

# Why We Believe

Authenticity of Scripture  
Evidence of Divine Authorship

# Why is the Bible Unique?

- 66 books written by multiple authors on multiple continents spanning a period of over 5000 years
- Each author refers to “The Lord” or “The Eternal One”
- Declares God the supreme moral sovereign of the Universe
- Describes who He is (values, attributes, and both near and long term objectives)
- Describes races of human and spirit beings (angels) which He created with free will and eternal rewards for them who obey
- Describes rebellious beings who reject His sovereign will and authority, as well as defining their eternal fate

# Purpose of the Bible

- The focus of the Bible is to define God's plan to restore Earth and its inhabitants to His original creative purpose
- It provides clear description of man's origin, destiny, and God's purpose spanning eternity past, the present age, and eternity future
- He clearly describes how consequences of rebelliousness in 'free will' within His creation disrupted the original purpose
  - Rebellion of Angels
  - Rebellion of Man
- He uses the Bible to explain and illustrate how He personally intervenes to restore man (as well as all of the created universe) to His purpose
- The essence of the Bible is supernatural power, spirit, and Divine Life (Romans 1:16, John 6:63)

# Why can we trust the Bible?

- The Bible provides numerous proofs of its authenticity, supernatural origin, and Divine message
- The 'ancient' Biblical texts make numerous references to various facts that have taken thousands of years to discover. None of the Bible's facts have ever been proven wrong.

# Geology-Biblical Evidence

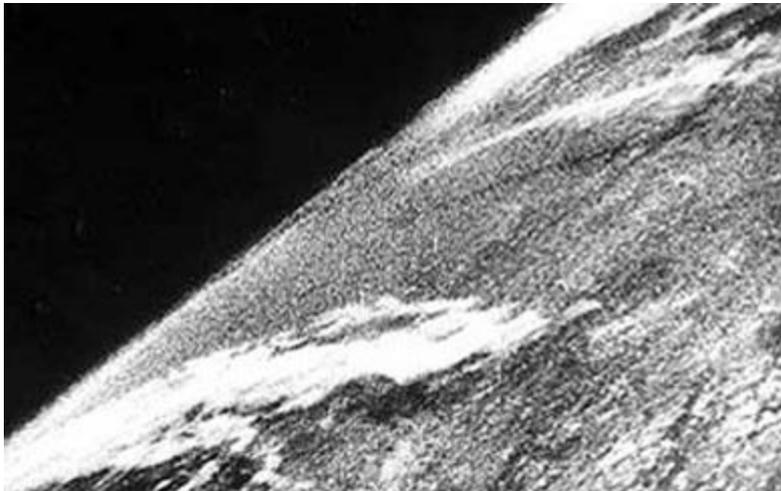
- Numerous references in the Old Testament refer to the Earth as a spherical (round) shape
  - [Job 26:7](#) (Around 2000 B.C, possibly 500 B.C)
    - Patriarchs
      - Job lived 140 years after his calamities (Job 42:16)
      - Abraham (10<sup>th</sup> generation from Noah->Shem)(Gen 11:32, 12:4)
        - » Born 352 years after the flood
  - [Proverbs 8:27](#) (Written by 931 B.C.)
  - [Isaiah 40:12-22](#) (Written between 701-681 B.C.)
  - [Amos 9:6](#) (Written about 760 B.C.)

# Geology-Other Sacred Books

- The Hindu scriptures, the Vedas and Uparushads, consider that "all the objects and phenomena of nature which man is surrounded, are animate and divine." This includes the sun, moon, earth, clouds, rain, rivers, seas and rocks as being alive. Writers of the Buddhist canon also ascribe life to numerous non-living objects— sun, moon, lightning, rainbows, mountains, etc. The Taoist and Confucian writings of China contain similar errors.
- Conversely Hindu scriptures (1000 B.C.) recorded that the earth was resting on the backs of several huge elephants, resting on the back of a large turtle that was swimming in a sea
- Hindu and Buddhist scripture taught that the Earth was flat
- Greek mythology claimed that the god Atlas was holding the Earth on his shoulders
- The Koran, the scripture of Islam, written 1,500 years after the Hindu scripture, does not contain many of the ancient superstitions. Yet its observations of the universe are seriously flawed. The Koran speaks of seven literal heavens which are solid. These heavens contain lamps or stars whose main purpose is to be "darted at the devils." Mohammed wrote that "the sun sets in a sea of black mud."
- The earliest secular theories about the true shape of the Earth occurred with Greek Astronomer Pythagoras in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.,
  - The notion didn't begin to spread throughout the world until Aristotle accepted the idea on empirical grounds in 330 B.C.
- First Scientific proof occurred when Magellan sailed around the world (1519-1522 A.D.)

