TESTED & TRUE!

What about archeology and science? Archeology and science attest to the accuracy of the Bible. Hundreds of archeological discoveries have verified kings, names, places, happenings, dates, etc. ... recorded in the Bible.

On the other hand, Biblical descriptions have often led to amazing scientific discoveries. For example, the Bible records the earth as round centuries before it was recognized as true. It records the "paths of the sea," dinosaurs, the layers of the ocean, moontide connections, germs, body and brain functions, the weight (not force) of the wind, and many more, all long before science "discovered" them.

A Book that blesses the world! The Bible has proven to be the most amazing book of all time. It remains the best-seller in the world today having survived countless attempts to annihilate it. Its message of love and truth is unequalled. Its power to change lives unquestioned. Its prophetic accuracy, unparalleled.





The Message is Jesus! Men and women have joyfully lived and died for its truth for one reason - it brings people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, the Mighty God of Israel - King of Kings, and Lord of Lords - whom to know is life eternal!

He alone is worth living and dying for. History is filled with the blood and tears of those who were punished, tortured, exiled, imprisoned and put to death because they did nothing more than possess or read a copy of the Bible, yet they chose not to renounce their faith in Christ.

Today we tend to forget what it cost others who risked their lives to put God's message in the hands of every individual, so that they too could have a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you have other questions regarding the Bible, or if you would like to receive a Bible, please feel free to contact the address below.

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"Unto the Jews were committed the oracles of God." ~ Romans 3:2

A Jewish Book

The Bible is large book made up of 66 smaller books. Those 66 books were written over a span of 1600 years by more than 40 authors, and yet the Bible is a unified book.

Most of the authors did not even know each other. If 40 people, over the span of 1600 years were each given a puzzle piece, which at the end formed a beautiful picture, what would you think? Obviously that there was one Master Designer or Artist of the

The outstanding theme of the Bible is Jesus Christ. The Old Testament predicts His coming to earth through the nation of Israel, and the New Testament announces the good news of His arrival.

puzzle! That is how it is with the Bible.

How did the authors know what to write? Good question! God told them. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that all Scripture is inspired by God. Inspired means "Godbreathed." God spoke the very words Himself to the men who were to write them down and in so doing guarded against any error in the writings. 2 Peter 1:16-21 and 1 Corinthians 1:13, 14 tell about this.

How did the Bible get passed down without error? Ancient copies were written down with extreme care. Copyists carefully counted the number of letters and words on each page to be sure each new copy was accurately done. Then it was checked and rechecked by many other copyists. When an old copy began to deteriorate it was destroyed or buried after new copies were accurately made. Flawed copies were destroyed.

The number of copies of manuscripts supporting the Bible is overwhelming. Over 5000 manuscripts of the New Testament exist today, 8000 Latin manuscripts and over 1000 early versions in languages other than Greek and Latin, all from different locations and periods supporting the accuracy of one another. This is amazing compared to the poverty of manuscripts for other ancient historical writings. The Illiad has 643 manuscripts, Caesar's Gallic Wars has nine, Livy's History of Rome has twenty, Tacitus's Annals, only two - yet no one doubts their authenticity. No book in the world possesses so much evidence for its integrity as does the Bible.

What was the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls? These scrolls gave us copies of the Old Testament that were 1000 years older than any previously known. Their form of writing and the spelling of words substantiated the amazing accuracy of other texts with later dates.

What about Bible prophecies? The prophecies of the Bible can be tested with regard to their accurate fulfillment. Bible prophecies are detailed, not general; specific, not vague. For example:

- Babylon was prophesied to replace Assyria as the leading world power, conquering Judah and deporting her people 100 years before it happened.
- Jeremiah prophesied that the Babylonian captivity would last exactly 70 years. Cyrus, King of Persia allowed a number of Jews to return to Palestine in 535 BC, seventy years after the captivity began in 605 BC.
- The name of King Josiah was predicted by a prophet three centuries before his time.
- 4. Micah accurately predicted Bethlehem as the birthplace of Christ 700 years before He was born.
- At least 14 detailed prophecies concerning Christ's death were predicted exactly as they happened hundreds of years later.

The fulfillment of over one hundred Bible prophecies, and many fulfilling today before our eyes in the Middle East, proves that only a God who knows all things, the beginning from the end, could have accurately recorded these things in the Bible for us to test.