

PROOFS THAT THE BIBLE IS IN FACT THE WORD OF GOD

PROOF #1 - THE BIBLE CLAIMS IT IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

A. The Sandwich Effect

B. Specific Statements Not Found In Any Other Book

PROOF #2 – THE BIBLE IS UNIQUE IN WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT ONE PERSON, JESUS CHRIST

A. Many Books Tell A Story About A Key Person Or Subject

B. There Has Never Been A Book That Says What The Bible Says About Jesus Christ

- 1. He Is Called “The Highest” (Luke 1:76)**
- 2. He Is Called “The Mighty God” (Isaiah 9:6)**
- 3. He Is Designated As The Creator Of All Things
(John 1:3)**
- 4. He Is The One To Which Every Knee Shall Bow And
Every Tongue Swear (Isaiah 45:22-23; Phil. 2:9-11)**
- 5. He Is Called “The Great God” (Titus 2:13)**
- 6. He Is Called Messiah [Christ] (John 1:41; Luke 2:11)**
- 7. He Is Called “The Savior” (Luke 2:11)**
- 8. He Is Called The “High Priest” (Hebrews 3:1)**
- 9. He Is Called “King Of The Jews” (John 19:19)**
- 10. He Is Called “King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords”
(Revelation 19:16)**
- 11. He Is Called Immanuel [God With Us] (Matthew 1:23)**

**PROOF #3 – THE BIBLE IS UNIQUE IN WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT
HUMAN BEINGS**

- A. It Does Not Sugar Coat The True Condition Of Men**
- B. It Employs Language That No Man Would Ever Think To Use Of Himself**

**PROOF #4 – THE BIBLE CONTAINS KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS
THAT GREATLY EXCEED THE NORMAL SCOPE OF
HUMAN KNOWLEDGE**

- A. Geographical Statement On The Circular Design Of The Earth
(Isaiah 40:22)**
- B. Geographical Statement On The Suspension Of The Earth (Job 26:7)**
- C. Medicinal Statement On The Need For Isolation [Quarantine]
(Leviticus 13:45-46)**
- D. Communal [Personal] Statement Concerning Sanitation
(Deuteronomy 23:12-14)**

**PROOF #5 - THE BIBLE CONTAINS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ETHICS
FROM COVER TO COVER**

- A. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)**
- B. The Sermon On The Mount: An Ethical Code That Goes Against The
Grain Of Nearly Everyone (Matthew 5:28)**
- C. The Upper Room: An Ethical Code So High That It Is Quoted By
The Lost World (John 15:13)**
- D. Paul: Ethical Principles Of The Highest Order (Romans 12:17-19)**
- E. James: Equates Partiality With Murder (2:9-11)**
- F. James: Supplies An Unrivaled Mandate About The Tongue (3:1-10)**

PROOF #6 – THE BIBLE’S CONTINUITY

- A. Written Over A 1600 Year Span Of Time**
- B. Written By Over Forty Human Authors From All Walks of Life**
- C. Written Over Three Continents**
- D. Written In Three Different Languages**
- E. Written With Controversial Subject Matter Unlike Any Other Book And Yet Without Contradiction**

PROOF #7 – CHRISTOLOGICAL INFORMATION IS PERVASIVE IN BOTH TESTAMENTS

- A. In The Old Testament Christ Is Coming**
- B. In The Gospels Christ Is Here**
- C. In The Epistles Christ Is Returning**

PROOF #8 – THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE HAS ENDURED AS NO OTHER BOOK WHICH HAS EVER BEEN WRITTEN

- A. Area Of Survival # 1: The Bible Has Survived Through Time**

1. Survival Of The Old Testament

- a. The Jewish Scribes Had A Tremendous Reverence For Scripture, Which Led Them To Maintain Scrupulous Rules For Copying**
- b. There Are Duplicate Passages In The O.T. That Clearly Show A Careful Word For Word Copying And Individuality (Psalms 14 & 53)**
- c. The Hebrew O.T. [Septuagint; LXX] Was Translated Into Greek About 250 B.C.**

d. A Samaritan Copy Of The Pentateuch, Which Is The First Five Books Of The O.T., Agrees With The Hebrew O.T.

e. The Dead Sea Scrolls Confirm The Accuracy Of The Texts Written In Hebrew Thousands Of Years Prior

f. The Preservation Of The O.T. Manuscripts Is An Amazing Study In Divine Providence

(1) Dating Moses In The 15th Century BC

(2) Jeremiah 36:1-3 As A Key Passage

(3) The First Attempt To Form A Collection Of Hebrew Manuscripts Was Done By Benjamin Kennicott From The Years A.D. 1776-1780

(4) The Two Most Amazing Discoveries Of O.T. Manuscripts Preserved By God That Clearly Showed The Reliability Of The O.T. Were: 1) The O.T. Manuscripts Of Cairo Geniza (A.D. 1899ff); 2) The Dead Sea Scrolls (A.D. 1947ff.)