# Direct 20<sup>th</sup> Century PROOF

- First photo from Space
- October 24, 1946
- Taken from a V-2 Test Rocket
- The Big Blue Marble Photo
- December 7, 1972
- Taken by Apollo 17 crew



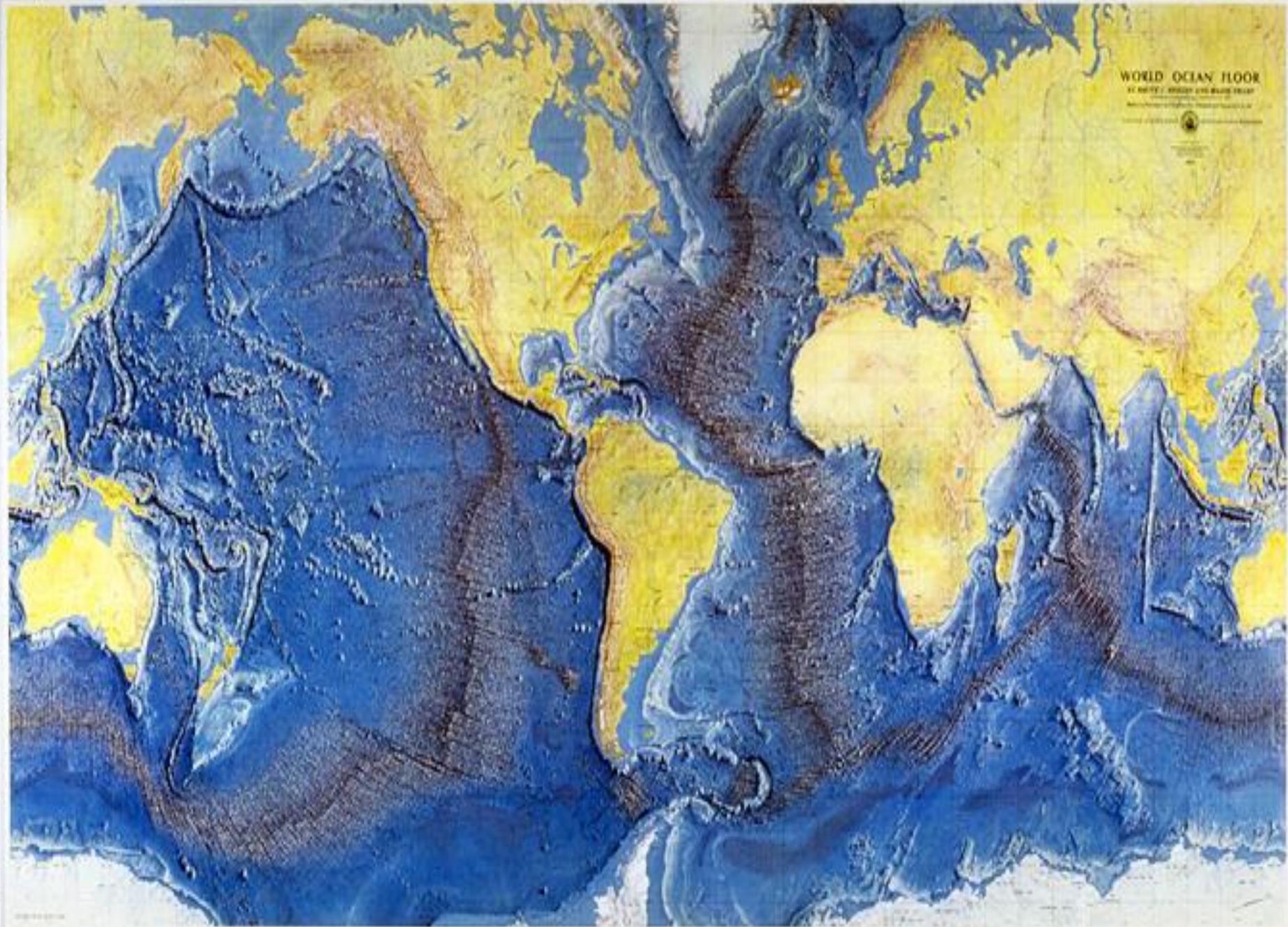
# Geology-The Oceans

- Until modern times people thought the ocean floor was sandy like the desert and saucer shaped—deepest in the middle. This was even true of the pre-1900 geologists. But in the 1900s oceanographers found the sea had many deep valleys or canyons. The deepest canyons were called trenches. The Marianas Trench in the Pacific is so deep that if Mt. Everest (29,000 feet high) was dropped into it, the peak would still be a mile below the water's surface. There are also underwater mountains. The Atlantic Ocean contains an undersea range of mountains 10,000 miles long.

