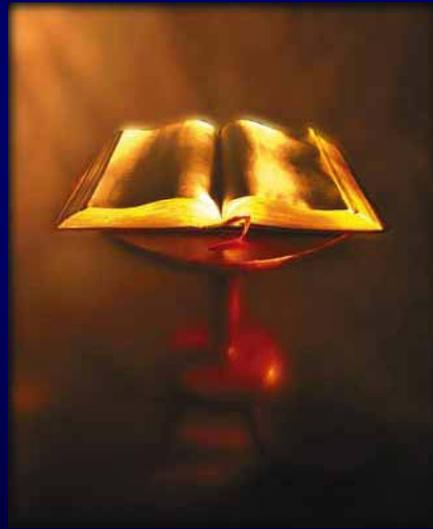


# How We Got the Bible And It's Authenticity

## Part 4



Archeology / Science & the Bible

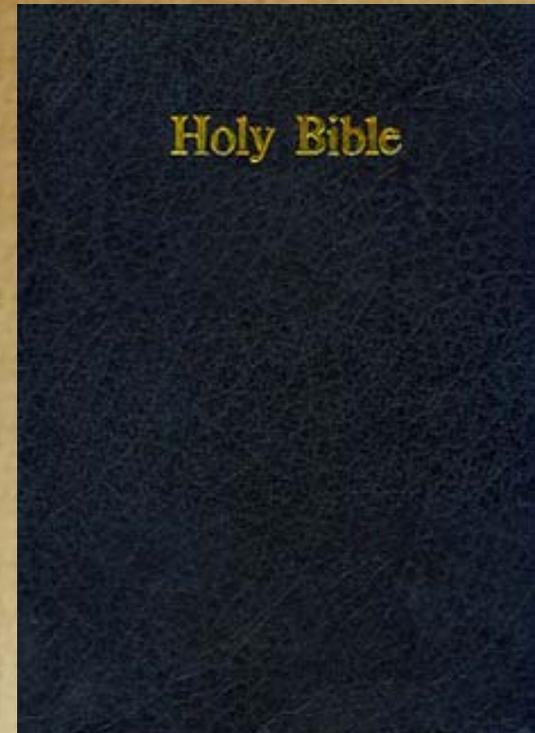
## Part 1 – How We Got the Bible

### **The Bible is:**

Made up of 66 different books.

Written over a span of 1,600 years (approximately 1500 BC to AD 100).

Written by more than 40 kings, prophets, leaders, and followers of Jesus.



## Part 2 - Compilation of the Canon

**Criteria for Acceptance**

**Who Chose the Books**

**The Close of the Canon**

## Part 3 – Historical Reliability

- The Bibliographical Test
  - Manuscript Evidence
- The Internal Test
  - Credibility of Authors
- The External Test
  - Writings Outside the Bible

# Manuscript Evidence

Author	Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	# of Copies
Plato	400 BC	900 AD	1,300 yrs.	7
Caesar	100 BC	900 AD	1,000 yrs.	10
Aristotle	300 BC	1100 AD	1,400 yrs.	5
Tacitus	100 AD	1100 AD	1,000 yrs.	20
Herodotus	400 BC	900 AD	1,300 yrs.	8
Thucydides	400 BC	900 AD	1,300 yrs.	8
Livy	30 AD	900 AD	900 yrs.	20
Homer (Iliad)	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs.	643
New Testament	100 AD	125 AD	25 yrs.	24,000 +

