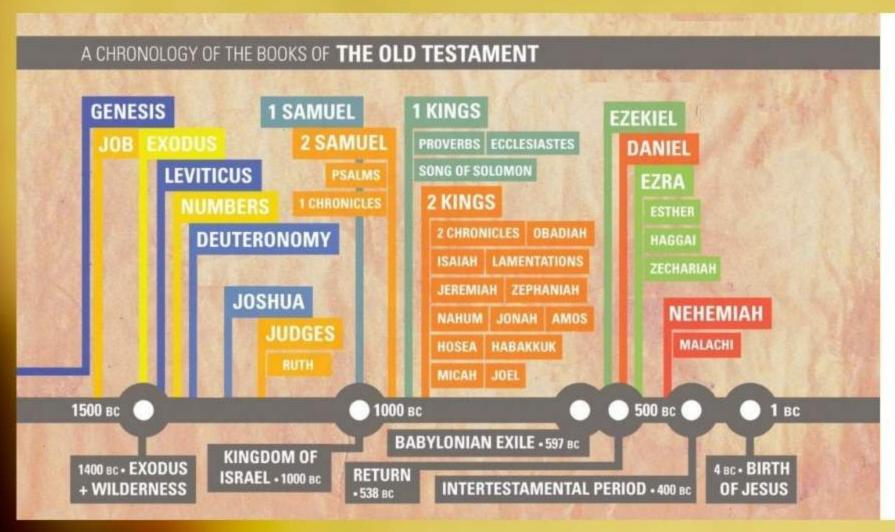
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THE 39 BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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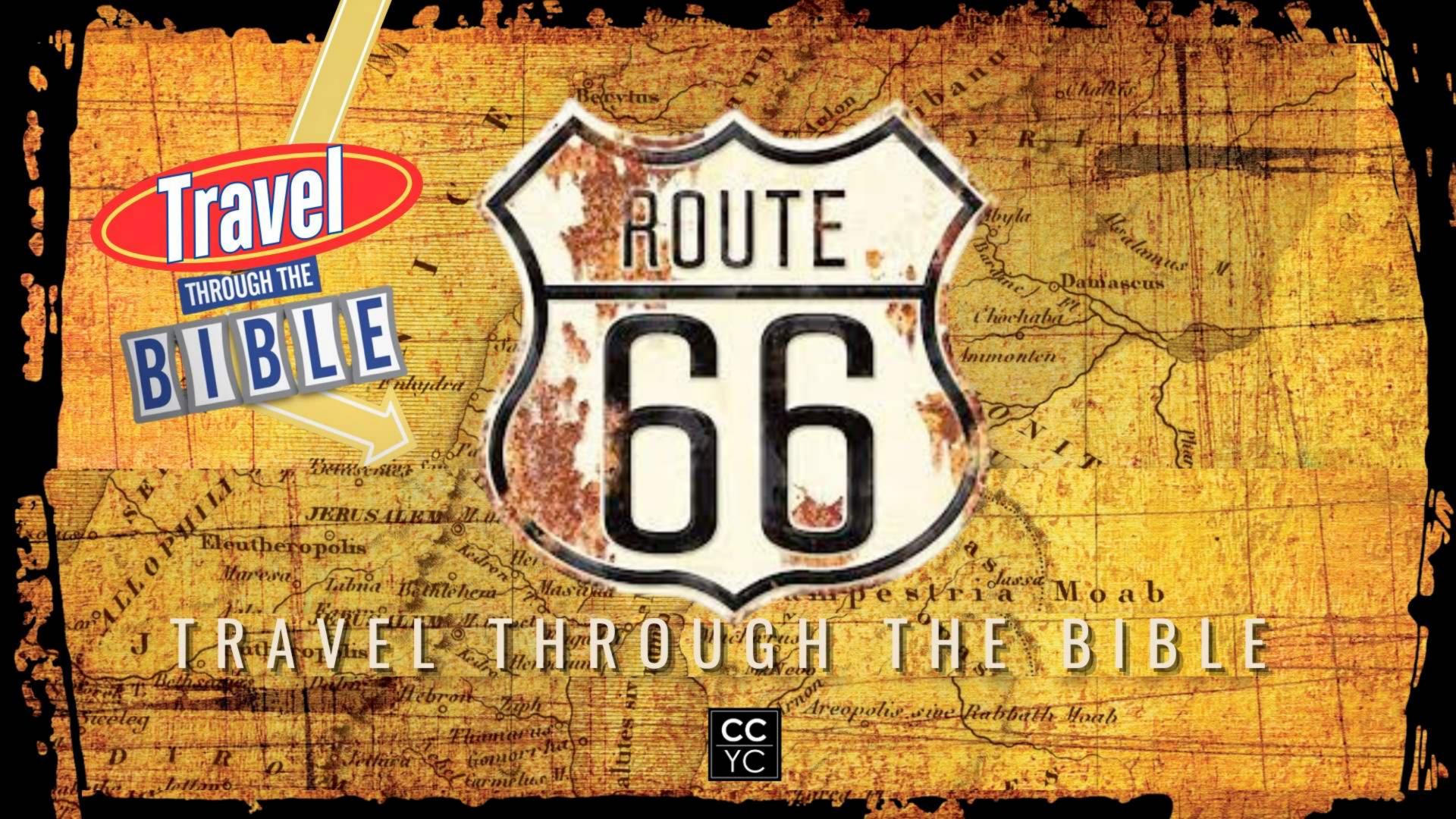