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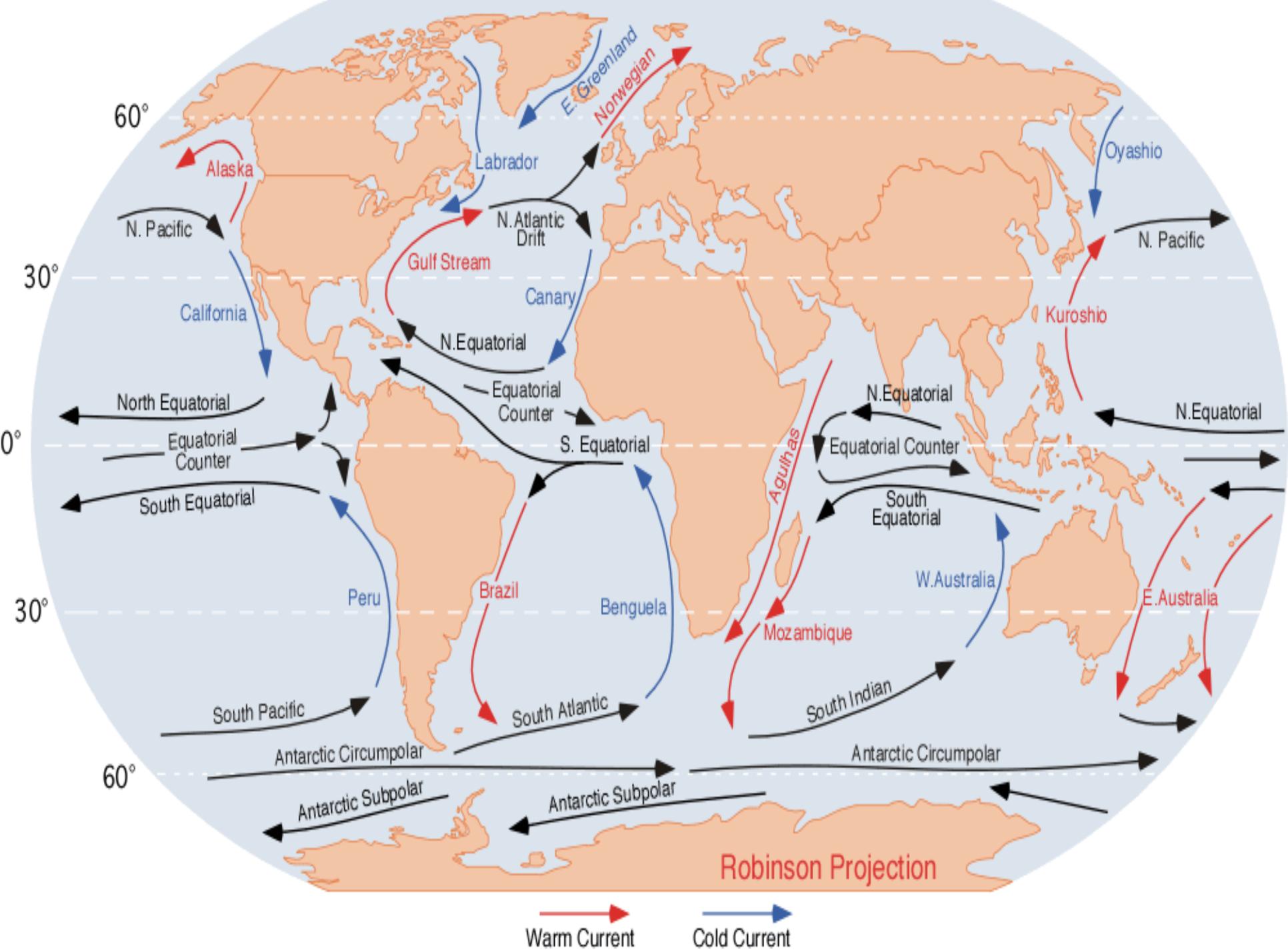
# Geology-The Oceans

- The Judeo-Christian Bible spoke of the valleys and mountains of the sea thousands of years before scientists discovered them. Indeed our Bible is the inspired Word of God.
  - [Psalm 18:15](#)
  - [Job 38:16](#)
  - [Jonah 2:6](#)

# Geology-The Ocean Currents

- In the 1800s, Matthew Maury, an officer in the United States Navy believed his Bible. As a Christian he loved to read the Bible. One day Maury was reading about the dominion man was given over the animals in Psalm 8. He was amazed that verse 8 spoke of the fish and all creatures that swim in the "paths of the sea." "Paths of the sea"— how could this be? He never knew there was such a thing. He was determined to find them. Maury discovered that the oceans have many paths or currents, which were like rivers flowing through the sea. Maury wrote the first book on oceanography and became known as "the pathfinder of the seas" — "The father of modern navigation."
- Maury received his idea about ocean currents from reading [Psalm 8:8](#) which was written about 3,000 years ago by King David. David wrote as he was moved by the Spirit of God and probably never actually saw an ocean.
- Incidentally, [Psalm 8:8](#) also spoke of fish in the "paths of the seas." All fishing boats make a good catch in the currents or paths of the sea. They have learned this is where the fish swim.