# Part 4 – Archeology / Science & the Bible



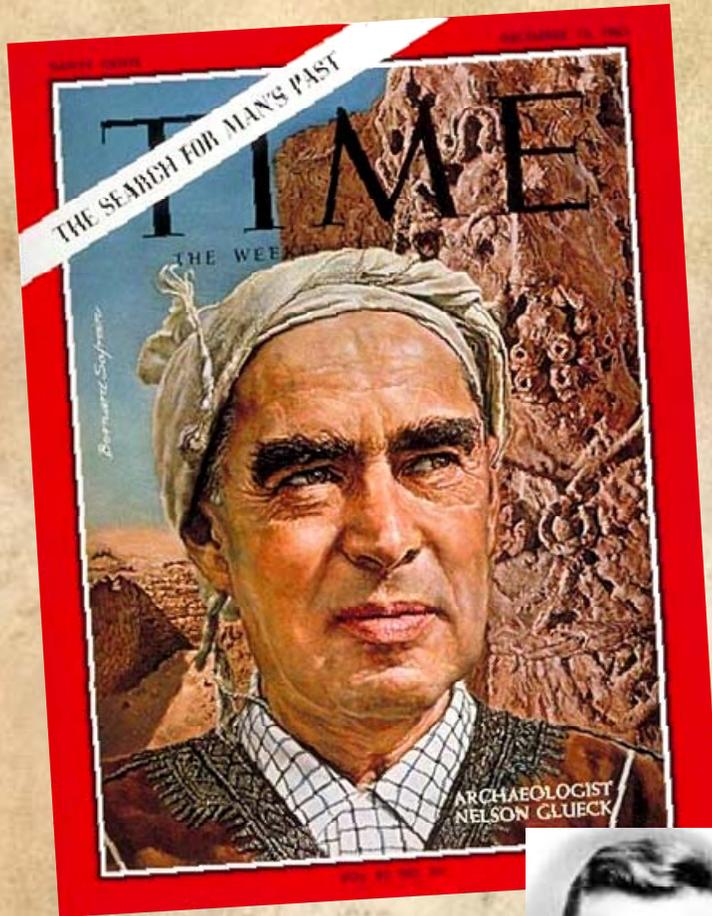
For the past 150 years  
archaeologists have been  
verifying the exact  
truthfulness of the Bible's  
detailed records of various...