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BOOK OF JOB: 18th Book in the Bible But <u>Earliest</u> Book Written

"Ancient [Job] is beyond all dispute. It probably belongs to the period covered by the book of Genesis..."

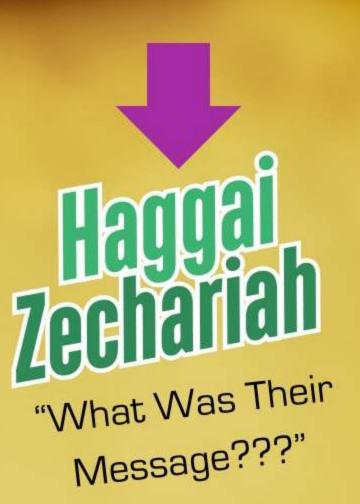
(E. W. Bullinger)

"...the earliest of all written accounts of a human being's relationship with... the one true God."

(Mike Mason)



Ezra 4:24-5:1: "the work of the house of God... ceased...Then the prophet(s) Haggai and Zechariah... "What prophesied to the Jews...



Ezra 5:2: "So
Zerubbabel... and
Jeshua... rose up and
began to build the
house of God... and the
prophets of God were
with them, helping
them."



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Zechariah 4:6-9: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit..." – "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; [and] his hands shall also finish it..."





EZRA



Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Isaiah

Jeremiah Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

HAGGAI







"WHY WE STUDY THE BIBLE"

2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17



BIBLE = Gr. 'biblia' = 'the books'

40 Authors 66 Volumes Over 1,500 Years 3 Continents (Europe, Asia, Africa) 3 Languages (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic)

"The Bible is a RELIABLE COLLECTION of HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS written by EYEWITNESSES during the LIFETIME of <u>OTHER</u> EYEWITNESSES."

Voddie Baucham



1 Cor. 15:3-6: "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures... He was buried, and... He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures... He was seen by Cephas [Peter], then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep."



"This historical fact is attested by more witnesses than almost any other fact that stands on record in history, whether sacred or profane."



Charles Spurgeon





"Of course, the Bible claims [to be] Holy Scripture. If it didn't make that claim, critics would attack the LACK of such a claim... This claim... has been tested and proved through the centuries. Every generation gives rise to those who believe they will... bury the Bible... [But] The Bible outlives, outworks, and out-influences [them all]... To those who claim, 'Anyone could write a book and say it is inspired by God,' we say, 'Please do! Write your book, give it every claim of inspiration, let's see how it compares to the Bible...'



David Guzik, EnduringWord.com

We invite the smarter critics... to give us... something more inspired, with more lifechanging power. The great critic, or professor, or skeptic is surely smarter than a Galilean fisherman 2,000 years ago... It should be easy for them to write something greater... But there is no equal... and there never will be... There is no book like [the Bible] in its unity & consistency... honesty... circulation... survival... and influence & life-changing power."



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- James 1:21: The Bible can "...save [our] souls."
- Psalm 107: God's Word brings HEALING and DELIVERANCE...
- John 8:31-32: "If you abide in My word, you will know the truth, and the truth [will make you] free."
- Psalm 119: REVIVAL comes through God's Word... We're STRENGTHENED by God's Word... SALVATION and UNDERSTANDING are through God's Word...
- 1 John 2:5: "if we KEEP GOD'S WORD, the love of God is perfected in [us]."
- Hebrews 11: "the worlds were framed by the word of God..."
- 2nd Peter: "the heavens and the earth which are now [are]
 preserved by the same word..."