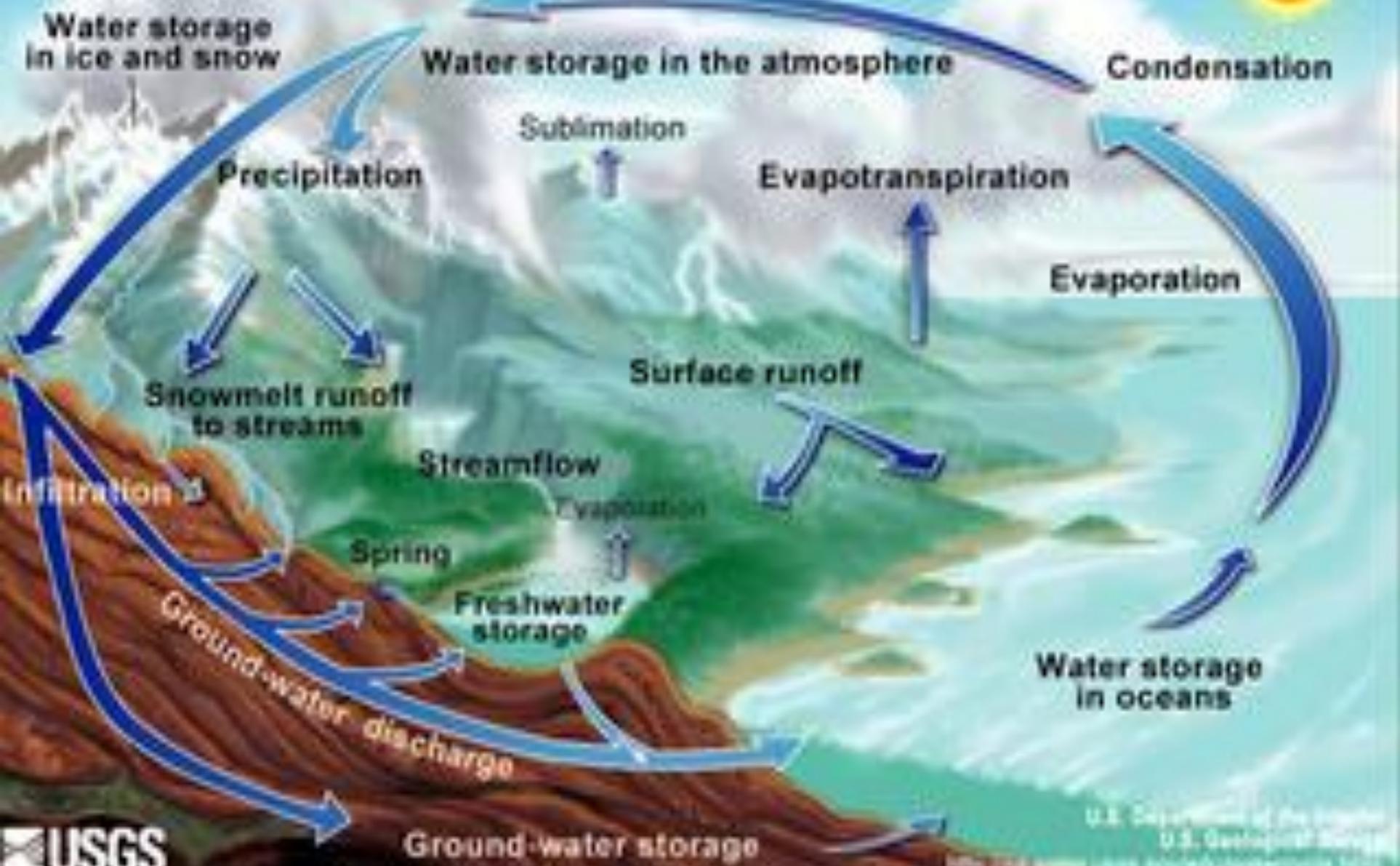
– [Psalms 8](#)



# Geology-The Water Cycle

- In ancient times, most religious scripture taught that lightning bolts were missiles thrown in anger by their gods. In China, Taoist scripture regarded the rainbow as a deadly rain dragon. In Confucius scripture, the goddess of lightning, Tien Mu, flashed light on intended victims to enable Lei Kung, the god of thunder to launch his deadly bolts accurately.
- Since rain is so necessary to life, ancient people pondered what caused it. Some tried to stab holes in the clouds with spears. The Vedas (Hindu scripture) advised to tie a frog with its mouth open to the right tree and say the right words and rain would fall.

# The Water Cycle



# Geology-The Water Cycle

- Our Bible also talks about rain, lightning and storms. But it contains none of these superstitious ideas found in the other so-called scriptures. The Judeo-Christian Bible taught that earth's weather followed rules and cycles. [Genesis 8:22](#). "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."
- Job stated (28:26): "God made decrees [rules] for the rain. And He set a way for the lightning of the thunder:" Centuries later, scientists began to discern the "rules for the rain" that Job talked about. Rainfall is part of a process called the water cycle. Here's how the cycle works. The sun evaporates water from the ocean. That water vapor rises and becomes clouds. This water in the clouds falls back to earth as rain, collects in streams and rivers and makes its way back to the ocean. That process repeats itself again and again.

# Geology-The Water Cycle

- About 300 years ago, Galileo discovered this cycle. But amazingly the Scriptures described this cycle centuries before. The prophet Amos (9:6) wrote that God "[calls for the water of the sea. He pours them out on the land.](#)" How did Amos know this? He wrote as he was moved by the Spirit of God.
- Actually, scientists are just beginning to fully understand God's "decrees or rules for the rain." Since 68 BC it was thought that somehow thunder triggered the rainfall. Now scientists are beginning to realize that as stated in [Job 28:26](#), it is lightning that triggers the rain to fall. Job knew this 3,000 years ago. Certainly his writings were inspired of God ([2 Peter 1:21](#)).
- [http://www.sciencedaily.com/videos/2006/1011-mysteries\\_of\\_thunderstorms.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/videos/2006/1011-mysteries_of_thunderstorms.htm)

# Astronomy

- There are about 4,000 stars visible by the naked eye. Ancients were very animistic and relied on 'signs in the heavens' (astrology) as foundational for their pagan beliefs.
- Early astronomers believed that they could count all of the stars
  - Ptolemy cataloged 1,056 stars
  - Brahe counted 777
  - Kepler cataloged 1,005