- events
- customs
- persons
- cities
- nations
- and geographical locations



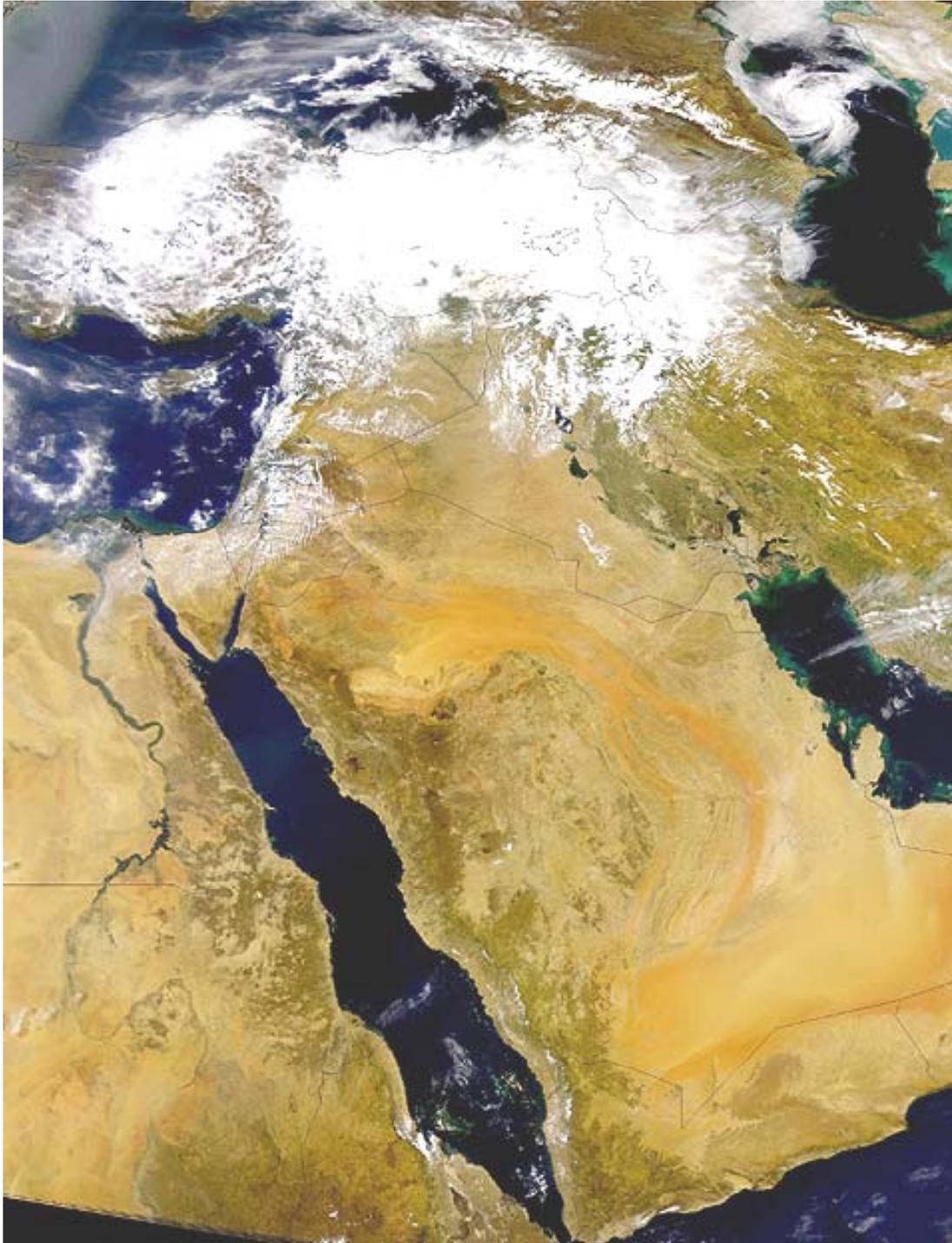


The Bible has proven so accurate that archaeologists often refer to it as a reliable guide when they go to dig in new areas.

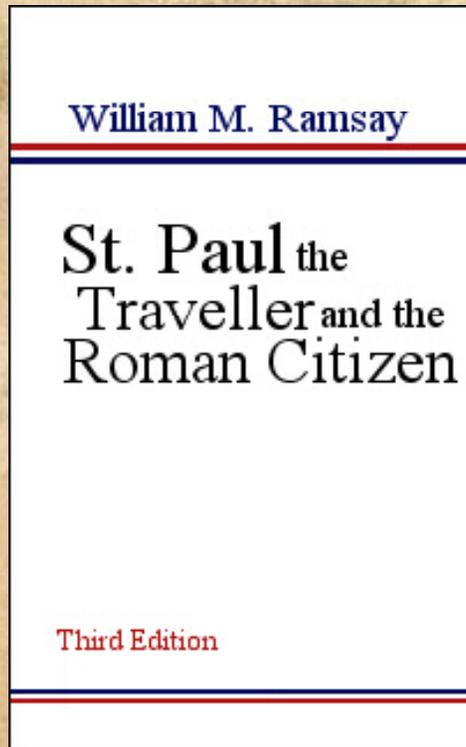


“It may be stated categorically that no archeological discovery has ever controverted [overturned] a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper *evaluation* of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries.”