Acts 20:27: "I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."

"It Takes a WHOLE BIBLE to make a WHOLE CHRISTIAN."

"The Bible Does Not CONTAIN God's Truth... It IS God's Truth."

Psalm 119:160: "The entirety of Your word is truth..."



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"No... Scripture is of any <u>private origin</u>... prophecy never came by <u>the will of</u> <u>man</u>... holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:20-21



NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS were AWARE they WERE WRITING SCRIPTURE:

- PETER calls PAUL's writing SCRIPTURE (2 Peter 3:15-7)...
- PAUL refers to LUKE's writing as SCRIPTURE (1 Tim. 5:17-18)...
- PAUL EQUATES N.T. Writings with O.T. (Eph. 2:20)...
- PAUL refers to HIS OWN MESSAGE as 'the Word of God' (1 Thess. 2:13)...





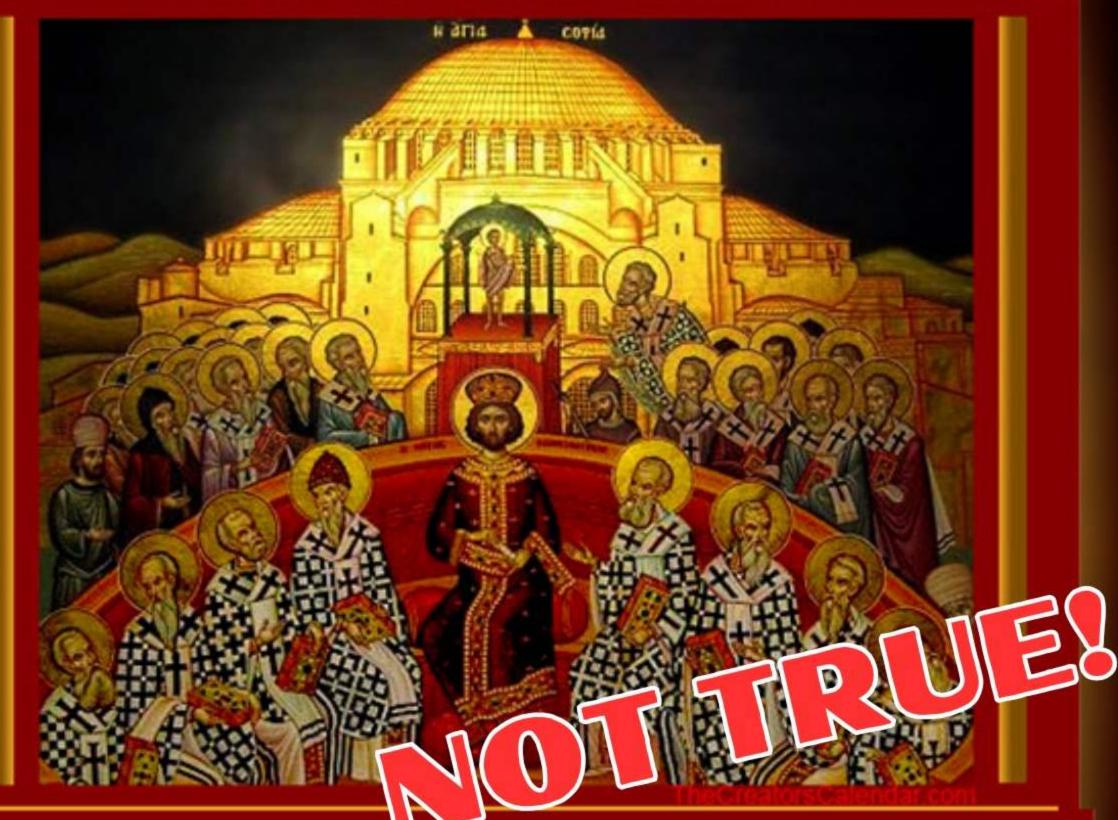




"The conception... is that [Biblical] documents were written [as] just sort of 'friendly advice' to the church. And that it wasn't until the 4th century that the church decided, 'These are great books. We should make them Scripture, and infuse them with authority."