(5) Moshe Goshen-Gottstein Estimates That The Total Number Of O.T. Hebrew Manuscript Fragments Throughout The World Runs Into The Tens Of Thousands. In The United States There Are Some 500 Hebrew Manuscripts Of Various Biblical Texts

2. Survival Of The New Testament

a. In Order To Appreciate What God Has Preserved, We Need To Have A Basic Understanding Of Some Key Manuscript Related Words

(1) Papyrus

(2) Parchment

(3) Vellum

(4) Manuscript

(5) Miniscule

(6) Uncial (Majiscule)

(7) Lectionaries

(8) Codex

(9) Autographa

b. The Total Of Greek Manuscripts Today That Have Been Cataloged Now Numbers Nearly 5,700

c. Dan Wallace Once Observed "We Have More Than 5,800 Greek Manuscripts, Over 14,000 Handwritten Manuscripts In Latin, Syriac, And Coptic Languages. We Have More Than 1,000,000 Quotations From N.T. Early Church Fathers. The New Testament Has More Hand-Copied Manuscripts Than Anything Else In The World."

B. Area Of Survival # 2: The Bible Has Survived Through Persecution

1. From Its Inception, Many In the O.T. Era Tried To Rid The World Of The Scriptures Whether Wittingly Or Unwittingly

a. Moses

b. King Jehoiakim

2. Diocletian As An Example Of N.T. Era Attempts To Rid The World Of The Scriptures

C. Area Of Survival # 3: The Bible Has Survived Through Criticism

1. No Other Book In The History Of The World Has Drawn As Much Criticism As The Bible

2. Yet Sales Of This Book Continue To Soar

PROOF #9 - THE FULFILLMENT OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY

A. Prophetic Text #1 - Isaiah 45:1

B. Prophetic Text #2 - Psalm 22

C. Prophetic Text #3 - Micah 5:2

D. Prophetic Text #4 - Daniel 8:21; 11:2-4

E. Prophetic Text #5 - Ezekiel 26

- 1. Prediction #1 - God Would Direct Many Nations To Come Against The City Of Tyre (26:3) They Would Come In Waves, One Right After The Other**
- 2. Prediction #2 - God Would Cause Those Nations To Destroy The Walls Of The City; Break Down The Towers And Scrape Her From Existence So She Would Be Nothing But A Bare Rock (26:4)**
- 3. Prediction #3 - God Would Cause Tyre To Become A Place Over Which Fishermen Would Spread Their Nets In The Midst Of The Sea (26:5a)**
- 4. Prediction #4 - God Would Permit Tyre To Become Spoils For Other Nations (26:5b)**
- 5. Prediction #5 - God Would Permit Her Daughters On The Mainland To Be Killed With A Sword (26:6)**
- 6. Prediction #6 - God Would Specifically Use Nebuchadnezzar To Begin The Process Of Persecuting And Destroying The People Of Tyre (26:7-8) He Would Conquer With Horses, Chariots, Cavalry And A Large Army. He Would Destroy People And Design Attack Weapons**
- 7. Prediction #7 - God Would Cause The City To Be Totally Destroyed By Nebuchadnezzar And Be Trampled To The**

Ground (26:9-11) Both People And Buildings Would Be Destroyed

- 8. Prediction #8 - God Would Cause All Of Their Riches And Merchandise To Become Spoil (26:12a)**
- 9. Prediction #9 - God Would Cause Stones And Timber Of The Destroyed City To Be Thrown Into The Sea (26:12b)**
- 10. Prediction #10 - God Would Cause All Of The Music To Stop (26:13)**
- 11. Prediction #11 - God Would Make Tyre A Bare Rock Never To Be Rebuilt (26:14)**
- 12. Prediction #12 - God Will Cause All Nations To Mourn And Tremble Over What He Did To Tyre (26:15-18)**
- 13. Prediction #13 - God Will Make Tyre An Uninhabitable City Covered With Ocean Water (26:19)**
- 14. Prediction #14 - God Will Send The Arrogant People To The Burning Pit (26:20)**
- 15. Prediction #15 - God Will See To It That Tyre Will Never Be Found As A City Or Rebuilt (26:21)**
 - a. Historical Fulfillment – Nebuchadnezzar’s 13 Year Assault**
 - b. Historical Fulfillment – Alexander The Great Conquers The Newly Constructed City Of Tyre**
 - c. Historical Fulfillment – Antigonus, One Of Alexander’s Succeeding Generals Continues The Assault On The New Island**
 - d. Historical Fulfillment – Saladin Takes Control Of The Island Of Tyre For The Arab Muslims**