-Dr. Nelson Glueck

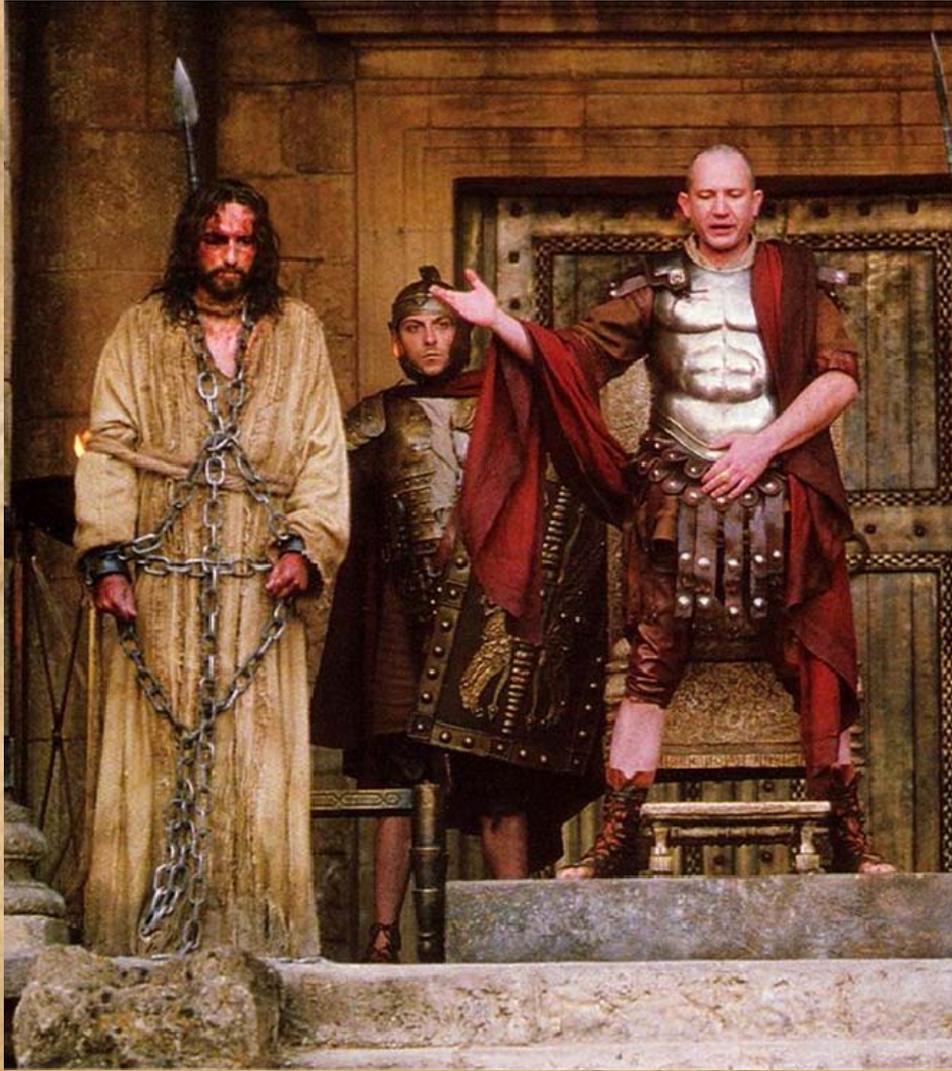


There have been more than 25,000 archaeological discoveries within the region known as “The Bible Lands” that have confirmed the truthfulness of the Bible.