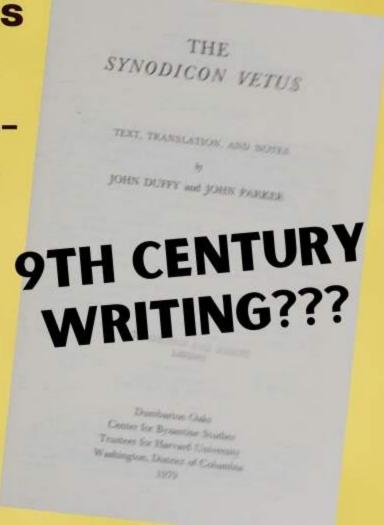
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The Council of Nicea



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Muratorian Fragment/Canon - Compiled appx.

170 AD,, includes all current New Testament books
except Hebrews, James, 1st and 2nd Peter, and 3rd John.



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BRUCE METZGER - Biblical scholar, Bible translator and textual critic, Professor Princeton Theological Seminary, Bible editor, Board of American Bible Society and United Bible Societies. Scholar of Greek, New Testament, and New Testament textual criticism



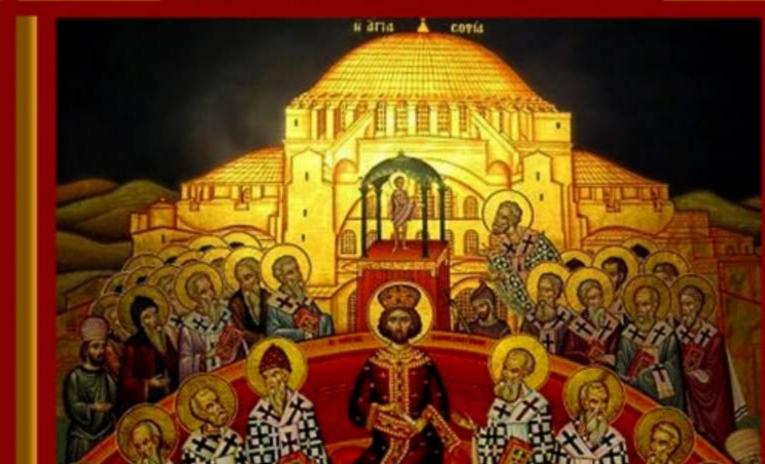
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- Clement mentions 8 N.T. books in A.D. 95...
- Ignatius mentions 7 N.T. books in A.D. 115...
- Polycarp acknowledges 15 N.T. books in A.D. 108...
- Irenaeus accepts 21 N.T. books in 185 A.D...
- Hippolytus recognizes 22 N.T. books in A.D. 170-235...
- The 4 Gospels in our Bibles are the <u>ONLY</u>
 Gospels to date from the 1st Century (all other 'Gospel' writings date much later)...
- The 27 Books in the current New Testament are the EARLIEST Christian writings we possess...

PREDATING THE COUNCIL OF NICESAY

The Council of Nicea





- The Bible Tells us What is TRUE (DOCTRINE)...
- The Bible Tells us How to LIVE (REPROOF/CORRECTION)...
- The Bible Tells us What is RIGHT & WRONG (RIGHTEOUSNESS)...
- The Bible is UNDERSTANDABLE...

The Bible is ONLY PROFITABLE When We Accept it LITERALLY



To Accept the Bible LITERALLY Means We Will Understand its LITERARY CONTEXT

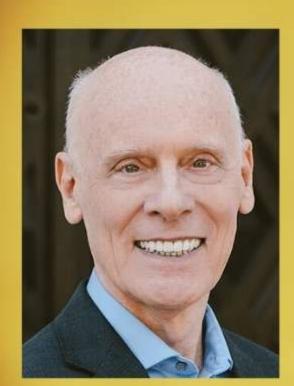
- Poetry "All night I make my bed swim" (Ps. 6:6)
- Hyperbole "their armies [were] as many... as the sand that is on the seashore..." (Jos. 11:4)
- Metaphor "The Lord is my Rock" (Ps. 18)
- Simile "I saw something like a great burning mountain" (Rev. 8:8)
 - **Prolepsis** the representation or assumption of a future act or development as if presently existing or accomplished.
 - Resumptive Manner of Writing a style where a writer repeats a key word or phrase from a previous clause within a sentence.



When the Bible speaks as HISTORY, it is HISTORICALLY TRUE

When the Bible speaks as PROPHECY, it is PROPHETICALLY TRUE





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"About 2,000... prophecies... in... the Bible... have [already] been fulfilled without error. The probability for any one of these prophecies being fulfilled is less than one in ten—and since the prophecies are for the most part independent of one another—the odds for all these prophecies having been fulfilled... is less than 1 in 10 to the 2000th power (that is 1 with 2,000 zeros after it)!"