# Astronomy-Biblical Evidence

- The Bible states that the total number of stars cannot be counted, that they are innumerable like grains of sand on the beach
  - [Jeremiah 33:22](#)
  - [Isaiah 55:9](#)
  - [Genesis 22:17](#)
- The Bible provides astronomical insight into the cosmological attributes of 3 star systems, *Pleiades*, *Orion* and *Arcturus*. This was recorded in the Bible thousands of years before astronomers discovered it to be true. How could anyone know -thousands of years ago -without benefit of telescopes, about the subtle characteristics of these distant star systems?
  - [Job 38:31-32](#)

# Pleiades



# Pleiades

- The seven stars of the Pleiades are in reality a grouping of 250 suns. Photographs now reveal that 250 blazing suns in this group are all traveling together in one common direction. Concerning this cluster, Isabel Lewis of the United States Naval Observatory tells us:<sup>13</sup>
- Astronomers have identified 250 stars as actual members of this group, all sharing in a common motion and drifting through space in the same direction.
- Elsewhere Lewis speaks of them as "*journeying onward together* through the immensity of space."
- From Lick Observatory came this statement of Dr. Robert J. Trumpler:<sup>14</sup>
- Over 25,000 individual measures of the Pleiades stars are now available, and their study led to the important discovery that the whole cluster is moving in a southeasterly direction. The Pleiades stars may thus be compared to a swarm of birds, flying together to a distant goal. This leaves no doubt that the Pleiades are not a temporary or accidental agglomeration of stars, but a system in which the stars are bound together by a close kinship.
- Dr. Trumpler said that all this led to an important discovery. Without any reference whatsoever to the Book of Job, he announced to the world that these discoveries prove that the stars in the Pleiades are all bound together and are flying together like a flock of birds as they journey to their distant goal. That is exactly what God said. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" In other words, Canst thou keep them bound together so that they remain as a family of suns?
- INCREDIBLE! God's laws of cosmology are loosing or dissolving the constellation Orion. Sometime in the far distant future, Orion will be no more. Conversely, wonder of wonders — every last one of the 250 blazing suns in the Pleiades are ordained of God to orbit together in their symmetrical beauty throughout eternity.

# Orion



Hubble's Sharpest View of the Orion Nebula  [HUBBLESITE.org](http://HUBBLESITE.org)