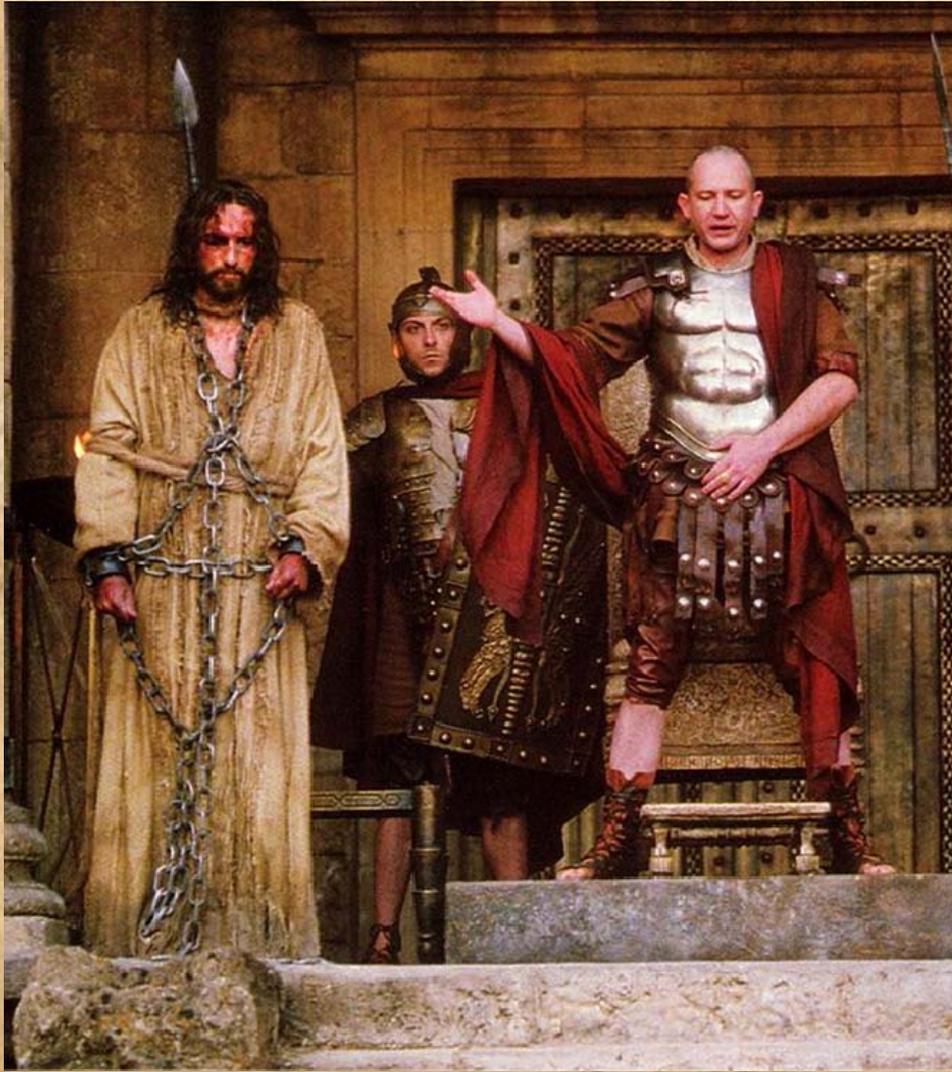
Sir William Ramsay as a young professor set out to uncover contradictions between the biblical records and actual archaeological findings. But after years of doing archaeological research in Asia Minor and Greece, Ramsay was forced to reverse his opinion. His research confirmed the reliability of the Bible, and he became a firm believer in the authority of the Scriptures – so convincing was the evidence that he became a Christian. (*Christianity for Skeptics – Steve Kumar p.110*)

# Pontius Pilate



**The Bible says that Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea and the man who issued the official order for Jesus to be sentenced to death by crucifixion.**

