228 by Cardinal Hugo
- Verses were added to the OT in AD 1488 by R.Nathan and to the NT in AD 1551 by Robertus Stephanus

# Bible Facts

- The bible holds the distinction of being the first ever printed book!
- The bible can be read aloud in about 70 hours.
- The 2 robbers crucified with Jesus were Dismas & Gestas.
- Voltaire, the famous French philosopher...
- The only domestic animal not mentioned in the bible is the cat!
- There are 1260 promises in the bible, 6468 commands, over 8000 predictions, and 3294 questions.

# Canon

- The word canon means “a straight rod” or “a carpenter’s rule”.
- It came to be applied to the Scriptures, to denote that they contained the authoritative rule of faith and practice, the standard of doctrine and duty.
- The bible is not God, but rather, it reveals and leads us to the Living God, which is ultimately the goal.
- God gave us the bible to reveal who He is FULLY, and what His purpose is FULLY. He didn’t forget anything!
- Not included: Apocrypha, the shepherd of Hermas, the epistle of Barnabas, etc.

# Canon

One of the world's greatest authorities on the Greek New Testament, Bruce Metzger, pointed out:

- 'You have to understand that the canon was not the result of a series of contests involving church politics. ... . You see, the canon is a list of authoritative books more than it is an authoritative list of books. These documents didn't derive their authority from being selected; each one was authoritative before anyone gathered them together.'

# Old Testament

- The Pentateuch (5 Books of Moses and the law): Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- 12 History books: Joshua to Esther
- 5 Wisdom books: Job to Song of Solomon
- 5 Major prophets: Isaiah to Daniel
- 12 Minor prophets: Hosea to Malachi
- 1500 BC till about 400 BC
- Written in Hebrew.
- Genesis had 11 different authors from God Himself, Adam, etc (eyewitnesses). They were written on clay tablets called cuneiform (discovered in Middle East, dating to 3500BC) with the author's signatures on the bottom. Source for other ancient writings.



Years After Creation  
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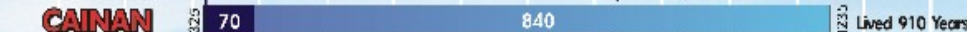
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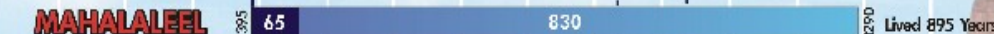
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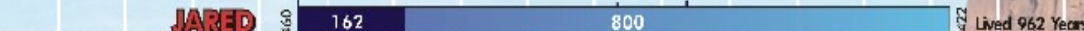
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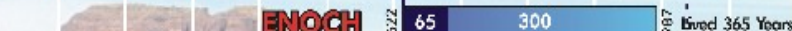
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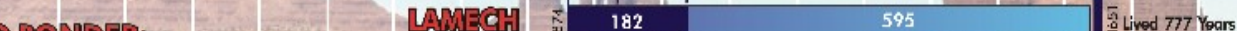
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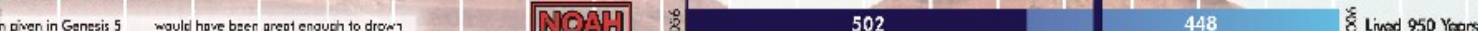
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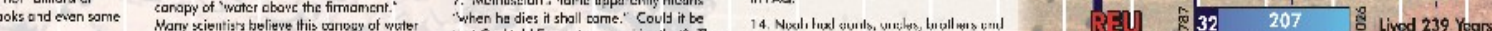
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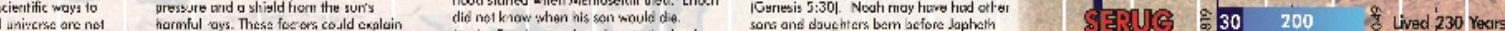
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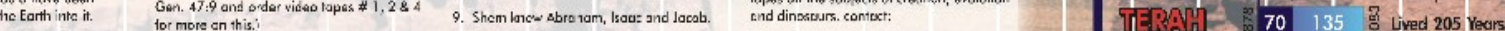
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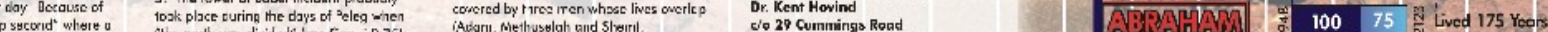
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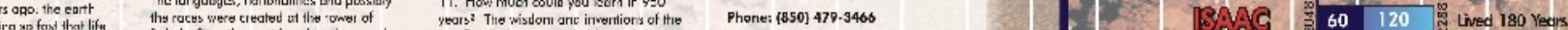
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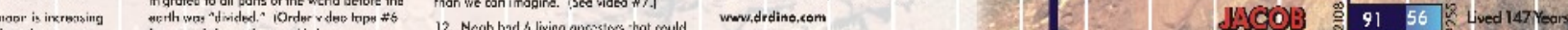
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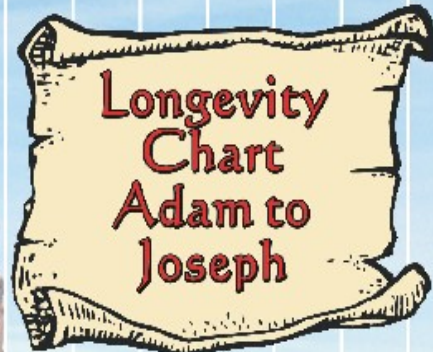
**ISAAC**



**JACOB**



**JOSEPH**



THE FLOOD 1656

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

1. From the information given in Genesis 5 and 11, it is easy to construct a chart like this. Genealogies are also found in Luke 3 and I Chronicles 1; however the spelling varies in a few instances and three people are excluded in some lists for good reason. Some have wrongly used this fact to justify adding millions of years to scripture.

2. Jesus said in Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6 that the creation of Adam and Eve was "the beginning" (see I Cor. 15:45 and Romans 5:12-14). By further comparing Exodus 20:11, Acts 13:20-21, I Kings 2:11, 11:42 and other verses given in the Bible and known history, it becomes obvious that the Bible teaches that Adam was created about 6,000 years ago, not "billions of years ago" as the textbooks and even some Christians now teach.

3. There are scores of scientific ways to show that the earth and universe are not "billions of years old." For example:

a. The sun is losing 5 million tons per second. At this rate, several billion years ago, the sun's gravity would have been much stronger, pulling the Earth into it.

b. The earth's spin is slowing down about 1/1000 of a second per day. Because of this fact we have a "leap second" where a second is added to the clock every 10 months. Billions of years ago, the earth would have been spinning so fast that life on earth would have been impossible.

c. The distance to the moon is increasing with each revolution. Since the moon obviously used to be closer to the earth, and the moon causes the tides, the tides

would have been great enough to drown everything on earth billions of years ago.

d. The thin layer of dust on the moon, the small amount of sediment in the oceans, the rate of heat loss of Earth, Jupiter, and other bodies in space, the erosion rate of the mountains, the weakening magnetic field, the small (though increasing) amount of silt in the ocean, the small human population (compare to the growth rate), the rate cave formations develop and a host of other facts from all branches of science show that the earth is not billions of years old. (See videotape #1 for more information on this subject.)

4. Genesis 1:6-7 and I Peter 3 tells of a canopy of "water above the firmament." Many scientists believe this canopy of water (or possibly ice) provided greater air pressure and a shield from the sun's harmful rays. These factors could explain the great age and size of man and animals before the flood. After the flood, the canopy was gone and the life span dropped off rapidly in the next few generations. (See Gen. 47:9 and order video tapes # 1, 2 & 4 for more on this.)

5. The tower of Babel incident probably took place during the days of Peleg when "his earth was divided" (see Gen. 10:25). "The languages, nationalities and possibly the races were created at the tower of Babel. Over the next few decades people migrated to all parts of the world before the earth was "divided." (Order video tape #6 for more information on this.)

6. II Peter 3:8: "One day with the Lord is

as a thousand (not billion) years, and a thousand years as one day." Bishop Usher calculated the creation to be 4004 B.C. (Our calendar is off by about four years since Christ was born around 4 B.C.) Could it be that God is working on a 7000 year calendar for the earth and that the 7th day (1000 years) is what is referred to in Rev. 20:2-7 and Isaiah 11:6-16, 65:17-25? I wouldn't be dogmatic about it, but it would be smart to be ready for I Thess. 4:16-18! (See also, Matt. 24:37-38; Luke 17: 24-27; Heb. 1:7; I Peter 3:20; II Peter 2:5)

7. Methuselah's name apparently means "when he dies it shall come." Could it be that God told Enoch to name him that? The flood started when Methuselah died. Enoch did not know when his son would die. Maybe Enoch stayed so close to the Lord that God just took him to heaven without dying? (See Gen. 5:21-24.)