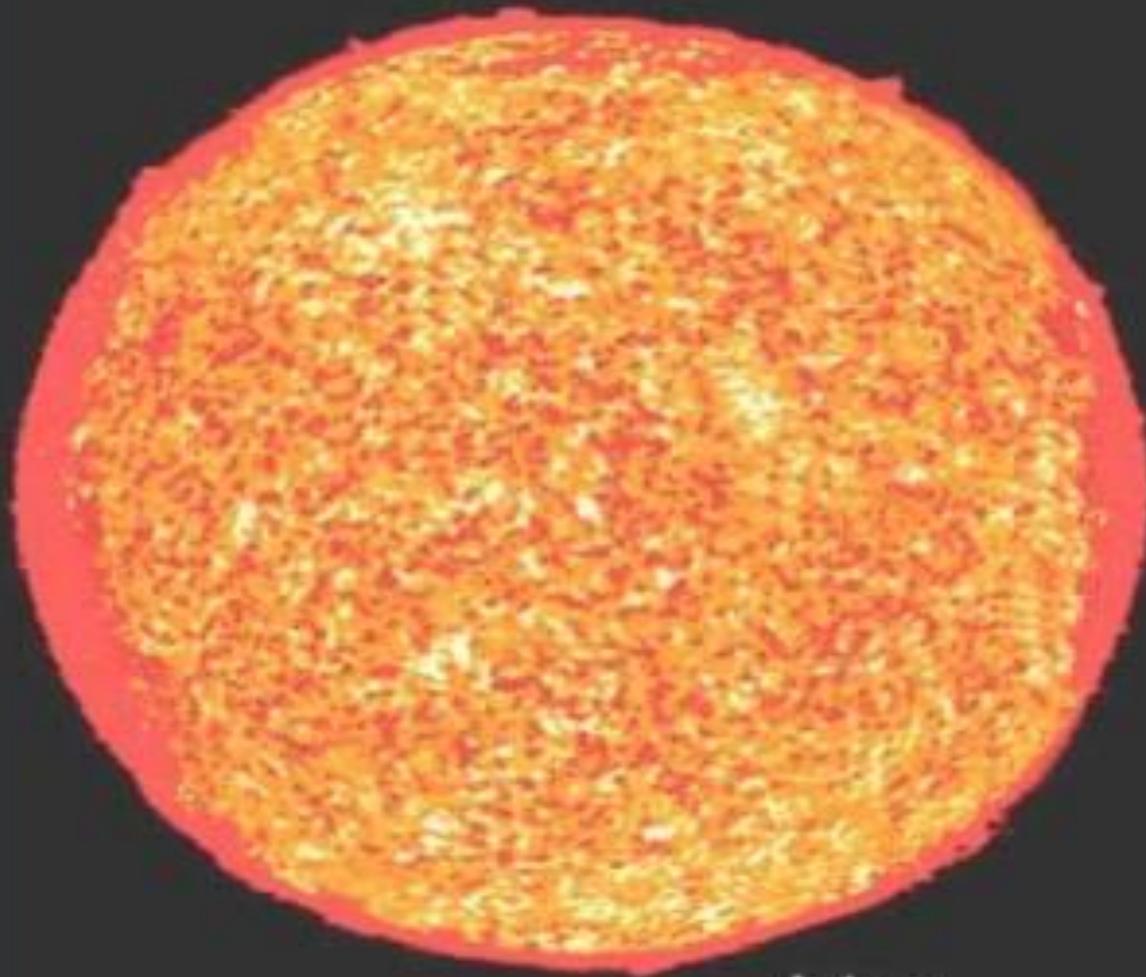
# Orion

- Garrett P. Serviss, the noted astronomer, wrote about the bands of Orion in his book CURIOSITIES OF THE SKY.
- At the present time this band consists of an almost perfect straight line, a row of second-magnitude stars about equally spaced and of the most striking beauty. In the course of time, however, the two right-hand stars, Mintaka and Alnilam, will approach each other and form a naked-eye double; but the third, Alnitak, will drift away eastward so that the band will no longer exist.
- In other words, one star is traveling in a certain direction at a certain speed, a second one is traveling in a different direction at a second speed, and the third one is going in a third direction and at a still different speed. Actually every star in Orion is traveling its own course, independent of all the others. Thus, these stars that we see forming one of the bands of Orion are like three ships out on the high seas that happen to be in line at the present moment, but in the future will be separated by thousands of miles of ocean. In fact, all these stars that at the present time constitute the constellation of Orion are bound for different ports, and all are journeying to different corners of the universe, so that the bands are being dissolved.

# Arcturus



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Pollux



Sirius



Sun

Earth is invisible at this scale  
Jupiter is about 2 pixels in size

# Arcturus

Garrett P. Serviss wrote:

- Arcturus, one of the greatest suns in the universe, is a runaway whose speed of flight is 257 miles per second. It could be turned into a new course by a close approach to a great sun, but it could only be stopped by collision head on with a body of enormous mass. Barring such accidents, it must, as far as we can see, keep on until it has traversed our stellar system, whence it may escape and pass out into space beyond to join perhaps one of those other island universes of which we have spoken.

Charles Burckhalter, of the Chabot Observatory, added an interesting note regarding this great sun:

- This high velocity places Arcturus in that very small class of stars that apparently are a law unto themselves. He is an outsider, a visitor, a stranger within the gates; to speak plainly, Arcturus is a runaway. Newton gives the velocity of a star under control as not more than 25 miles a second, and Arcturus is going 257 miles a second. Therefore, combined attraction of all the stars we know cannot stop him or even turn him in his path.
- When Mr. Burckhalter had his attention called to this text in the book of Job, he studied it in the light of modern discovery and made a statement that has attracted worldwide attention:<sup>18</sup>
- The study of the Book of Job and its comparison with the latest scientific discoveries has brought me to the matured conviction that the Bible is an inspired book and was written by the One who made the stars.
- The wonders of God's universe never cease to amaze us. Arcturus and his *sons* are individual runaway *suns* that seem to be out of orbit in our galaxy. Traveling at such incredible speeds, why don't they crash with other suns or planets? Where are they headed? Only God knows. Indeed they are not runaways. They will not crash. Why? God is guiding them.

# Complete and Consistent Message

- The Bible's message addresses man's complete need, spiritually and intellectually. It describes man's origin and destiny, spanning from eternity past to the present Age, to eternity future. The Bible provides specific historical and prophetic details relating to GOD's dealings with man, past, present, and future
- The Bible describes GOD's law and the grave moral responsibility that free will imposes upon individuals to obey it. The Bible describes man's moral failure and the horrifying consequences of facing a righteous GOD's wrath. The Bible also describes GOD's great love for mankind and His awesome sacrifice to restore believers to His creative purpose.

# Inconceivable Cohesiveness

- The Bible was given to mankind through the audible voices of GOD, angels, prophets, Jesus Christ and the apostles - through visions, dreams, revelation and inspiration. The Bible consists of 66 books, written in 3 languages (Hebrew, Chaldee and Greek), over 16 centuries, on 3 continents (Africa, Europe and Asia), by over 40 different authors - many who never met or knew of each other's writings.
- Yet, when the 66 books were assembled into one volume, there were no contradictions. Its divine message is a flawlessly consistent record of GOD's creation, man's fall and GOD's plan to save man.
- This message is also unique in that redemption of man is based on the grace of God, not the works of man.

# **Information integrity and consistency**

- The Bible's two main divisions, the Old Testament and New Testament, cross-validate each other. The Old Testament prophesies hundreds of events that are later fulfilled in the New Testament. Likewise, the New Testament attests to the authenticity of the Old Testament, with 287 direct references and quotations by Christ and the apostles.

# Extensive Insight into the Character of God

- The Bible identifies in 130 instances that GOD is the Creator of all things. The Bible includes over 20,000 references concerning GOD's attributes, values and plans. The inspired writers of the Bible quote directly from GOD over 3,800 times.
- The Bible declares GOD's Word as the Standard whereby all mankind will receive eternal life —or judgment.