# Pontius Pilate

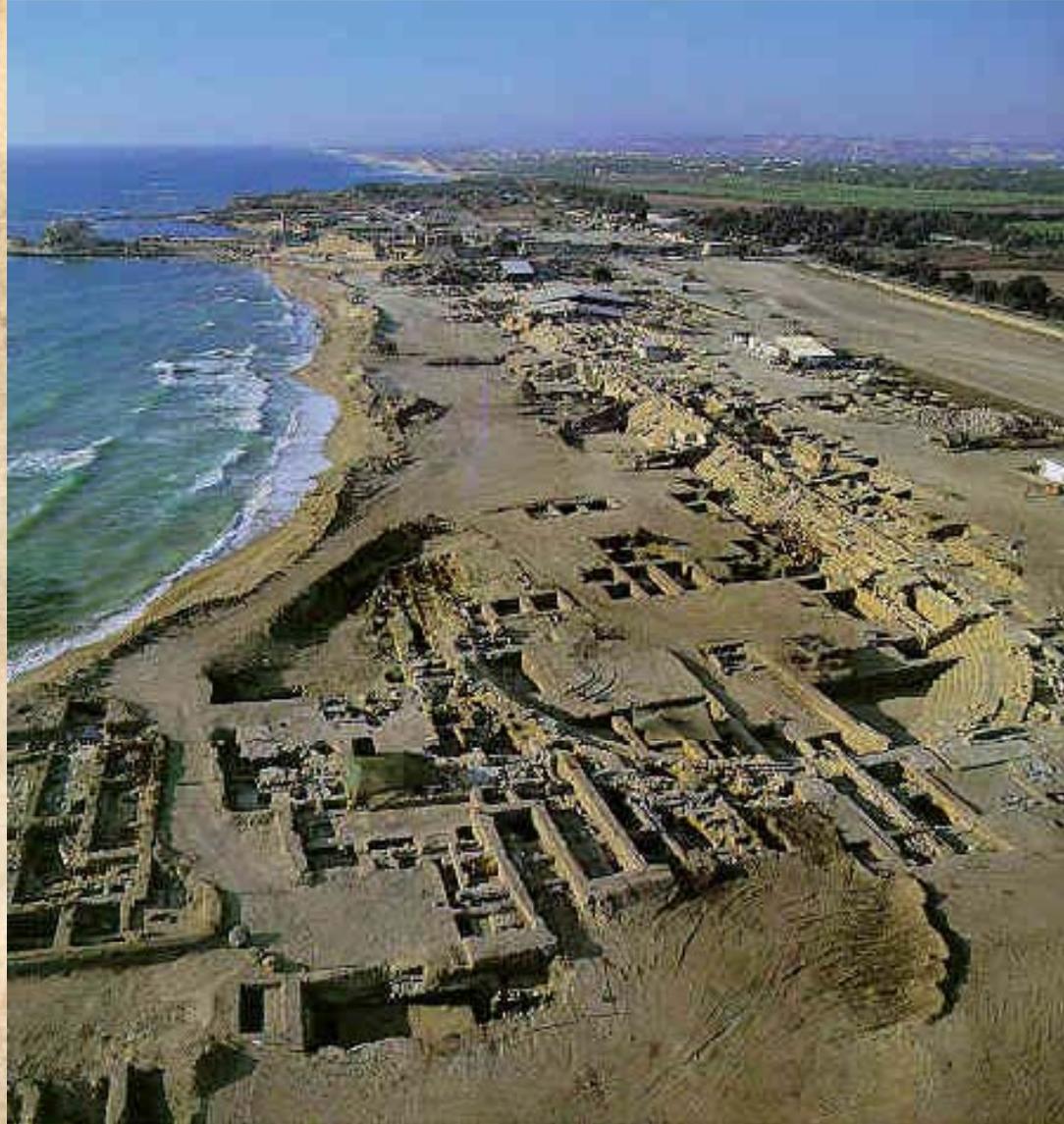


**Skeptics of the Bible long thought that Pilate was an invention of the New Testament writers. That all changed in 1961.**