8. Adam knew Methuselah for 243 years.

9. Shem knew Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

10. The first 7137 years of history are covered by three men whose lives overlap (Adam, Methuselah and Shem).

11. How much could you learn in 950 years? The wisdom and inventions of the pre-flood era were probably much greater than we can imagine. (See video #7.)

12. Noah had 6 living ancestors that could have known Adam personally.

13. All 10 of Abraham's post-flood

ancestors (even Noah) were alive for his early life (imagine family reunions!) There is a discrepancy about Terah's age at birth of Abraham. This is explained on our web site in FAQ.

14. Noah had aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters that probably drowned in the flood (Genesis 5:30). Noah may have had other sons and daughters born before Japheth that also drowned (Gen. 5:32).

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# Old Testament - Genesis

<b>Tablet</b>	<b>Starting Verse</b>	<b>Ending Verse</b>	<b>Owner or Writer</b>
1	Genesis 1:1	Genesis 2:4a	God Himself (?)
2	Genesis 2:4b	Genesis 5:1a	Adam
3	Genesis 5:1b	Genesis 6:9a	Noah
4	Genesis 6:9b	Genesis 10:1a	Shem, Ham & Japheth
5	Genesis 10:1b	Genesis 11:10a	Shem
6	Genesis 11:10b	Genesis 11:27a	Terah
7	Genesis 11:27b	Genesis 25:19a	Isaac
8	Genesis 25:12	Genesis 25:18	Ishmael, through Isaac
9	Genesis 25:19b	Genesis 37:2a	Jacob
10	Genesis 36:1	Genesis 36:43	Esau, through Jacob
11	Genesis 37:2b	Exodus 1:6	Jacob's 12 sons

# Old Testament –history books

- Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua cover history from creation to Israel's entrance into the promised land (also Job, Leviticus (book of worship), Deuteronomy (final instructions before entering promised land)).
- Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings cover history from time of Judges to the Babylonian captivity (also Ruth, Psalms (David), Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (Solomon), 1(David)&2(Solomon to Exile) Chronicles).
- Ezra, Nehemiah cover from after exile to the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem (also Esther)

# Old Testament – Prophetic books

- The following came before the exile: Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah
- During the exile: Jeremiah, Lamentations, Daniel, Ezekiel.
- After the exile: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
- Different prophets lived during the reign of different kings at different times during Israel's history.
- The Old Testament as we have it now was put together by Ezra, Nehemiah and the Great Synagogue (Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi) at the rebuilding of the temple (according to most Jewish writings). 400 BC

# Old Testament - Compilation

- Moses commanded that all the books of the law (Pentateuch) be placed in the Ark of the Covenant (*Deuteronomy 31:9, 26*).
- They were kept in the Ark during the wilderness journey and during Israel's permanent residence in Jerusalem (*2 Kings 22:8; Joshua 24:26; 1 Samuel 10:25*).
- Then over time the historical and prophetic writings were added to the temple that Solomon built. Solomon added his inspired writings (Proverbs, etc.) to the temple as well.

# Old Testament - Compilation

- Habakkuk prophesied about the Babylonian capture and Jeremiah prophesied before and during the captivity. Daniel and Ezekiel's books were also written during captivity.
- After the exile when Ezra and Nehemiah started rebuilding the temple and wall of Jerusalem, they collected all the books written so far for the library in the second temple, and added their own as well as Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi which was the last prophetic word before the 400 years of silence until Jesus came.
- During that time the nation backslid very badly.

# New Testament

- 5 History books: Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), Acts
- 21 Letters: Epistles – Romans to Jude
- 1 book of prophecy: Revelation
- Written between
- 45 AD (James) and 95 AD (Revelation)
- Officially canonized in 397 AD. Were regarded as authoritative and in use by the church long before then.
- About 6000 complete copies. (24000 if you include partial copies)

# New Testament

- Most of the books name the author, and all the books give other helpful clues, which the book of Acts helps us to date more accurately.
- Several statements in the Bible indicate that the New Testament would be written by apostles or approved by them. Peter called Paul's writings "scripture" (*2 Peter 3:16*), and Paul said he and other apostles spoke "the word of God" (*1 Thessalonians 2:13*).



# New Testament – Early church

- Before the close of the first century, Clement of Rome either quoted from or referred to more than half the New Testament books and called them “scripture.”
- By AD 180, Irenaeus of Lyons quoted over 1,000 passages from all but a handful of the New Testament books, calling them “holy Scriptures” given by the Holy Spirit.
- At the same time, Tertullian from North Africa referred to the “New Testament” and expounded on most of it.
- Origen from Alexandria in AD 240 referred to our 27 books as Scripture, and Athanasius used the same list in AD 367. They used no other books in the same way.

# New Testament - Compilation

- No one sat and decided which books should be included in the New Testament Canon; by the time the books were brought together as one book, called the New Testament, they were already universally accepted as inspired and were referred to as scripture. They had been in use as the Word of God for a couple hundred years already.
- Many deceivers wrote false gospels and letters, pretending that they were written by the apostles. But the early church leaders dismissed them as counterfeit and unreliable. The false gospels and letters betrayed themselves by their late date of composition—well beyond the time of the apostles—and by their teaching, which clearly conflicted with the canonical books and the accepted doctrines of the churches.

# What About the Apocrypha?

- The 11 to 16 books of the Apocrypha were written in the 400 years between the close of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New. While the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches treat some of these books as Scripture, Protestant Christians never have. Why is this?
  - The Jews never considered them as part of the Hebrew Scriptures. They believed that there was, throughout that period, no voice of the prophets in Israel. They looked forward to a day when “a faithful prophet” would appear (1 Maccabees 9:27). For the Jews, God’s revelation of the Scriptures through the prophets ended around 430 BC with the book of Malachi.

# What About the Apocrypha?

- Jesus and the Apostles never considered the Apocrypha as part of the Scriptures. Although there are hundreds of quotations and allusions to the Old Testament in the New Testament, never did Jesus or the apostles quote from the Apocrypha. Incidentally, the authors of the Bible do refer to other books, but this does not make them Scripture. For example, *Jude 14–15* refers to the book of Enoch, which is not part of the Roman Catholic Apocrypha.
- Unlike the Old Testament prophets, none of the books of the Apocrypha ever claimed divine authority.
- Some parts of the Apocrypha contain historical blunders.
- The community who copied the Dead Sea scrolls never gave the same authority to books of the Apocrypha as to the Old Testament books.

# Dead Sea Scrolls

- 1947, a boy named Juma climbed a cliff on the north west shore of the Dead Sea to fetch one of his goats.
- He found 2 caves and through a stone into one of them and heard a cracking sound. He thought it was treasure. It was but of a different kind! 😊
- They discovered jars with bundles wrapped in cloth, a bit green with age.
- After a bit of a journey, it ended up that they had discovered a group of manuscripts that were 1000 years older than the then oldest known Hebrew texts of the bible (many written 100 years before the birth of Jesus).

# Dead Sea Scrolls

- 10 additional caves were discovered in the surrounding area also containing scrolls.
- The excavators then directed their attention to a nearby ruin which was always thought to be the remains of an old Roman fortress; but was actually the remains of the Qumran community which lived there between 125 BC and AD 68. In the ruins they discovered a scriptorium which was probably where all the manuscripts were copied.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls contained all the biblical books except for Esther. Many other historical texts were also found.
- All the copies of the Dead Sea Scrolls were almost exact matches with all the other copies of biblical manuscripts.  
INCREDIBLE!!

# Evidence of Divine Inspiration

- Unique historical accuracy
- l Scientific accuracy
- a Unique structure
- a Fulfilled prophecies
- c Unique Effect

# Unique historical accuracy

- Broken telephone analogy is false. The bible was never translated from translations of translations.
- All translations are translated from the original language. A one step process.
- We have about 6000 copies of the original documents in the original Greek language that were made very close to the time of the originals, which when compared are about 99.8% textually pure. Only differences are things like Jesus / Jesus Christ. So they're almost 100% the same. That is remarkably accurate!!