# Anthropological Impossibilities

- Prophecy and fulfillment of the Nation of Israel after 2000 years of the Diaspora
- Exiled in 722 B.C. (10 Lost Tribes)
- Return of Jews (Descendants of Judah & Benjamin) to their ancient homeland is unprecedented in human history
  - Creation of first Jewish army since Roman Era
  - Only recorded instance of resurrection of a dead language (Hebrew)
  - Only nation in the world governing itself in the same territory, under the same name, and with the same religion and same language as it did 3,000 years ago

# Anthropological Impossibilities

- Against greatest of odds
  - 586 B.C.-Babylonians
  - 70 A.D.-Romans
  - 2000 years of targeted anti-Semitic aggression of persecution and forced expulsions
    - Ashkenazi (N & E Europe)
    - Sephardic (Iberia, N Africa, Middle East)
  - By 1764 there were only 1.2 million Jews worldwide
  - Holocaust-6 million Jews murdered, 10 million survived
  - Arab Wars
    - 1948-650,000 Jews vs. 40 million Arabs
    - 1967-Six Day War-Gained West Bank (E. Jerusalem), Golan Heights, Sinai, Gaza
    - 1973-Yom Kippur War-Surprise Attack
    - Lebanon conflicts (1978-2000, 2006)
    - Palestinian conflicts (1987-present)
  - Estimated 13.4 million Jews in the world in 2010
    - 5,703,700 in Israel
    - 5,275,000 in United States
  - Although Jews comprise only 0.2% of the world's population, over 20% of Nobel Prize laureates have been Jewish, with multiple winners in each field.

# Prophecy as Proof

- Out of the Old Testament's 23,210 verses, 6,641 contain predictive material, over twenty eight percent. Out of the New Testament's 7,914 verses, 1,711 contain predictive material, over 21 percent.  
*Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*, by J. Barton Payne, which lists 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament, and 578 prophecies in the New Testament. That works out to a total of of 1,817, by his count. And prophecies involve 8,352 of the Bible's verses.
- And because there are 31,124 verses in the Bible, the 1,817 verses works out to about 27 percent of the total, meaning one-fourth of the Bible is prophecy.
- Over 330 distinct prophecies concerning Jesus Christ were fulfilled by Christ Himself.

# Prophecy as Proof

- **(1)** Some time before 500 B.C. the prophet Daniel proclaimed that Israel's long-awaited Messiah would begin his public ministry 483 years after the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25-26). He further predicted that the Messiah would be "cut off," killed, and that this event would take place prior to a second destruction of Jerusalem. Abundant documentation shows that these prophecies were perfectly fulfilled in the life (and crucifixion) of Jesus Christ. The decree regarding the restoration of Jerusalem was issued by Persia's King Artaxerxes to the Hebrew priest Ezra in 458 B.C., 483 years later the ministry of Jesus Christ began in Galilee. (Remember that due to calendar changes, the date for the start of Christ's ministry is set by most historians at about 26 A.D. Also note that from 1 B.C. to 1 A.D. is just one year.) Jesus' crucifixion occurred only a few years later, and about four decades later, in 70 A.D. came the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10_5$ .)\***

# Prophecy as Proof

- \*The estimates of probability included herein come from a group of secular research scientists. As an example of their method of estimation, consider their calculations for this first prophecy cited:
- Since the Messiah's ministry could conceivably begin in any one of about 5000 years, there is, then, one chance in about 5000 that his ministry could begin in 26 A.D.
- Since the Messiah is God in human form, the possibility of his being killed is considerably low, say less than one chance in 10.
- Relative to the second destruction of Jerusalem, this execution has roughly an even chance of occurring before or after that event, that is, one chance in 2.
- Hence, the probability of chance fulfillment for this prophecy is 1 in  $5000 \times 10 \times 2$ , which is 1 in 100,000, or 1 in  $10^5$ .

# Prophecy as Proof

- **(2)** In approximately 700 B.C. the prophet Micah named the tiny village of Bethlehem as the birthplace of Israel's Messiah (Micah 5:2). The fulfillment of this prophecy in the birth of Christ is one of the most widely known and widely celebrated facts in history.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^5$ .)**
- **(3)** In the fifth century B.C. a prophet named Zechariah declared that the Messiah would be betrayed for the price of a slave—thirty pieces of silver, according to Jewish law—and also that this money would be used to buy a burial ground for Jerusalem's poor foreigners (Zechariah 11:12-13). Bible writers and secular historians both record thirty pieces of silver as the sum paid to Judas Iscariot for betraying Jesus, and they indicate that the money went to purchase a "potter's field," used—just as predicted—for the burial of poor aliens (Matthew 27:3-10).
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^{11}$ .)**