- e. Historical Fulfillment -- Today, The Island Once Known
As Tyre, Is Nothing More Than A Bare
Rock Sitting In The Mediterranean Sea**

PROOF #10 - THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE

- A. From A Purely Literary Perspective, The Bible Is An Amazing
Writing, Which Clearly Establishes That It Is One Of The Most
Unique Books In The Entire World**
- B. No Other Book Has Been Able To Cross Racial And National
Barriers As The Bible**

PROOF #11 - THE UNIQUE FRESHNESS OF THE BIBLE

PROOF #12 - THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE BIBLE

PROOF #13 - THE AGREEMENT OF THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE

- A. Scientific Example #1 - The Example Of Archaeology**

- 1. Important Archaeologists**

- a. Nelson Glueck**
 - b. Sir William Ramsey**
 - c. Dr. Lawrence Mykytiuk**

- 2. Important Discoveries**

- a. The Remains Of Hazor (Joshua 11:12-13)**
 - b. The Rebuilt Walled Cities Of Solomon (I Kings 9:15)**
 - c. The Inscriptions In Karnak, Egypt Of Pharaoh Sheshonq
(I Kings 14:25-26)**
 - d. The Tunnel Of Hezekiah (II Kings 20:20)**

e. The Pontius Pilate Inscription In Caesarea

f. The Ancient City Of Jericho (Joshua 6:20)

g. The Davidic Water Tunnel In Jerusalem(II Samuel 5:6-8)

B. Scientific Example #2 - The Example Of The Earth

1. The Earth Hangs Upon Nothing (Job 26:7)

2. The Earth Is A Sphere (Is. 40:22)

**3. The Earth Contains A Composition Of Unseen Things
(Heb. 11:3)**

4. The Earth's Oceans And Seas Contain Paths (Ps. 8:8)

5. The Earth's Wind Currents (Ecclesiastes 1:6)

**C. Scientific Example #3 - The Example Of Males And Females
(Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4)**

**1. In Every Species Of Life There Is A Genetic Difference
Between Male And Female And That Genetic Difference Is
Necessary To Reproduce**

**2. Evolution Is A Direct Contradiction To This Principle And
Must Be Rejected**

**a. Reason #1 - The Bible Teaches That God Created The
World In Six Literal 24 Hour Days (Gen. 1)**

**b. Reason #2 - The Creation Story In Genesis 1 Clearly Has
24 Hour Days In View Because It Is Connected
To The Light/Darkness Cycle On Each
Successive Day (Gen. 1:5)**

**c. Reason #3 - The Genealogies Of Genesis 5 And 11 Give A
Very Detailed Chronology Which Track About
6,000 Years, Not Millions Of Years**

d. Reason #4 – Moses' Statement In Exodus 20:9-11 Clearly Demands A Six Literal Day Interpretation

e. Reason #5 - The Flood In Noah's Day In Genesis 7 Produces Exactly The Kind Of Complex Geological Record We See Worldwide Today

f. Reason #6 - Jesus Taught That Adam And Eve Were Created By God At The Beginning Of Creation (Matthew 19:4)

g. Reason #7 - The Belief That The Earth Is Millions Of Years Old Does Not Come From Scientific Facts, But From Theories Of Atheistic And Deistic Geologists Who Invented Their Theories In The Late 18th To Early 19th Century

h. Reason #8 - Radiometric And Carbon Dating Methods Do Not Prove The Earth Is Millions Of Years Old Because They Begin With The Wrong Theoretical Premise

D. Henry Morris' Observations On The Connection Of Science And The Bible

1. Hydrology

a. Hydrological Cycle

b. Evaporation

c. Condensation Nuclei

d. Condensation

e. Precipitation

f. Run Off

g. Oceanic Reservoir

h. Snow

i. Hydrologic Balance

2. Geology

a. Principle Of Isostasy

b. Shape Of The Earth

c. Rotation Of The Earth

d. Gravitation

e. Rock Erosion

f. Glacial Period

g. Uniformitarianism

3. Astronomy

a. Size Of The Universe

b. Number Of Stars

c. Variety Of Stars

d. Precision Of Orbits

4. Meteorology

a. Circulation Of Atmosphere

b. Protective Effect Of Atmosphere

c. Oceanic Origin Of Rain

d. Relation Of Electricity To Rain

5. Biology

a. Circulatory System

b. Psychotherapy

c. Biogenesis & Stability

d. Uniqueness Of Man

e. Chemical Nature Of Flesh

6. Physics

a. Mass – Energy Equivalence

b. Source Of Energy For The Earth

c. Atomic Disintegration

d. Radio Waves