# Comparison Chart

<b>Author</b>	<b>Date Written</b>	<b>Earliest Copy</b>	<b>Approximate Time between original &amp; copy</b>	<b>Copies</b>	<b>Accuracy of Copies</b>
Lucretius	died 55 or 53 B.C.		1100 yrs	2	----
Pliny	61-113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750 yrs	7	----
Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	7	----
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	1100 A.D.	800 yrs	8	----
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Suetonius	75-160 A.D.	950 A.D.	800 yrs	8	----
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1300 yrs	9	----
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200	10	----
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1000	10	----
Livy	59 BC-AD 17	----	???	20	----
Tacitus	circa 100 A.D.	1100 A.D.	1000 yrs	20	----
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1400	49	----
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	1000 A.D.	1400 yrs	193	----
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	1st Cent. A.D. (50-100 A.D.)	2nd Cent. A.D. (c. 130 A.D.)	less than 100 years	5600	99.8%

# Unique historical accuracy

- In it's own class, far superior to any other ancient records (Egypt, Assyria, etc.).
- Archaeological confirmations almost innumerable.
- Dr. Nelson Glueck, probably the greatest modern authority on Israeli archaeology, has said:

*"No archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological 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."*

# Unique historical accuracy

- The discovery of the Ebla archive in northern Syria.
  - Ebla was an ancient city from the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC.
  - About 15,000 clay tablets from about 2300 BC.
  - Confirms that personal and place names in the Patriarchal accounts are genuine.
  - Critics said the name “Canaan” didn’t exist in that time and was used incorrectly in the bible; until they found the name on these tablets. 😊
  - The word “Tehom” (the deep), which critics said was a late word demonstrating the late writing of the creation story, was also found in Ebla’s vocabulary; in use some 800 years before Moses.
  - Ancient customs reflected in the stories of the Patriarchs have also been found in clay tablets from Nuzi and Mari.
  - Some others: Names: Abarama/Abraham, Bilhah, Ishma-el, Isûra-el, Esau, Mika-el, Mikaya, Saul, David, etc. Places: Ashtaroth, Sinai, Jerusalem (Ye-ru-sa-lu-um), Hazor, Lachish, Gezer, Dor, Megiddo, Joppa, Ur, Sodom, Gomorrah ,etc.
  - The Ebla archive also contains references to the biblical creation story and the flood. 😊

# Unique historical accuracy

- The Hittites were once thought to be a Biblical legend, until their capital and records were discovered at Bogazkoy, Turkey.
- Many thought the Biblical references to Solomon's wealth were greatly exaggerated. Recovered records from the past show that wealth in antiquity was concentrated with the king and Solomon's prosperity was entirely feasible.
- It was once claimed there was no Assyrian king named Sargon as recorded in *Isaiah 20:1*, because this name was not known in any other record. Then, Sargon's palace was discovered in Khorsabad, Iraq. The very event mentioned in *Isaiah 20*, his capture of Ashdod, was recorded on the palace walls. What is more, fragments of a stela memorializing the victory were found at Ashdod itself.
- The 11th tablet of the Gilgamesh Epic speaks of an ark, animals on the ark, birds sent out during the course of the **flood**, the ark landing on a mountain, and a sacrifice offered after the ark landed.
- **The flood.** Loads of scientific and geographic evidence of a global flood.



# Unique historical accuracy

- Another king who was in doubt was Belshazzar, king of Babylon, named in Daniel 5. The last king of Babylon was Nabonidus according to recorded history. Tablets were found showing that Belshazzar was Nabonidus' son who served as coregent in Babylon. Thus, Belshazzar could offer to make Daniel "third highest ruler in the kingdom" (Dan. 5:16) for reading the handwriting on the wall, the highest available position. Here we see the "eye-witness" nature of the Biblical record, as is so often brought out by the discoveries of archaeology.

On the right is a tablet listing the Sumerian Kings.

Interestingly lists kings who reigned for long periods of time.

Then a great flood came. Following the flood, Sumerian kings ruled for much shorter periods of time. This is the same pattern found in the Bible. Men had long life spans before the flood and shorter life spans after the flood.



# Unique historical accuracy

- Campaign into Israel by Pharaoh Shishak (1 Kings 14:25-26), recorded on the walls of the Temple of Amun in Thebes, Egypt.
- Revolt of Moab against Israel (2 Kings 1:1; 3:4-27), recorded on the Mesha Inscription.
- Fall of Samaria (2 Kings 17:3-6, 24; 18:9-11) to Sargon II, king of Assyria, as recorded on his palace walls.
- Defeat of Ashdod by Sargon II (Isaiah 20:1), as recorded on his palace walls.
- Campaign of the Assyrian king Sennacherib against Judah (2 Kings 18:13-16), as recorded on the Taylor Prism.
- Siege of Lachish by Sennacherib (2 Kings 18:14, 17), as recorded on the Lachish reliefs.
- Assassination of Sennacherib by his own sons (2 Kings 19:37), as recorded in the annals of his son Esarhaddon.
- Fall of Nineveh as predicted by the prophets Nahum and Zephaniah (2:13-15), recorded on the Tablet of Nabopolassar.



**Taylor Prism**



**Tablet of  
Nabopolassar**

**Mesha  
Inscription**



# Unique historical accuracy

- Fall of Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (2 Kings 24:10-14), as recorded in the Babylonian Chronicles.
- Captivity of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in Babylon (2 Kings 24:15-16), as recorded on the Babylonian Ration Records.
- Fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians (Daniel 5:30-31), as recorded on the Cyrus Cylinder.
- Freeing of captives in Babylon by Cyrus the Great (Ezra 1:1-4; 6:3-4), as recorded on the Cyrus Cylinder.
- The existence of Jesus Christ as recorded by Josephus, Suetonius, Thallus, Pliny the Younger, the Talmud, and Lucian.
- Forcing Jews to leave Rome during the reign of Claudius (A.D. 41-54) (Acts 18:2), as recorded by Suetonius.
- Also, burial sites of a number of people in the bible have been found.
- Etc, etc, etc.



# Scientific accuracy

Another striking evidence of divine inspiration is found in the fact that many of the principles of modern science were recorded as facts of nature in the Bible long before scientist confirmed them experimentally.

- Roundness of the earth (*Isaiah 40:22*) “circle of the earth”
- Almost infinite extent of the sidereal universe (*Isaiah 55:9*)
- Law of conservation of mass and energy (*II Peter 3:7*)
- Hydrologic cycle (*Ecclesiastes 1:7*)
- Vast number of stars (*Jeremiah 33:22*)
- Law of increasing entropy (*Psalms 102:25-27*)
- Paramount importance of blood in life processes (*Leviticus 17:11*)
- Atmospheric circulation (*Ecclesiastes 1:6*)
- Gravitational field (*Job 26:7*)
- And many others.

# Scientific accuracy

- “Things which are seen are made of things which are not seen.”  
Atoms, etc.
- Medical science discovered that blood clotting in babies peaks on the eighth day, then drops. Bible says often that a baby must be circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day!
- The earth “floats” in space. Job 26:7 “He...hangs the earth on nothing”
- Stars radio waves comes to earth as high pitch. Job 38:7 “The morning stars sang together”
- In 1845, Dr Ignaz Semmelweis discovered washing of hands by doctors reduced infection. Lev 15:13 “...bathe his flesh in running water, will be clean...”
- Vedas, Bhagavad-Gita, Quran, Book of Mormon, etc pale next to the bible!! They all contain scientific errors. Only the bible carries this incredible scientific accuracy!!

# Unique structure

The remarkable structure of the Bible should also be stressed. Although it is a collection of 66 books, written by 40 or more different men over a period of 1,600 years, it is clearly one Book, with perfect unity and consistency throughout.

The individual writers, at the time of writing, had no idea that their message was eventually to be incorporated into such a Book, 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.

# Fulfilled prophecies

The remarkable evidence of fulfilled prophecy is just one case in point. Hundreds of Bible prophecies have been fulfilled, specifically and meticulously, often long after the prophetic writer had passed away.

For example, Daniel the prophet predicted in about 538 BC (*Daniel 9:24-27*) that Christ would come as Israel's promised Saviour and Prince 483 years after the Persian emperor would give the Jews authority to rebuild Jerusalem, which was then in ruins. This was clearly and definitely fulfilled, hundreds of years later.

There are extensive prophecies dealing with individual nations and cities and with the course of history in general, all of which have been literally fulfilled. More than 300 prophecies were fulfilled by Christ Himself at His first coming. Other prophecies deal with the spread of Christianity, as well as various false religions, and many other subjects.

# Fulfilled prophecies

There is no other book, ancient or modern, like this. The vague, and usually erroneous, prophecies of people like Jeanne Dixon, Nostradamus, Edgar Cayce, and others like them are not in the same category at all, and neither are other religious books such as the Koran, the Confucian Analects, and similar religious writings. Only the Bible manifests this remarkable prophetic evidence, and it does so on such a tremendous scale as to render completely absurd any explanation other than divine revelation.

- Law of Probability (10<sup>50</sup> 10 with 50 0's)
  - 8 prophecies fulfilled in one man = 10<sup>17</sup> (1 in 100 000 000 000 000 000). Imagine a financial investment had that chance of failure.
  - 48 Prophecies = 10<sup>157</sup> (very difficult to illustrate; beyond the realm of chance)
  - Jesus fulfilled over 456 prophecies of over 8000 verses. Impossible that it was chance.