# Prophecy as Proof

- **(4)** Some 400 years before crucifixion was invented, both Israel's King David and the prophet Zechariah described the Messiah's death in words that perfectly depict that mode of execution. Further, they said that the body would be pierced and that none of the bones would be broken, contrary to customary procedure in cases of crucifixion (Psalm 22 and 34:20; Zechariah 12:10). Again, historians and New Testament writers confirm the fulfillment: Jesus of Nazareth died on a Roman cross, and his extraordinarily quick death eliminated the need for the usual breaking of bones. A spear was thrust into his side to verify that he was, indeed, dead.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^{13}$ .)**
- **(5)** The prophet Isaiah foretold that a conqueror named Cyrus would destroy seemingly impregnable Babylon and subdue Egypt along with most of the rest of the known world. This same man, said Isaiah, would decide to let the Jewish exiles in his territory go free without any payment of ransom (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1; and 45:13). Isaiah made this prophecy 150 years before Cyrus was born, 180 years before Cyrus performed any of these feats (and he did, eventually, perform them all), and 80 years before the Jews were taken into exile.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^{15}$ .)**

# Prophecy as Proof

- **(6)** Mighty Babylon, 196 miles square, was enclosed not only by a moat, but also by a double wall 330 feet high, each part 90 feet thick. It was said by unanimous popular opinion to be indestructible, yet two Bible prophets declared its doom. These prophets further claimed that the ruins would be avoided by travelers, that the city would never again be inhabited, and that its stones would not even be moved for use as building material (Isaiah 13:17-22 and Jeremiah 51:26, 43). Their description is, in fact, the well-documented history of the famous citadel.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^9$ .)**
- **(7)** The exact location and construction sequence of Jerusalem's nine suburbs was predicted by Jeremiah about 2600 years ago. He referred to the time of this building project as "the last days," that is, the time period of Israel's second rebirth as a nation in the land of Palestine (Jeremiah 31:38-40). This rebirth became history in 1948, and the construction of the nine suburbs has gone forward precisely in the locations and in the sequence predicted.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^{18}$ .)**

# Prophecy as Proof

- **(8)** The prophet Moses foretold (with some additions by Jeremiah and Jesus) that the ancient Jewish nation would be conquered twice and that the people would be carried off as slaves each time, first by the Babylonians (for a period of 70 years), and then by a fourth world kingdom (which we know as Rome). The second conqueror, Moses said, would take the Jews captive to Egypt in ships, selling them or giving them away as slaves to all parts of the world. Both of these predictions were fulfilled to the letter, the first in 607 B.C. and the second in 70 A.D. God's spokesmen said, further, that the Jews would remain scattered throughout the entire world for many generations, but without becoming assimilated by the peoples or of other nations, and that the Jews would one day return to the land of Palestine to re-establish for a second time their nation (Deuteronomy 29; Isaiah 11:11-13; Jeremiah 25:11; Hosea 3:4-5 and Luke 21:23-24).
- This prophetic statement sweeps across 3500 years of history to its complete fulfillment—in our lifetime.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $1^{20}$ .)**

# Prophecy as Proof

- **(9)** Jeremiah predicted that despite its fertility and despite the accessibility of its water supply, the land of Edom (today a part of Jordan) would become a barren, uninhabited wasteland (Jeremiah 49:15-20; Ezekiel 25:12-14). His description accurately tells the history of that now bleak region.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^5$ .)**
- **(10)** Joshua prophesied that Jericho would be rebuilt by one man. He also said that the man's eldest son would die when the reconstruction began and that his youngest son would die when the work reached completion (Joshua 6:26). About five centuries later this prophecy found its fulfillment in the life and family of a man named Hiel (1 Kings 16:33-34).
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^7$ ).**
- **(11)** The day of Elijah's supernatural departure from Earth was predicted unanimously—and accurately, according to the eye-witness account—by a group of fifty prophets (2 Kings 2:3-11).
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^9$ ).**

# Prophecy as Proof

- **(12)** Jahaziel prophesied that King Jehoshaphat and a tiny band of men would defeat an enormous, well-equipped, well-trained army without even having to fight. Just as predicted, the King and his troops stood looking on as their foes were supernaturally destroyed to the last man (2 Chronicles 20).
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^8$ ).**
- **(13)** One prophet of God (unnamed, but probably Shemiah) said that a future king of Judah, named Josiah, would take the bones of all the occultic priests (priests of the "high places") of Israel's King Jeroboam and burn them on Jeroboam's altar (1 Kings 13:2 and 2 Kings 23:15-18). This event occurred approximately 300 years after it was foretold.
- **(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in  $10^{13}$ ).**

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- Since these thirteen prophecies cover mostly separate and independent events, the probability of chance occurrence for all thirteen is about 1 in  $10^{138}$  (138 equals the sum of all the exponents of 10 in the probability estimates above). For the sake of putting the figure into perspective, this probability can be compared to the statistical chance that the second law of thermodynamics will be reversed in a given situation (for example, that a gasoline engine will refrigerate itself during its combustion cycle or that heat will flow from a cold body to a hot body)—that chance = 1 in  $10^{80}$ . Stating it simply, based on these thirteen prophecies alone, the Bible record may be said to be vastly more reliable than the second law of thermodynamics.

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# Conclusions

- The Judeo-Christian Scripture made scientific observations that were confirmed centuries later by modern science, while the sacred scripture of other world religions merely reflected the scientific superstitions of their culture. How could the Judeo-Christian Scripture anticipate scientific discovery by 3,000 years? The Judeo-Christian Bible was written by men who were inspired by the Creator and God of the Universe — the God of science. Only the Judeo-Christian Bible is the Divine Revelation provided by our infinite Creator to direct us in the path to eternity.

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