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Text: [Isaiah 40:8](#)

- 50 Bibles are sold every minute
- 72,000 Bibles are sold every day
- 26,000,000 Bibles are sold every year
- **"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."**

— [Isaiah 40:8](#)

## I. EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

### A. Its Preeminence

- The Bible stands above all other ancient literature.

### B. Its Preservation

- **24,000 manuscripts of the Bible**

vs.

- **643 copies of Homer's Iliad**

#### Quote:

"Of the 166 words in [Isaiah 53](#) – there are only 17 letters in question. 10 of these letters are simply a matter of spelling which does not affect the sense, 4 of the letters are minor stylistic changes (such as conjunctions), the remaining 3 letters comprise only one word which doesn't affect the meaning of the text. Thus, in one chapter of 166 words there [is 1](#) word of 3 letters in question after 1000 years in transmission."

## C. Its Proof

# II. INTERNAL EVIDENCE

## A. Because of Its Historical Accuracy

[Luke 1:1-4](#)

“Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us...Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus;That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.”

**Quote – Sir William Ramsey**

“I take the view that Luke’s history is unsurpassed in regard to its trustworthiness. You may press the words of Luke in the degree beyond any other historians and they will stand the keenest scrutiny and the hardest treatment.”

## B. Because of Its Scientific Accuracy

- The shape of the earth
- The numbering of the stars
  - [Jeremiah 33:22](#)
- The earth floating in space
- The Laws of Thermodynamics
- The water cycle
- Life is in the blood
- Ocean currents
- Medicine and hygiene
- Quarantine

## C. Because of Its Unity

The Bible is **one book**:

- **66 books in the Bible**
  - 39 books in the Old Testament
  - 27 books in the New Testament
- Written by **over 40 different authors**
- Written over **a period of 1600 years**
- Written in **around 13 different countries**
- Written on **3 different continents**
- Written in **3 different languages**

#### **Quote – Billy Graham**

“Either God spoke to these writers and through these writers or they are the most consistent liars the world has ever known.”

## **D. Because of Its Fulfilled Prophecy**

### **III. EXPERIENTIAL EVIDENCE**

#### [Hebrews 4:12](#)

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

## **A. It Is Saving for the Sinner**

#### [Romans 1:16](#)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

## **B. It Is Sanctifying for the Saint**

## **C. It Is Sufficient for the Sufferer**

## **D. It Is Satisfying for the Scholar**

D. it is satisfying for the school