# Fulfilled prophecies

- Ps 2:2 “The Kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against His Anointed One”
- Ps 16:10 “You will not abandon me to the grave, nor will You let your Holy One see decay.”
- Ps 22:1 “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?”
- Ps 27:12 “False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.”
- Is 50:5-7 “The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious, I have not drawn back. I have offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pull out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.”
- Jer 31:15 “A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.”
- Micah 5:1 “They will strike Israel’s ruler on his cheek with a rod.”
- Zech 9:9 “...Jerusalem! See your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

# Fulfilled prophecies

- Dan 9:25-26(John 12:12-13) “Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens’, and sixty-two ‘sevens’...After the sixty-two ‘sevens’, the Anointed One will be cut off...He will put an end to sacrifice and offering...the end that is decreed is poured out on Him.”

The precise timing of Jesus' crucifixion was also given to the Jews when God revealed to the prophet Daniel (9:24) how the Jews could calculate the day of the revealing of the Messiah. Talking of a 490 year period, the prophet foresaw that it would begin "from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem" (9:25). In the book of Nehemiah we learn that this command was given "in the month Nisan [on the Hebrew calendar], in the twentieth year of the king" (2:1). The king was Artaxerxes Longimanus who ruled from 465 to 425 B.C. The prophet Daniel said that 483 years from that date, the Messiah would be revealed to Israel, but He would then "be cut off, but not for himself" (9:26). This prophecy refers to the crucifixion when Jesus died, or was cut off, for the sins of the world.

483 years later, to the day, was Sunday, April 6, 32 A.D. On that day, which we commemorate as Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and revealed Himself as Israel's Messiah. He was killed four days later, thus fulfilling the prophecy that He would be revealed and then slain.

- Micah 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”
- Zech 11:12 “...So they paid me 30 pieces of silver...”

# Fulfilled prophecies

- Zech 11:13 “...Through the money into the house of the potter...”
- He will be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). Fulfilled: Matthew 1; Luke 1.
- He will be a priest after the order of Melchisedek (Psalm 110:4). Fulfilled: Hebrews 5:6
- Isaiah 52:13 to 53:1-12 “Read”
- He will come while the Temple of Jerusalem is standing ( Malachi 3:1; Psalm 118:26; Daniel 9:26; Zechariah 11:13; Haggai 2:7-9). Fulfilled: Matthew 21:12, etc. (Note: The Temple did not exist at certain periods in Jewish history, and it was finally destroyed in 70 A.D.)
- **He will perform many miracles** (Isaiah 35:5-6). Fulfillment: See list of "Miracles Recorded in the Gospels".
- **He will open the eyes of the blind** (Isa. 29:18). Fulfillment: Matt 9:27-31; 12:22; 20:29; Mark 8:22-26; 10:46; Luke 11:14; 18:35; John 9:1-7.
- **He will speak in parables** (Psalm 78:2). Fulfillment: Matthew 13:34, etc.
- **The Gentiles will believe in Him, while His own people (the Jews) will reject him** ( Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; 49:6; 50:6; 60:3; Psalms 22:7-8; 118:22). Fulfillment: 1 Peter 2:7, etc.
- **A messenger (a man of the wilderness) will prepare the way for Him** (Isa. 40:3; Malachi 3:1). See John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-3; 11:10; John 1:23; Luke 1:17).



# Fulfilled prophecies

- **He will enter Jerusalem riding a donkey** (the colt of an ass) (Zechariah 9:9). Fulfillment: Matt. 21:5; Luke 19:32-37.
- **He will be hated for no reason** (Psalm 69:4). Fulfillment: John 15:25.
- **He will be betrayed** (Psalm 41:9). Fulfillment: Matt. 27:3-10.
- **More specifically, He will be betrayed by a friend** (Psalm 41:9). Fulfillment: Matt. 27:3-10; 26:47-48.
- **The price of his betrayal will be thirty pieces of silver** (Zech. 11:12). Fulfillment: Matt. 27:3-10.
- **The betrayal money will be cast onto the floor** (Zech. 11:13). Fulfillment: Matt. 27:5.
- **More specifically, it will be cast onto the floor of the Temple** (Zech. 11:13). Fulfillment: Matt. 27:3-10.
- **The betrayal money will be used to buy a potter's field** (Zech. 11:13). Fulfillment: Matt. 27:6-10.
- **He will not open his mouth to defend himself** (Isaiah 53:7). Fulfillment: Matthew 27:12.
- **He will be beaten and spit upon** (Isaiah 50:6). Fulfillment: Matthew 26:67; 27:26-30.
- **He will be "numbered with the transgressors"** (Isaiah 53:12). Fulfillment: Jesus was crucified as a criminal in between two thieves (Mat 27:38).
- **He will be pierced** (Zechariah 12:10). Fulfillment: John 19:34
- **His hands and feet will be pierced** (Psalm 22:16; cf. Zechariah 12:10; Galatians 3:13).
- **Crucifixion foretold.** Psalm 22 graphically prophecies the Messiah's manner of death. At the time the psalm was written (and long after), the penalty for blasphemy was stoning. However, at the time Jesus was condemned by the Sanhedrin, it no longer had the legal right to put people to death. Thus, the case was taken to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate who crucified him according to Roman custom (see: Crucifixion). Read :14-18)

# Fulfilled prophecies

- **His bones will not be broken** (Psalm 34:20; Exodus 12 states that the Passover lamb's bones are not to be broken.). Fulfillment: John 19:33.
- **They will divide his clothing and cast lots for them** (Psalm 22:18). Fulfillment: John 19:23-24.
- **He will be given vinegar and gall to drink** (Psalm 69:21). Fulfillment: Matthew 27:34, 48.
- **He will say: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"** (Psalm 22:1). Fulfillment: Matthew 27:46.
- **He will be buried with the rich** (Isaiah 53:9). Fulfillment: Matthew 27. According to Henry Morris,
- This passage [Isaiah 53:9] could also be read, "they planned His grave (to be) with the wicked, but it was with a rich man [Joseph of Arimathea] in His death." (Henry M. Morris, The Defender's Bible)
- **He will not decay** (Psalm 16:10). Fulfillment: Acts 2:31
- **He will be resurrected from the dead** (Psalm 16:10). Fulfillment: Acts 2:31, etc. See: "Resurrection of Christ".
- **He will ascend into heaven** (Psalm 68:18). Fulfillment: Acts 1:9.
- **He will be seated at the right hand of God** (Psalm 110:1). Fulfillment: Hebrews 1:3.
- **He will be the Son of God** (Psa. 2:7). Fulfilled: Matthew 3:17, etc.
- Etc, etc, etc.

Even this evidence alone completely eradicates any notion that the bible is not the inspired, inerrant Word of God!

# Unique Effect

The Bible is unique also in terms of its effect on individual men and on the history of nations. It is the all-time best seller, appealing both to hearts and minds, beloved by at least some in every race or nation or tribe to which it has gone, rich or poor, scholar or simple, king or commoner, men of literally every background and walk of life. **No other book has ever held such universal appeal nor produced such lasting effects.**

One final evidence that the Bible is true is found in the testimony of those who have believed it. Multitudes of people, past and present, have found from personal experience that its promises are true, its counsel is sound, its commands and restrictions are wise, and its wonderful message of salvation meets every need for both time and eternity.

# Exegesis vs Eisegesis

- Eisegesis is when you interpret something with a preconceived idea. Ex. 6 days = 6 ages.
- This can lead to any interpretation you want.
- How sects are formed.
- Exegesis is when you interpret something in the normal language and context of how it is written.

# Exegesis vs Eisegesis

## EISEGESIS

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first ~~day~~.

MILLIONS OF YEARS IS TRUE!

DAY CAN'T BE A REGULAR DAY!

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Where in scripture does God ever give man dominion over God's Word?

## EXEGESIS

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

ACCORDING TO THE LANGUAGE AND CONTEXT...

'DAY' IS A REGULAR DAY!



# EISEGESIS

‘Reading into’

## Genesis 1

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

So the evening and the morning were the first day.

**YOM**  
**really means**  
**“long ages”**



eisegesis (n., pl.) eis·e·ge·sis

1. an interpretation, esp. of Scripture, that expresses the interpreter's own ideas, bias, or the like, rather than the meaning of the text.

# Genesis 1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was

on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering

over the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good, and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

So the evening and the morning were the first day.

# EXEGESIS

‘Reading out of’

Regular  
length  
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YOM IN CONTEXT

exegesis (n., pl.) ex·e·ge·sis

1. critical explanation or interpretation of a text or portion of a text, esp. of the Bible.

