

# LESSON 16 APOLOGETICS: I CAN TRUST THE BIBLE

## ARCHAEOLOGY VERIFICATION, INTERNAL & EXTERNAL CONSISTENCY

### ARCHAEOLOGY

THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 30,000 ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES WITHIN THE REGION KNOWN AS "THE BIBLE LANDS" THAT HAVE CONFIRMED THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE BIBLE.



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"ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK HAS UNQUESTIONABLY STRENGTHENED CONFIDENCE IN THE RELIABILITY OF THE SCRIPTURAL RECORD. MORE THAN ONE ARCHAEOLOGIST HAS FOUND HIS RESPECT FOR THE BIBLE INCREASED BY THE EXPERIENCE OF EXCAVATION IN PALESTINE."

THE MEGIDDO MOSAIC IS AN ANCIENT MOSAIC THAT INCLUDES THE WORDS "GOD, JESUS CHRIST" IN GREEK.

CONSIDERED THE GREATEST DISCOVERY SINCE THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS



### THE BIBLE'S INTERNAL CONSISTENCY

THE BIBLE'S INTERNAL HARMONY. FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GENESIS, TO THE LAST BOOK, REVELATION, THE BIBLE IS ABSOLUTELY CONSISTENT.

1. THE BIBLE ADDRESSES LIFE'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS.
2. THE BIBLE IS A COLLECTION OF 66 DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS.
3. THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY APPROXIMATELY 40 DIFFERENT AUTHORS.
4. MANY OF THE BIBLE'S AUTHORS CAME FROM DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS.
5. THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN OVER A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 1500+ YEARS, COVERING SOME 60+ GENERATIONS.

**6. MANY OF THE AUTHORS WERE SEPARATED BY HUNDREDS OF MILES GEOGRAPHICALLY, ON 3 DIFFERENT CONTINENTS.**

**7. THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN IN 3 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.**

**IN SPITE OF THESE SEVEN FACTORS, AND OTHERS, THE BIBLE IS A PERFECTLY UNIFIED, HARMONIOUS ACCOUNT OF HOW GOD IS SEEKING TO RECONCILE MANKIND BACK TO HIMSELF THROUGH THE PERSON AND WORK OF HIS SON.**

### **THE BIBLE'S EXTERNAL VERIFICATION**

**EXTERNAL SOURCES VERIFY THAT AT LEAST 80 PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE WERE ACTUAL HISTORICAL FIGURES. OLD TESTAMENT: 50 PEOPLE                      NEW TESTAMENT: 30 PEOPLE**

**THERE ARE AT LEAST 39 SOURCES OUTSIDE OF THE BIBLE THAT ATTEST TO MORE THAN 100 FACTS REGARDING JESUS' LIFE, TEACHINGS, CRUCIFIXION, AND RESURRECTION.**

**"AT THIS TIME THERE WAS A WISE MAN WHO WAS CALLED JESUS. AND HIS CONDUCT WAS GOOD, AND HE WAS KNOWN TO BE VIRTUOUS. AND MANY PEOPLE FROM AMONG THE JEWS AND THE OTHER NATIONS BECAME HIS DISCIPLES. PILATE CONDEMNED HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED AND TO DIE. AND THOSE WHO HAD BECOME HIS DISCIPLES DID NOT ABANDON HIS DISCIPLESHIP. THEY REPORTED THAT HE HAD APPEARED TO THEM AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION AND THAT HE WAS ALIVE; ACCORDINGLY, HE WAS PERHAPS THE MESSIAH CONCERNING WHOM THE PROPHETS HAVE RECOUNTED WONDERS." -FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS (JEWISH HISTORIAN), ANTIQUITIES 18:63-64**

**"AS I URGED YOU UPON MY DEPARTURE FOR MACEDONIA, REMAIN ON AT EPHESUS SO THAT YOU MAY INSTRUCT CERTAIN MEN NOT TO TEACH STRANGE DOCTRINES, NOR TO PAY ATTENTION TO MYTHS" (1 TIMOTHY 1:3-4).**

**"FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; BUT WANTING TO HAVE THEIR EARS TICKLED, THEY WILL ACCUMULATE FOR THEMSELVES TEACHERS IN ACCORDANCE TO THEIR OWN DESIRES, AND WILL TURN AWAY THEIR EARS FROM THE TRUTH AND WILL TURN ASIDE TO MYTHS" (2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4).**

**"FOR WE DID NOT FOLLOW CLEVERLY DEvised TALES WHEN WE MADE KNOWN TO YOU THE POWER AND COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BUT WE WERE EYEWITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY" (2 PETER 1:16).**

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