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THE CASE FOR TRUTH

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE BIBLE?



2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**BUT WHAT EVIDENCE IS THERE
THAT THE BIBLE IS
TRUSTWORTHY?**

M-A-P-S

(Christian Research Institute)

MANUSCRIPTS...

“The manuscripts that we have, in addition to being old, are also mutually reinforcing and consistent. There are very few discrepancies and no really important ones...”

**–PROFESSORS KREEFT AND TACELLI,
BOSTON COLLEGE**

“...And all later discoveries of manuscripts, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, have confirmed rather than refuted previously existing manuscripts in every important case. There is simply no other ancient text in nearly as good a shape.”

**–PROFESSORS KREEFT AND TACELLI,
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“The biblical Dead Seas Scrolls are up to 1,250 years older than the traditional Hebrew Bible, the Masoretic text. We have been using a one-thousand-year-old manuscript to make our Bibles. We’ve now got scrolls going back to 250 B.C...”

**-DR. PETER FLINT,
DEAD SEA SCROLLS RESEARCHER**

“...Our conclusion is simply this—the scrolls confirm the accuracy of the biblical text by 99 percent.”

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“I believe that there is more evidence for the reliability of the New Testament than for any other ten pieces of classical literature put together.”

–JOSH MCDOWELL, CHRISTIAN APOLOGIST



ARCHAEOLOGY...

THIRTY-FIVE CENTS

APRIL 4, 1966

TIME

THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE

**Is
God
Dead?**

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“It [the Bible] has...time and time again proven itself to be archaeologically accurate. Even Time magazine (Dec. 1974), in an article about Bible archaeology, stated that...”

**-DR. GREGORY BOYD,
*LETTERS FROM A SKEPTIC (1974)***

“... ‘the Bible is often surprisingly accurate in historical particulars, more so than earlier generations of scholars ever suspected.’”

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“No previous generation has witnessed so high a degree of collaboration of Biblical events, persons and historical settings as we have during the past century of ongoing, successful archaeological exploration...”

**-PROFESSOR WALTER C. KAISER,
NIV ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY BIBLE
(ZONDERVAN, 2005)**

“...The quantity, quality and relevancy of the artifacts and epigraphical materials impinging upon the story of the Bible from the ancient Near East have been so staggering that few have been able to incorporate them into one place.”

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PROPHECY...

2 PETER 1:20–21

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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 - **Prophecies about end times**

S STATISTICS...

“It is statistically preposterous that any or all of the Bible’s specific, detailed prophecies could have been fulfilled through chance, good guessing, or deliberate deceit.”

-HANK HANNEGRAF, *DEFENSE OF THE FAITH*

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YET ITS MESSAGE IS CONSISTENT:

**“THE GOD WHO CREATED US
HAS ACTED TO RESCUE US”**

SPIRIT...

JOHN 14:26

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

ACTS 2:33

33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he [Jesus] has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

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