# Answers to questions about the bible

- There are people out there that don't like the bible at all. Why is that?
- The bible is God's Word to us which calls us to repentance and obedience, which some people don't like.
- Obedience to the Word leads to life and life in abundance (joy, peace, etc.)
- Disobedience to it leads to death and destruction.
- Question asked: "How did the tablets of Adam, etc. survive the flood.?"



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I applied mine heart  
to **know**, and to  
**search**, and to **seek**  
**out wisdom**, and the  
reason of things,



Ecc 7:25

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**But sanctify the Lord God  
in your hearts: and **be  
ready always to give an  
answer** to every man  
that asks you a reason of  
the hope that is in you  
with meekness and fear.**



**1 Peter 3:15**

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**Study** to show thyself  
approved unto God, a  
workman that needeth  
not to be ashamed,  
**rightly dividing the  
word of truth.**



**2 Tim 2:15**

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# The Da Vinci Code

## Overview

- The gospels are **not historically accurate**. The Roman Catholic Church instigated a cover-up of some **80 gospel accounts** that shed new light on the identity of Jesus.
- Jesus was **married to Mary Magdalene** and she and their bloodline are the Holy Grail.
- The truth about this has been hidden but kept alive by a secret society called the “**Priory of Sion**”, which was lead by people like Da Vinci.
- The early church did **not believe that Jesus was divine**. Instead, they “voted” for His divinity and the bible at the council of Nicea in the fourth century.

*A bloom from earth, its sweet smell, its fame  
The Bard hailed its beauty, regardless its name...*



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# The Da Vinci Code

## Overview

- The Da Vinci Code idea has been around in one form or another since about the second century AD and has its roots in Gnosticism.
- Almost all biblical and historical (secular included) scholars have criticised and discarded Dan Brown's so called facts as fiction that have no merit or historical accuracy.
- Even though the movie is clearly deceitful and portrays lies as fact, it still grossed around \$780 million in 2006 (and that's just cinema, not DVD or the book).
- Most people don't know the facts behind the story and what the truth really is, so they'll be deceived

# The Da Vinci Code

## 1. The bible is not historically accurate:

**Are there missing books of the Bible?** In *The Da Vinci Code*, historian Teabing calls the creation of the Bible "The fundamental irony of Christianity!" and asserts, "The Bible, as we know it today, was collated by the pagan Roman emperor Constantine the Great" (p. 231). If this is true, the Bible we have today was produced by a process which occurred around AD 325.

What are the actual facts?

# The Da Vinci Code

## 1. The bible is not historically accurate:

- Just some points.
- The Old Testament was completed 400 BC, and was in wide authoritative use long before Constantine. They were in fact translated into Greek already before Jesus was even born.
- The New Testament, as I said, was already in wide authoritative use by the church hundreds of years before Constantine.
- These are the undisputable historical facts.



# The Da Vinci Code

## 1. The bible is not historically accurate:

In the first century, a number of books were soon produced in response to the ministry of Jesus. As an example, Peter told his readers, "[Paul] writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do to the other Scriptures, to their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16). Thus Peter considered Paul's writings to be "Scripture."

Other **less reputable books** began to appear as well. Among them was the *Protoevangelion*, purporting to supply details of the birth of Christ; two books on the **infancy of Christ**, one claiming to be written by **Thomas**; and the *Gospel of Nicodemus*, sometimes called the *Acts of Pontius Pilate*. However, by the mid-second century **only Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** were accepted universally by the church. The other "gospels" simply did not meet the criteria for acceptance .

Note that this process was completed two centuries before Constantine. For example, in AD 115 **Ignatius** referred to the four gospels of our New Testament as "the gospel"; in AD 170, **Tatian** made a "harmony of the gospels" using only these four; around AD 180, **Irenaeus** referred to the four gospels as firmly established in the church.

The **Muratorian Canon** was established around AD 200, representing the usage of the church at Rome at that time. The list omitted James, 1 and 2 Peter, 3 John, and Hebrews (all due to authorship questions), though these were soon included in later canons. It excluded all gospels but the four in our Bible today. And it did so more than a century before Constantine.

# The Da Vinci Code

## 1. The bible is not historically accurate:

The New Testament list we use today was set forth by **Athanasius in A.D. 367**. His list was approved by church councils meeting at **Hippo Regius in 393** and **Carthage in 397**. Again, these decisions **did not create the New Testament**. They simply recognized what the Church had **viewed as Scripture for generations**. And Constantine had nothing to do with these decisions. To put forward that the emperor (Constantine) created the bible is either **ignorance or a blatant lie**.

F. F. Bruce was one of the world's foremost authorities on the creation of the Bible canon. His opinion should be considered: "One thing must be emphatically stated. The New Testament books **did not become authoritative** for the Church because they were formally **included in a canonical list**; on the contrary, the Church included them in her canon because she **already regarded them as divinely inspired**, recognizing their innate worth and generally apostolic authority, direct or indirect. . . . what these councils did was **not to impose something new** upon the Christian communities but to codify what was **already the general practice** of those communities."

# The Da Vinci Code

## 1. The bible is not historically accurate:

Brown claims that the church knew of **more than 80 gospels**, but only chose four. The *Nag Hammadi Library* (published in 1977) is considered one of, if not the best resource on biblical and extra-biblical history. This library lists a **total of 45 titles**, and not all of them were gospels. Another collection, *The Gnostic Scriptures* (by Bentley Layton) has just **short of 40 works**, only three of which have the title *gospel*. Many of these overlap the same works in the *Nag Hammadi* list. At best, there were 60 works, and the strong majority were not gospel accounts.

# The Da Vinci Code

## 1. The bible is not historically accurate:

The early books called the **Gnostic Gospels** often **disagree with the inspired gospels** of God's Word. Historians and theologians have studied these writings for thousands of years since the second century when they first surfaced. The **church fathers speak** of the **heresies** of these groups: **Irenaeus** (ca. 130-200), **Hippolytus** (ca. 170-236) and **Tertullian** (ca. 160-after 200), all write about the Gnostics. The writings were **rejected by early church fathers** because they **did not correspond with the clear teachings** of the 27 other books that were already being considered as the canon of Scripture.

# The Da Vinci Code

## 2. Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and she and their bloodline are the Holy Grail:

- *"Jesus was the original feminist. He intended for the future of the church to be in the hands of Mary Magdalene"* Sir Leigh Teabing, *The Da Vinci Code* p.248
- *"If Jesus were not married, at least one of the Bible's gospel's would have mentioned it and offered some explanation for His unnatural state of bachelorhood."* Robert Langdon, *The Da Vinci Code* p.245
- *"When Grail legend speaks of 'the chalice that held the blood of Christ' it speaks, in fact, of Mary Magdalene - the female womb that carried Jesus' royal bloodline."* Sir Leigh Teabing, *The Da Vinci Code* p.249
- *"Companion of savior is Mary Magdalene. Christ loved her more than all the disciples and used to kiss her often on the mouth. The disciples were offended at this."* Gospel of Phillip, *The Da Vinci Code* p. 246
- *"Mary Magdalene became secretly known by many pseudonyms - the Chalice, the Holy Grail..."*  
Sir Leigh Teabing, *The Da Vinci Code* p.254
- *"The Last Supper practically shouts at the viewer that Jesus and Magdalene were a pair."*  
Sir Leigh Teabing, *The Da Vinci Code* p.244

# The Da Vinci Code

## 2. Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene:

- The story goes that Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married and had children and Mary and their bloodline are the Holy Grail.
- Easy to refute as there is literally NO reliable historical evidence for this. In fact all the reliable evidence points to the bible accounts being 100% true.
- Some interesting things to consider:

# The Da Vinci Code

## 2. Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene:

The main passage that Brown uses as support is a little known paragraph from the Gnostic writings (Gospel of Philip 63:32-64:10). This text describes Mary Magdalene as a “companion” of Jesus. History tells us that this text from the Gospel of Philip was composed in the second half of the third century. This is a full two hundred years after the life of Jesus. (The four Christian gospels -- were written and being circulated within the first 90 years of the time of Christ.) The passage that Brown uses as his premise has many missing elements.

The key part of the text is broken at 63:33-36 and reads,

*“And the companion of the...Mary Magdalene...her more than...the disciples...kiss her...on her...”*

Brown adds his own words to this manuscript to support his point. Brown uses this manuscript and his imagination to say that Jesus was married to and had sex with Mary Magdalene. No serious scholar or serious historian who understands the complexities of Bible and extra-biblical exegesis would call this skilful academic interpretation.