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"In the fifth century BC, Zechariah declared that Messiah would be betrayed for the price of a slave—30 pieces of silver—and that this money would be used to buy a burial ground for Jerusalem's poor foreigners. Bible writers & secular historians both record 30 pieces of silver as the sum paid to Judas for betraying Jesus, and they indicate that the money purchased a "potter's field," used—as predicted—for the burial of poor aliens (Matthew 27:3-10)."



Probability of fulfillment = 1 in 10 to the 11th power.



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"Isaiah foretold of a king named Cyrus would destroy Babylon and subdue Egypt... Isaiah said this same man would... let the Jewish exiles in his territory go free... He made this prophecy 150 years before Cyrus was born, 180 years before Cyrus performed any of these feats, and 80 years before the Jews were taken into exile."

Probability of fulfillment = 1 in 10 to the 15th power.



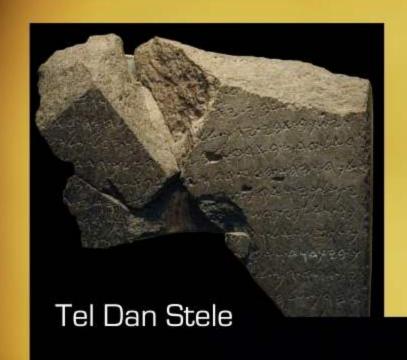


Author, Speaker EnduringWord.com

"There are—at least—332 distinct Old Testament predictions regarding the Messiah which Jesus fulfilled perfectly... The probability of any one man fulfilling just eight of these prophesies is one in 10 to the 17th power. That many silver dollars would cover the state of Texas two feet deep... If you consider 48 of the prophecies, the odds become one in 10 to the 157th power."



ARCHEOLOGICAL PROOF for the BIBLE:

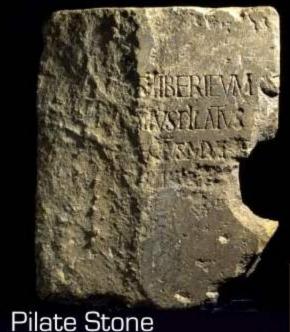


"With every turn of the archaeologist's spade, the historicity and accuracy of the Bible is only further confirmed" (Christian Research Institute)

"You may press the words of Luke in a degree beyond any other historian's and they stand the keenest scrutiny and the hardest treatment." Sir William Ramsay

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DEFENDING the BIBLESS

"I would no more defend the Bible than I would defend a lion... You do not defend a lion, you simply let him loose!"

Charles Spurgeon

TWO TESTS TO DEMONSTRATE HISTORICAL RELIABILITY:

1 - How many <u>COPIES</u> of the original texts are there?

2 - How much <u>TIME</u> has elapsed between the WRITING OF THE ORIGINAL and the appearance of the FIRST COPY?

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1200 YEARS

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WRITING OF ORIGINAL

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Suetonius
Tacitus
Napoleon

Sophocles



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Lucretius	died 55 or 53 B.C.		1100 yrs	2	
Pliny	A.D. 61-113	A.D. 850	750 yrs	7	
Plato	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200 yrs	7	
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	A.D. 1100	800 yrs	8	
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8	
Suetonius	A.D. 75-160	A.D. 950	800 yrs	8	
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8	
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1300 yrs	9	
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200	10	
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	1000	10	
Livy	59 BC-AD 17		???	20	
Tacitus	circa A.D. 100	A.D. 1100	1000 yrs	20	
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1400	49	
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1000	1400 yrs	193	
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	1st Cent. A.D. (A.D. 50-100)	2nd Cent. A.D. (c. A.D. 130 f.)	less than 100 years	5600	99.5%

NOTES:

- There are thousands more New Testament Greek manuscripts than any other ancient writing.
- The internal consistency of the New Testament documents is about 99.5% textually pure.
- In addition, there are over 19,000 copies in the Syriac, Latin, Coptic, and Aramaic languages. The total supporting New Testament manuscript base is over 24,000.

