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Foundational Truth #2

Is the Bible True?

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)

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1. The Reliability of the Bible

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1. The Reliability of the Bible

Science

Ecclesiastes 1:6 – water cycle

Leviticus 17:11 – life is in the blood

Isaiah 40:22 – earth is a circle

Job 26:7 – earth is suspended in space

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Prophecy

Micah 5:2 – Messiah will be born in Bethlehem Ephratha – written 700 years before Jesus' birth.

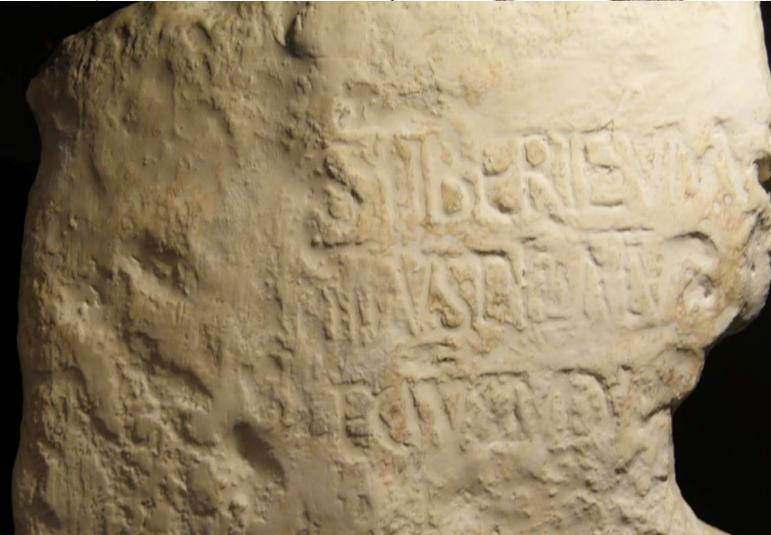
Daniel 2 and 7 – Babylonians, Medo-Persians and Greeks ruling over Israel before it happened!

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Archaeology
Pontius
Pilate
Stone

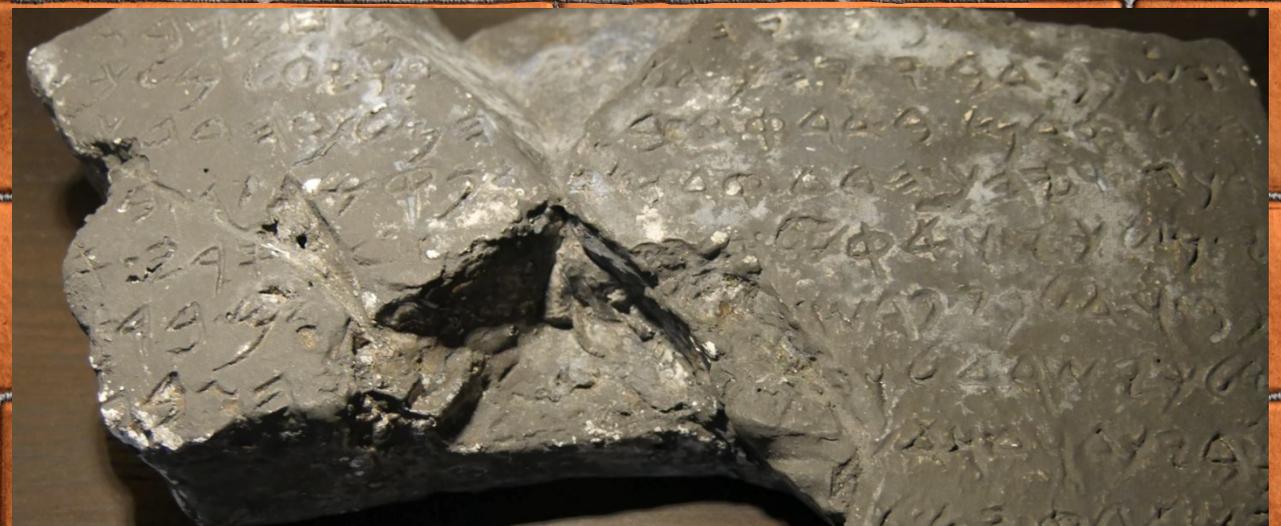


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Archaeology
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Inscription



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Manuscripts

5400 Greek Manuscripts

Dead Sea Scrolls – found 1947-1956 (still looking)

Written between 250BC-68AD

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Manuscripts

Rylands Fragment

P52

John 18:31-33

Dated about 100AD



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1. The Reliability of the Bible

How did we get the Bible?

Moses wrote – 1450-1400BC

Joshua, Samuel, David, the Prophets and others wrote until about 400BC.

Hebrew translated into Greek about 200BC.

The New Testament was written – 45-95AD.

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1. The Reliability of the Bible

How did we get the Bible?

Muratorian Canon (measure) – written 170-200AD –
earliest complete list of New Testament writings, with 3
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1. The Reliability of the Bible

How did we get the Bible?

3 Criteria:

1. Had to be written by an Apostle or one closely associated with an Apostle.
2. Could not contradict previously revealed Scripture.
3. Used widely among the Churches.

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1. The Reliability of the Bible

How did we get the Bible?

Codex Siniaticus – 360AD – earliest complete New Testament.

Codex Vaticanus – 350AD – has more OT books and is missing part of the NT.

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1. The Reliability of the Bible

How did we get the Bible?

What about the Apocryphal books? These were written between 200BC-100AD. The Jews respected them but never considered them Scripture. Jerome included them in his Latin translation (400AD). Became foundation for Catholicism. Officially declared – 1546AD.

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2. The Authority of the Bible

16a All Scripture is breathed out by God / God breathed inspired by God...

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2. The Authority of the Bible

Theos – God

Pneuma – breathe or spirit

Theopneustos – God breathed – exhaled

2 Peter 1:16-21

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2. The Authority of the Bible

*Because God has breathed out
His word, through men written
down, it is our authority!*

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3. The Sufficiency of the Bible

16b ...and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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3. The Sufficiency of the Bible

1. Teaching or Doctrine

It is instruction or teaching.

1 Timothy 4:6

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3. The Sufficiency of the Bible

There is true doctrine that *confronts* us in our sin.

There is false doctrine that *comforts* us in our sin.

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3. The Sufficiency of the Bible

2. Reproof, or refute or rebuke.

This is direct confrontation of error or sin.

Galatians 2:11-14

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3. The Sufficiency of the Bible

3. Correction

This is softer, though still painful.

It is setting something right, or straight or disciplining;
like a father disciplines his child...

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3. The Sufficiency of the Bible

4. Training in Righteousness

This is a system of discipline that leads to a righteous lifestyle.