# The Da Vinci Code

## 2. Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene:

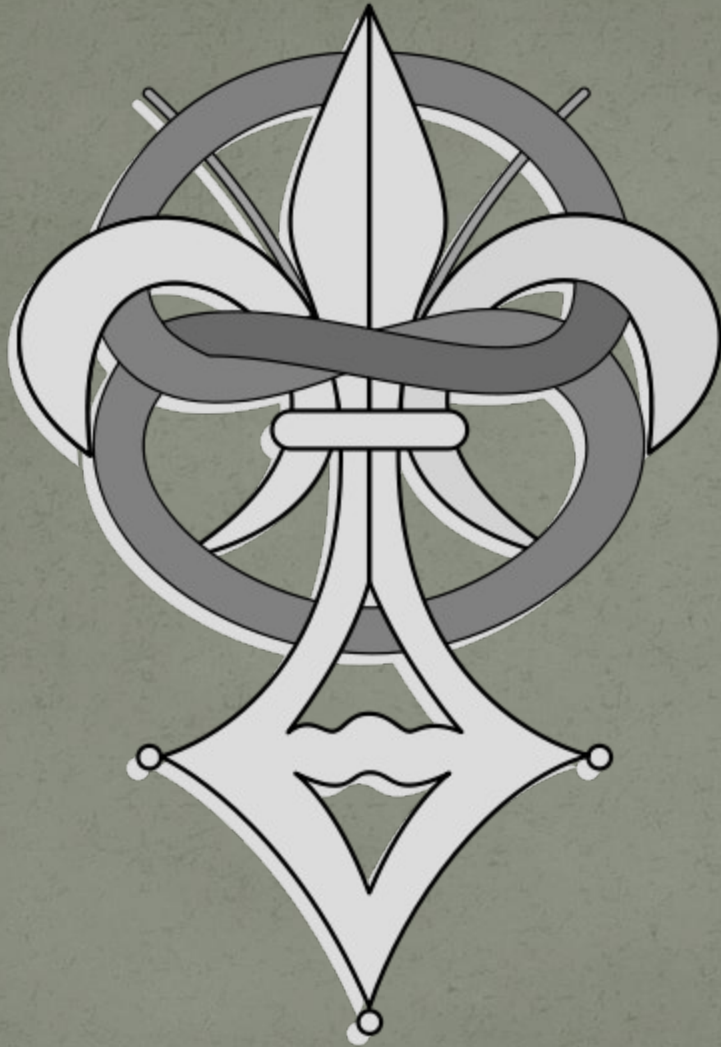
- Tens of thousands of ancient texts speak of Jesus, yet no mention of any wife.
- There is no mention of Jesus' wife during His ministry.
- When Jesus was tried and crucified, there is no mention of a wife.
- After Jesus death and resurrection, there is no mention of a wife.
- Jesus' family members -- mother, brothers, sisters -- are mentioned, yet no wife.
- There is no indication that Jesus was widowed.
- Paul in 1 Cor 9:5 defends his right to marry and mentions Peter and Barnabas; but not Jesus.



# The Da Vinci Code

## 3. Priory of Sion:

- Secret Society that supposedly hid the truth about Jesus and Mary Magdalene.
- *"The Priory of Sion was founded in Jerusalem in 1099 by a French king named Godefroi de Bouillon, immediately after he conquered the city."* Robert Langdon, The Da Vinci Code p. 157
- *"The identities of living Priory members are kept extremely secret."* Robert Langdon, The Da Vinci Code p. 113
- *"The Priory's membership has included some of history's most cultured individuals: men like Botticelli, Sir Isaac Newton, Victor Hugo and Leonardo Da Vinci."* Robert Langdon, The Da Vinci Code p. 113
- Ok; what are the facts here?



# Priority Of Sion Logo

# The Da Vinci Code

## 3. Priory of Sion:

- The Priory of Sion itself was not a real secret society established in 1099 but actually a hoax created in 1956 by a Mr. Pierre Plantard.
- The Journal Officiel de la République Française records the Priory of Sion as beginning in May of 1956 when it registered with the French government as a new organization.
- According to CBS News, the name for the organization does not originate in Jerusalem, but in a local landmark south of Annemasse - a hill called 'Mont Sion'.
- The *Les Dossiers Secrets* documents containing the names of the supposed Grand Masters have been found to be forgeries.

# The Da Vinci Code

## 3. Priory of Sion:

- In 1993 Pierre Plantard admitted in a French court under oath that he had made up the entire Priory story. Chérissey had also admitted their story was false.
- Pierre Plantard was a convicted fraudster.
- There is no mention of this organization in any historical document until after 1956.
- **Critic Marcia Ford wrote:**“ Regardless of whether you agree with Brown's conclusions, it's clear that his history is largely fanciful, which means he and his publisher have violated a long-held if unspoken agreement with the reader: Fiction that purports to present historical facts should be researched as carefully as a nonfiction book would be.
- **Critic Richard Abanes wrote:**“ The most flagrant aspect ... is not that Dan Brown disagrees with Christianity but that he utterly warps it in order to disagree with it ... to the point of completely rewriting a vast number of historical events. And making the matter worse has been Brown's willingness to pass off his distortions as 'facts' with which innumerable scholars and historians agree.

# The Da Vinci Code

## 4. The early church did not believe Jesus was divine:

"My dear," Teabing declared, "until that moment in history, Jesus was viewed by His followers as a mortal prophet. . . a great and powerful man, but a man nevertheless. A mortal."

"Not the Son of God?"

"Right," Teabing said. "Jesus' establishment as the Son of God was officially proposed and voted on by the Council of Nicaea."

"Hold on. You're saying Jesus divinity was the result of a vote?"

The Da Vinci Code p. 233

- Hold on a second, what are the facts here?

# The Da Vinci Code

## 4. The early church did not believe Jesus was divine:

- Interestingly enough, this is the right question to be asking because, no self respecting historian can deny that Jesus lived about 2000 years ago and is a significant historical figure (BC, AD). But do you believe that He was God? If yes, then there are some very important consequences.
- Jesus was either a liar, a lunatic, or truly God in the flesh and the creator of the heavens and the earth!
- All the evidence shows that Jesus was neither a liar, nor a lunatic and that there is no reason to not believe what He claimed.
- Matt 16:15 Jesus asks Peter “*Who do you say I am?*”

# The Da Vinci Code

## 4. The early church did not believe Jesus was divine:

- Jesus' divinity could not have been decided by a vote at the counsel of Nicea in AD 325 because many writings of scripture and of the early church father's from long before that show that they church already believed and taught that. (John 10:30-38, Matthew 16:13-17, Mark 14:61-64, John 14:6, Hebrews 1:8, Colossians 1:16, John 12:40-41 [quoting Isaiah 6:1-10])
- The entire flow of the Old Testament requires that God come into the world, as Immanuel (God-with-us e.g. Isaiah 7:14).
- Even non-Christian writings from Romans such as Celsus, Pliny and Lucian state that the Christians venerated Jesus as God.

# The Da Vinci Code

## 4. The early church did not believe Jesus was divine:

- Jesus' original followers were routinely martyred for their belief that Jesus was God - a belief they would not recant even unto death.
- Ignatius: "God Himself was manifested in human form" (A.D. 105).
- Clement: "It is fitting that you should think of Jesus Christ as of God" (A.D. 150).
- Justin Martyr: "The Father of the universe has a Son. And He...is even God" (A.D. 160).
- Irenaeus: "He is God, for the name Emmanuel indicates this" (A.D. 180).
- Tertullian: "...Christ our God" (A.D. 200).
- Origen: "No one should be offended that the Savior is also God..." (A.D. 225).
- Novation: "...He is not only man, but God also..." (A.D. 235).
- Cyprian: "Jesus Christ, our Lord and God" (A.D. 250).
- Methodius: "...He truly was and is...with God, and being God..." (A.D.290).
- Lactantius: "We believe Him to be God" (A.D. 304).
- Arnobius: "Christ performed all those miracles...the...duty of Divinity" (A.D. 305).



# The Da Vinci Code

- Lots more could be said here, but I think the point has been made that the Da Vinci Code is a dangerous load of absolute nonsense that has lead many astray in there view of Jesus and the bible.
- Historical evidence of every kind leads us to put our confidence in the bible and in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- We have a rich heritage of doctrine and truth as God originally revealed it so we can know for certain what is true and what is false.
- The Da Vinci Code and everything like it is false.

# Where did Cain get his wife



Cain's wife was wrong.

Little did Cain's wife know that she would be the topic of much controversy and conversation. Many attempts have been made to disprove Genesis and the bible using her.

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- <sup>1</sup> Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and **gave birth to Cain**. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."
- <sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.



**Gen 4:1-2**

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<sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

<sup>15</sup> But the LORD said to him, "Not so ; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a **mark on Cain** so that no one who found him would kill him. <sup>16</sup> So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the **land of Nod**, east of Eden.

<sup>17</sup> **Cain lay with his wife**, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.