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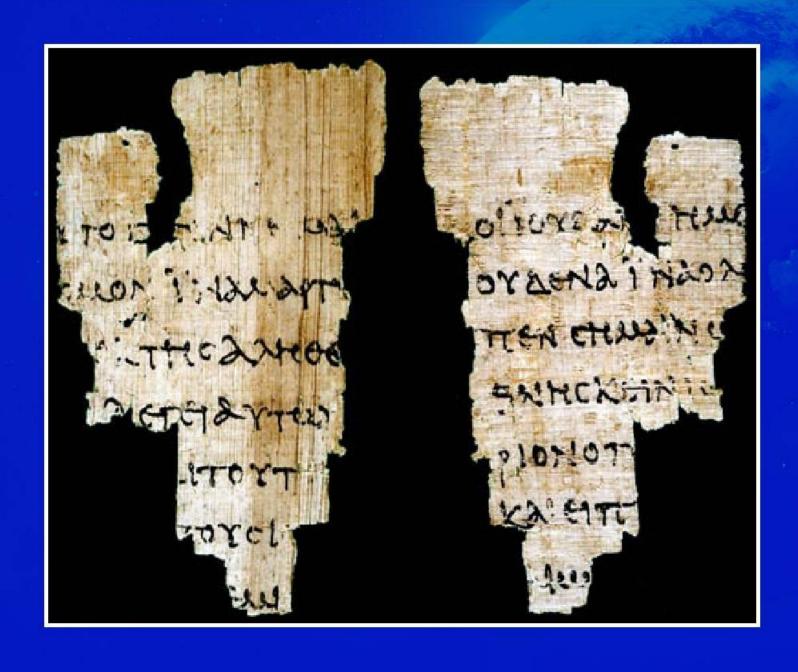
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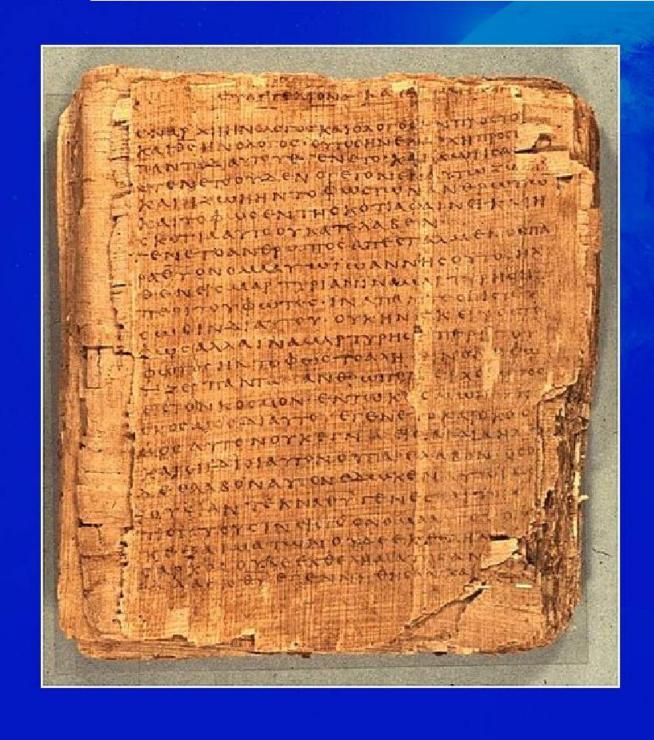