## Gen 4:13-17

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And Jehovah God formed **man**  
(*âdâm (aw-dawm): a person, a human being,  
man, mankind*) of the dust of the  
ground, and **breathed into his  
nostrils** the breath of life; and **man**  
became **a living soul**.



**Gen 2:7**

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<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through **one man**, and death through sin, and in this way death came to **all men**, because **all sinned**— <sup>13</sup>for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.



## Romans 5:12-14

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<sup>45</sup> So it is written: "The **first man Adam** became a living being"; the **last Adam**, a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The **first man** was of the dust of the earth, the **second man** from heaven.



**1 Cor 15:45-47**

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<sup>21</sup> For since death came through **a man**, the resurrection of the dead comes also through **a man**. <sup>22</sup> For as **in Adam** all die, so **in Christ** all will be made alive.



**1 Cor 15:21-22**

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<sup>20</sup> Adam named his wife **Eve**, because she would become the **mother of all the living.**



**Gen 3:20**

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# Where did Cain get his wife

- Gen 2:20 makes it clear that Adam looked at all the animals and found none after his **kind**. No other people around. How many women did God create from Adam's rib? 😊
- God created Adam and Eve and they were the **ONLY** 2 people on earth.
- So who did Cain marry anyway?

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<sup>3</sup> When Adam had lived 130 years, he **had a son** in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. <sup>4</sup> After Seth was born, Adam **lived 800 years** and had **other sons and daughters**.

<sup>5</sup> Altogether, Adam lived **930 years**, and then he died.



**Gen 5:3-5**

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# Where did Cain get his wife

- The Jewish historian Josephus wrote that, “The number of Adam's children, as says the old tradition, was **thirty-three sons** and **twenty-three daughters.**”
- God said “Be fruitful and multiply.”
- So...Cain married his sister. He really did.
- But what about God’s laws?



Some people just never expect to get the answer to THAT question!

# Where did Cain get his wife

- The law forbidding marriage between close relatives was not given until the time of Moses (Leviticus 18-20). Provided marriage was one man to one woman for life (based on Genesis 1 and 2), there was no disobedience to God's law originally when close relatives (even brothers and sisters) married each other.
- Abraham married his half sister, Sarah.
- Only 400 years later did God give the law forbidding such marriages. This was because of sin and the curse.
- Children from brothers and sisters (or half...) have a high probability of being deformed.

# Where did Cain get his wife

Today, brothers and sisters (and half-brothers and half-sisters, etc.) are not permitted by law to marry because their children have an unacceptably high risk of being deformed. The more closely the parents are related, the more likely it is that any offspring will be deformed.

There is a very sound genetic reason for such laws that is easy to understand. Every person has two sets of genes, there being some 130,000 pairs that specify how a person is put together and functions. Each person inherits one gene of each pair from each parent. Unfortunately, genes today contain many mistakes (because of sin and the Curse), and these mistakes show up in a variety of ways. For instance, some people let their hair grow over their ears to hide the fact that one ear is lower than the other—or perhaps someone's nose is not quite in the middle of his or her face, or someone's jaw is a little out of shape—and so on. Let's face it, the main reason we call each other normal is because of our common agreement to do so!

The more distantly related parents are, the more likely it is that they will have *different* mistakes in their genes. Children, inheriting one set of genes from each parent, are likely to end up with pairs of genes containing a maximum of one bad gene in each pair. The good gene tends to override the bad so that a deformity (a serious one, anyway) does not occur. Instead of having totally deformed ears, for instance, a person may only have crooked ones! (Overall, though, the human race is slowly degenerating as mistakes accumulate, generation after generation.)

# Where did Cain get his wife

However, the more closely related two people are, the more likely it is that they will have similar mistakes in their genes, since these have been inherited from the same parents. Therefore, a brother and a sister are more likely to have similar mistakes in their genes. A child of a union between such siblings could inherit the same bad gene on the same gene pair from both, resulting in two bad copies of the gene and serious defects.

Adam and Eve did not have accumulated genetic mistakes. When the first two people were created, they were physically perfect. Everything God made was “very good” (Genesis 1:31), so their genes were perfect—no mistakes! But, when sin entered the world (because of Adam—Genesis 3:6, Romans 5:12), God cursed the world so that the perfect creation then began to degenerate, that is, suffer death and decay (Romans 8:22). Over thousands of years, this degeneration has produced all sorts of genetic mistakes in living things.

Cain was in the first generation of children ever born. He (as well as his brothers and sisters) would have received virtually no imperfect genes from Adam or Eve, since the effects of sin and the Curse would have been minimal to start with (it takes time for these copying errors to accumulate). In that situation, brother and sister could have married with God's approval, without any potential to produce deformed offspring.

By the time of Moses (a few thousand years later), degenerative mistakes would have built up in the human race to such an extent that it was necessary for God to forbid brother-sister (and close relative) marriage (Leviticus 18-20).[12] (Also, there were plenty of people on the earth by then, and there was no reason for close relations to marry.)



# Did Jesus really sweat blood

Before the crucifixion, as Jesus Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciple and physician Luke noted that:

*“And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his **sweat was like drops of blood** falling to the ground.”*

—Luke 22:44 (NKJV)

This was written by the **physician Luke**, a well-educated man and a careful observer by profession.

Luke is also the only gospel writer to mention the bloody sweat, possibly because of his interest as a physician in this **rare physiological phenomenon**, which spoke eloquently of the intense spiritual agony Jesus was suffering... (**Dr. Henry M. Morris, *The Defenders Bible*, arginal notes for Luke 22:44**)

# Did Jesus really sweat blood

- Although this medical condition is relatively rare, according to Dr. Frederick Zugibe (Chief Medical Examiner of Rockland County, New York) it is well-known, and there have been many cases of it.
- The clinical term is “*hematohidrosis*.” “Around the sweat glands, there are multiple blood vessels in a net-like form.” Under the pressure of great stress the vessels constrict. Then as the anxiety passes “the blood vessels dilate to the point of rupture. The blood goes into the sweat glands.” As the sweat glands are producing a lot of sweat, it pushes the blood to the surface - coming out as droplets of blood mixed with sweat.

# Supposed contradictions

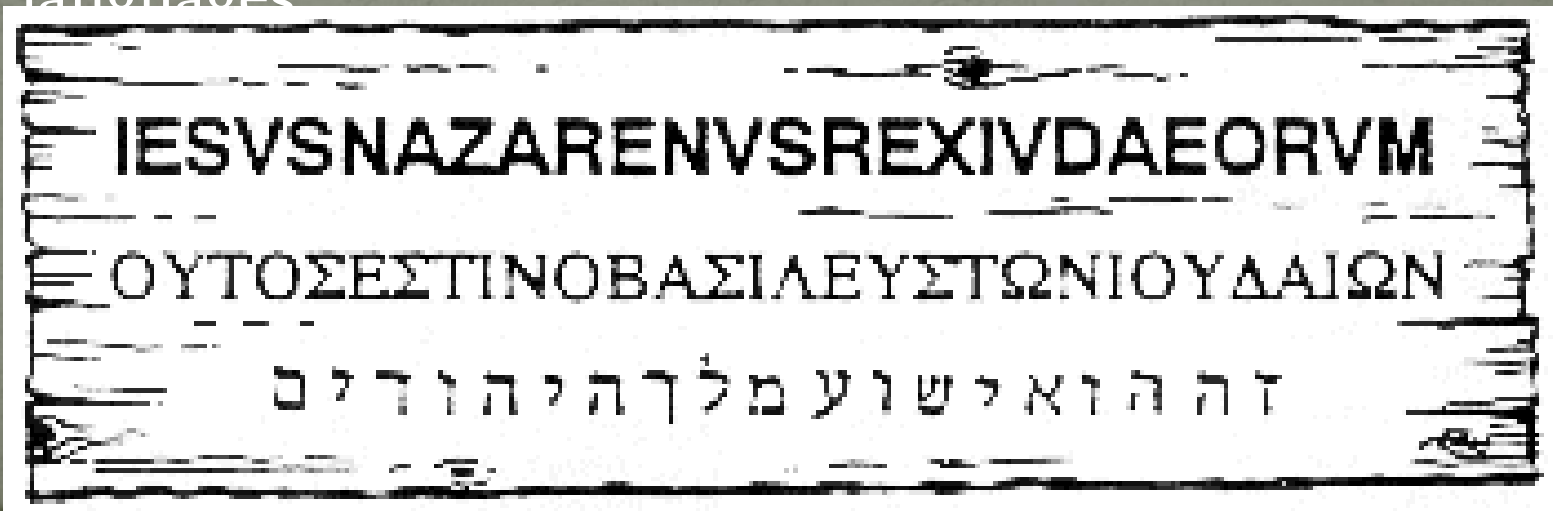
## 1. Sign on the Cross

- “And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, ‘THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS’.”  
—Matthew 27:37
- “The inscription of the charge against Him read, ‘THE KING OF THE JEWS’.”  
—Mark 15:26
- “Now there was also an inscription above Him, ‘THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS’.”  
—Luke 23:38
- “Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, ‘JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS’.”  
—John 19:19