The John Ryland Fragment

Date: 117-138 AD

Contains: John 18:31-33, 37-38

Housed: John Ryland's Library, Manchester, England

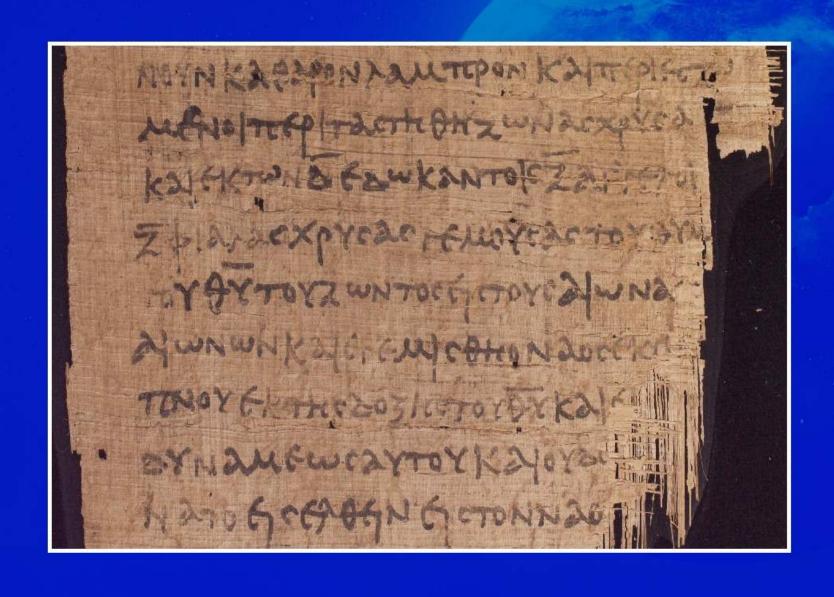


The Bodmer Papyri

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Housed: Geneva, Switzerland

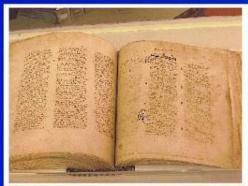


Chester Beatty Papyri

Date: 250 AD

Contains: Most of the New Testament

Housed: Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, Ireland









Codex Vaticanus

Dated: A. D. 325-350

Contains: Most of the Old & New Testaments

Housed: Rome

Codex Sinaiticus

Dated: A. D. 340

Contents: Half of Old Testament & almost all of New Testament

Housed: Leipzig, Germany

Codex Ephraemi Rescriptus

Dated: A.D. 345

Contents: Part of the Old Testament & most of New Testament

Housed: Paris, France

Codex Alexandrinus

Dated: A.D. 450

Contents: Almost all of Old Testament & most of New Testament

Housed: British Museum

"The greatest [evidence to support] New Testament authenticity is the masses of quotations found in the writings of early Church Fathers."

- * Clement of Rome (95 AD) Letter to Church at Corinth, quoting 10 of the 27 New Testament books...
- * Polycarp (135-137AD) Letter to Church at Philippi, containing 120 quotes from 16 New Testament Books...
- * 86,000 quotes from the early Church Fathers...
- * 36,000 quotes from the New Testament books found in writing before the council of Nicaea (A.D. 325)...
- * 2,135 Lectionaries have been catalogued.

"So extensive are these citations that if all other sources for our knowledge of the text of the New Testament were destroyed, they would be sufficient alone for the reconstruction of practically the entire New Testament." ~ Bruce Metzger, American translator

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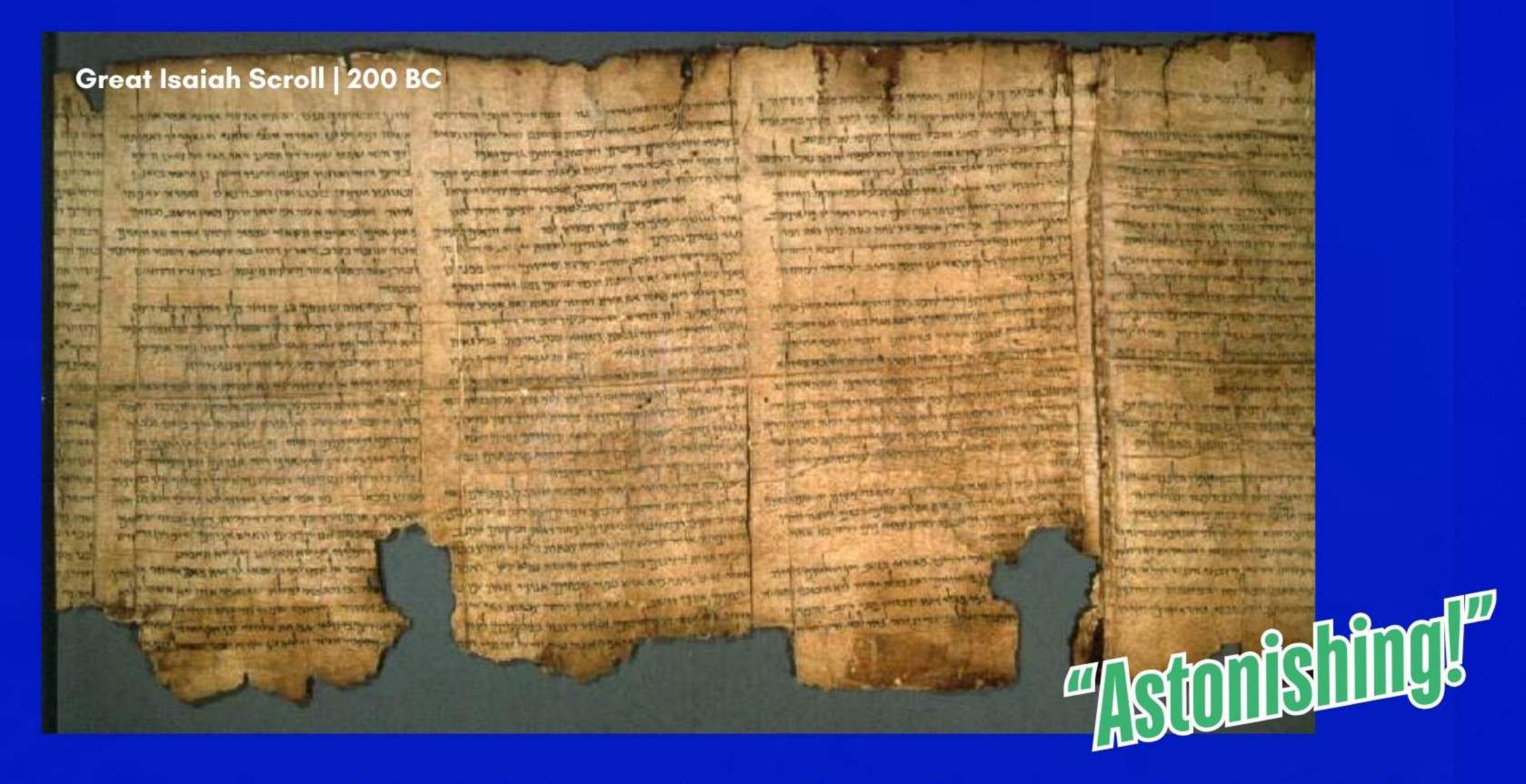
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PERSONAL WITH RELATIONSHIP COUNTRIES WORD

Psalm 119:9: "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word."

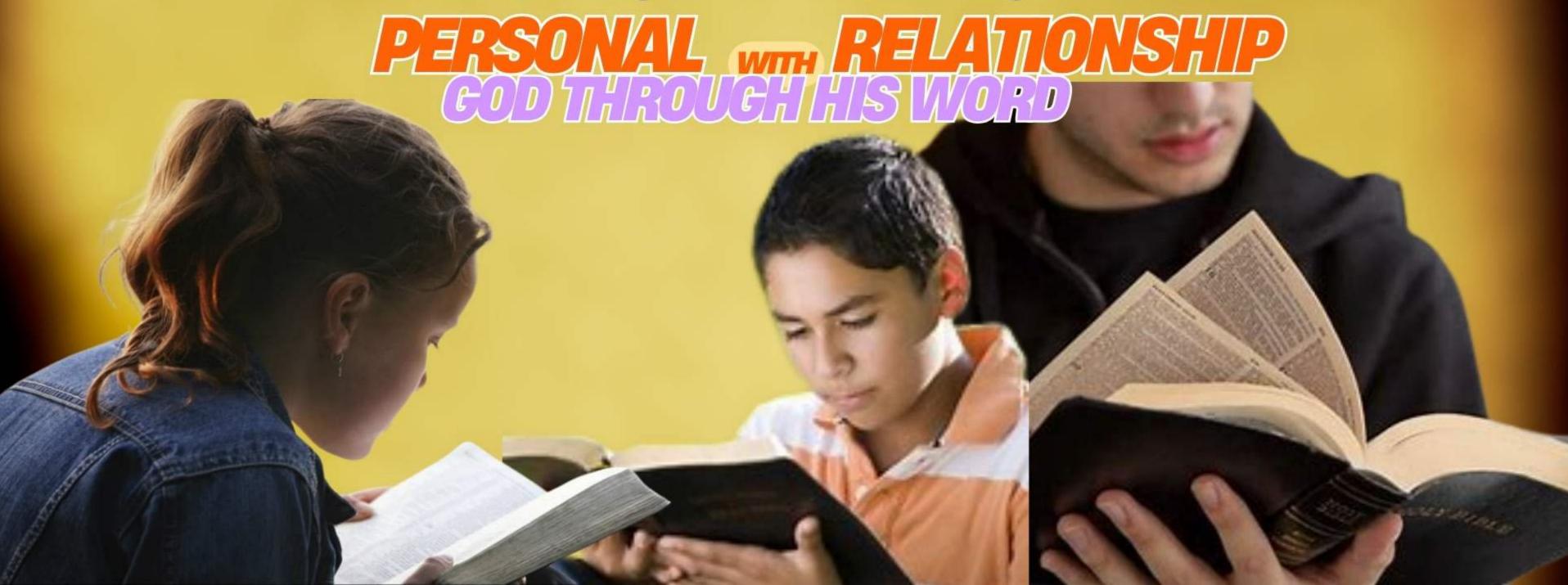


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Jer. 20:9: "His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not."

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Heb. 4:12: "the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and



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