# Supposed contradictions

## 1. Sign on the Cross

- Pilate had it written in 3 languages (Latin, Greek, and Hebrew).
- John: Latin - IESUS NAZARENVS REX IVDAEORVM
- Luke: Greek - ΟΥΤΟΣ ΕΣΤΙΝ Ο ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΙΟΥΔΑΙΩΝ
- Matthew: Hebrew – see image below 😊
- Mark: abbreviated to the words common in all 3 languages



# Supposed contradictions

## 2. Zedekiah in Babylon.

- “Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape out of the hands of the Babylonians <sup>[1]</sup> but will certainly be *handed over to the king of Babylon, and will speak with him face to face and see him with his own eyes.*” Jeremiah 32:4
- Confirmed in Jeremiah 39:5-7 where they “bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.”
- “I will bring him to Babylonia, the land of the Chaldeans, but *he will not see it, and there he will die.*” Ezekiel 12:13
- “There at Riblah the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes and also killed all the nobles of Judah. <sup>7</sup> Then he *put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him with bronze shackles to take him to Babylon.*” Jeremiah 39:6,7

# Supposed contradictions

## 3. Jesse's sons.

- “Jesse had *seven of his sons* pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have? *There is still the youngest,*” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep. Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” <sup>1</sup> Samuel 16:10-11
- “Jesse was the father of Eliab his firstborn; the second son was Abinadab, the third Shimea, <sup>14</sup> the fourth Nethanel, the fifth Raddai, <sup>15</sup> the sixth Ozem and the seventh David.” 1 Chronicles 2:13-15
- One of the sons may have died between the periods of writing. If son was not notable then would probably not have been mentioned by the chronicler.
- So this is not a contradiction and doesn't prove the bible has errors.

# Supposed contradictions

## 4. Molten sea.

- 2Chron 4:2 “And he cast a sea of melted bronze, *ten cubits from brim to brim*. It was round, and five cubits was its height. And a line of *thirty cubits went around it*.”
- Pi is 3.14159265... and the circumference calculation is  $\pi \times D = C$ .
- So the circumference should have been 31.14...????
- 2Chron 4:5 “And its *thickness was a handbreadth*”
- Could have been measuring the inside circumference and the diameter was from edge to edge.
- Could also have had a lip on it.
- No contradiction at all proven here.

# Supposed contradictions

## 5. Solomon's baths.

- 1Ki 7:26 “And it was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup, with a bud of a lily. It contained *two thousand baths.*”
- 2Ch 4:5 “And its thickness was a handbreadth, and its brim like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies. It received and held *three thousand baths.*”
- It could hold 3000, but only contained 2000. Probably filled it up and emptied it many times.
- No contradiction at all proven here.



# Supposed contradictions

## 6. Solomon's horses.

- 1Ki 4:26 “And Solomon had *forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots*, and twelve thousand horsemen. No contradiction at all proven here.”
- 2Chron 9:25 “And Solomon had *four thousand stalls for horses and chariots*, and twelve thousand horsemen...”
- There were 10 horses per chariot so if he had 40 000 stalls for the horses, he would need 4 000 stalls for the chariots and the horses together.
- No contradiction at all proven here.

# Supposed contradictions

## 7. How many men did David kill.

- 2Sa 10:18 “And the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed the *men of seven hundred chariots* of the Syrians”
- 1Chron 19:18 “But the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed *seven thousand of the Syrians in chariots*”
- Again there were 10 men per chariot because men and horses would get tired and would need to replace each other.
- No contradiction at all proven here.

# Joshua's long day

Joshua 10:11–13 reads: *“And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died...Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and He said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.”*

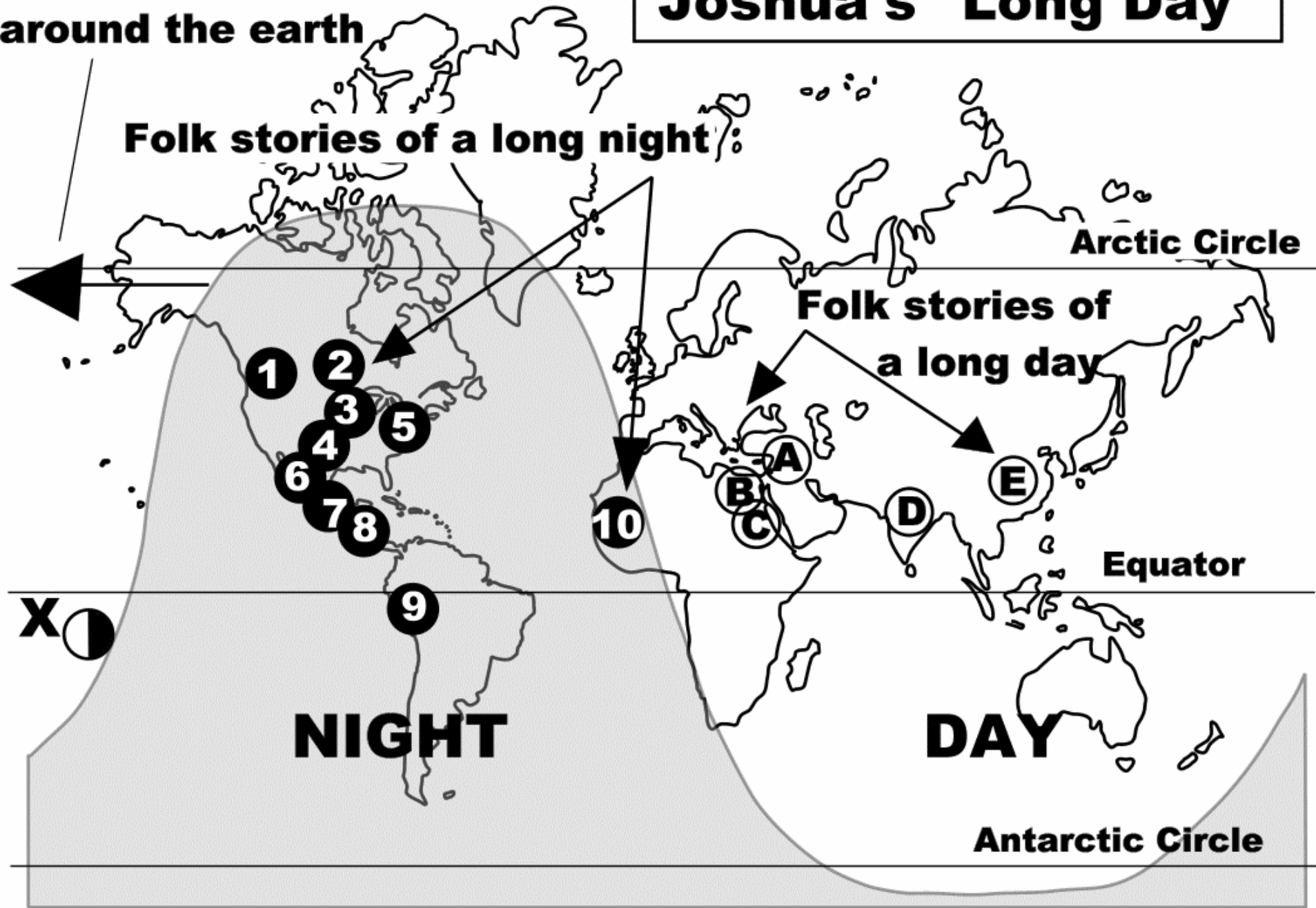
- A rumour surfaces from time to time that scientists ‘using computers’ at NASA to check planetary positions discovered that a day was ‘missing’ from history.
  - This is an urban legend and never actually happened.
  - It’s impossible to calculate because you would need to know where the planets were before and after the missing day.
- God simply performed a miracle to achieve what it was He wanted to do.
- Lot’s of other cultures of that time record a longer day and night.
- Some ideas: Refraction, axis wobble, slowed rotation.

**Movement of shadow  
around the earth**

# Joshua's "Long Day"

**Folk stories of a long night**

**Folk stories of  
a long day**



## Other questions.

- If God is all-powerful, can He create a rock so big that He can't lift it?
- If God created Satan, and Satan is evil, is evil God's fault? (Lucifer)
- Could Jesus have sinned? (Yes)
- If God is everywhere, is He in Hell?
- Etc, etc, etc.