# Map of Israel

Date: June, 1961  
**Caesarea**

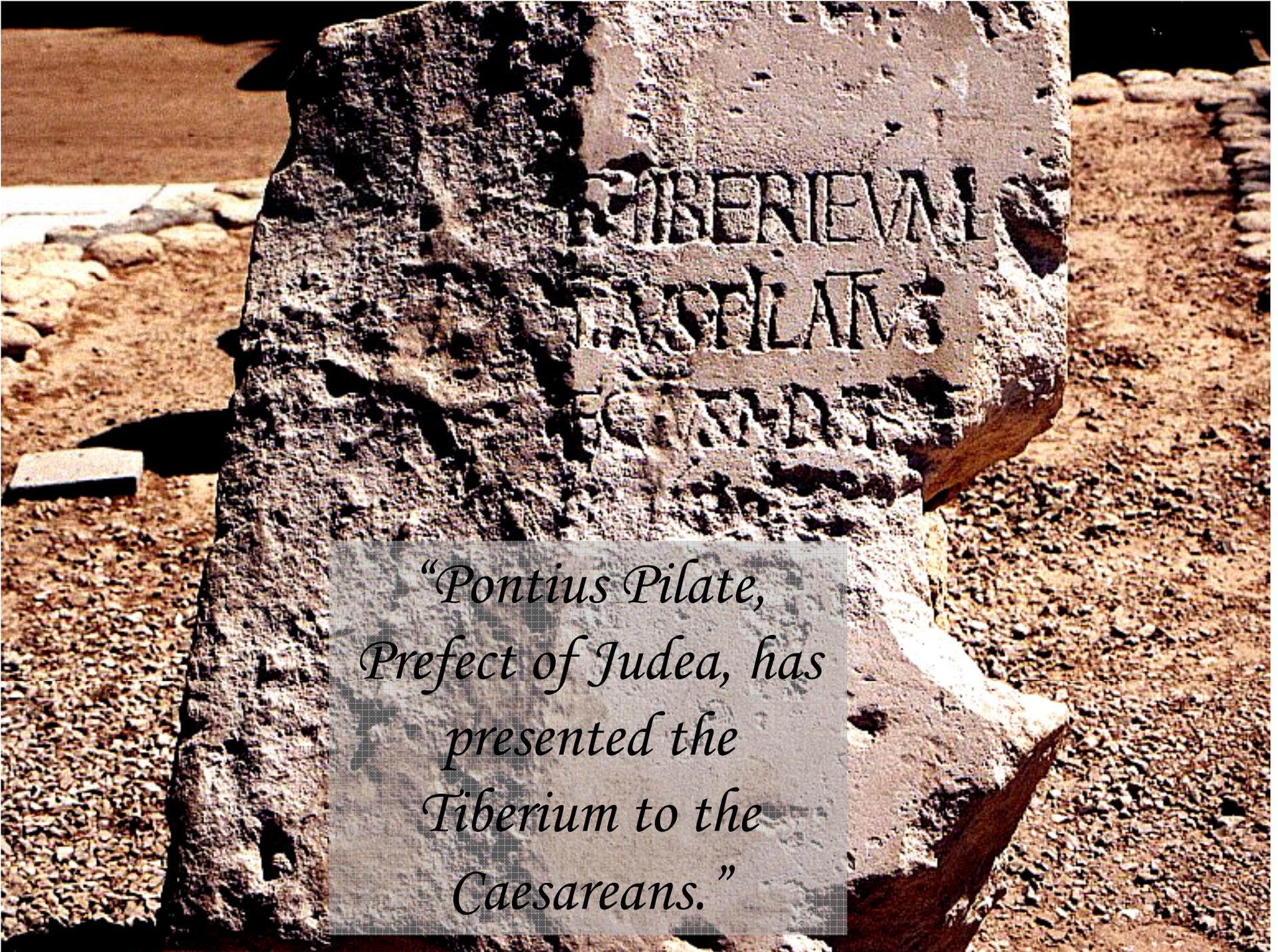




**Excavation site: Caesarea**



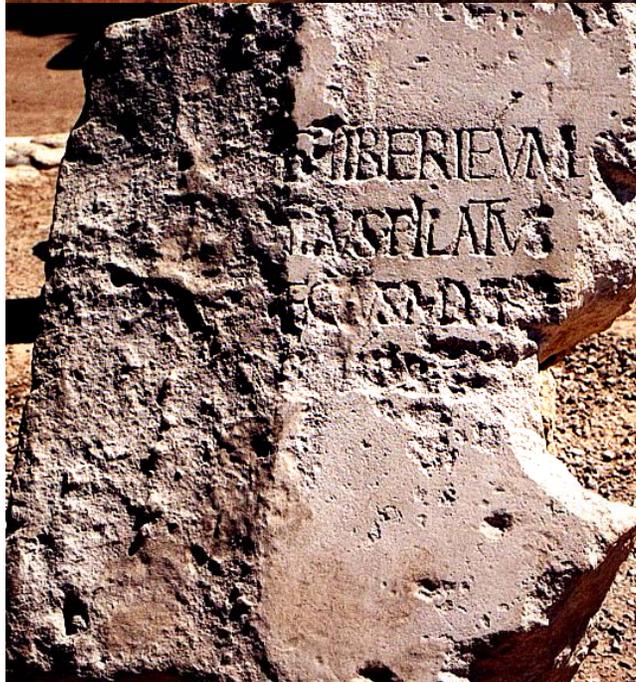
**The Roman theater at Caesarea**



*“Pontius Pilate,  
Prefect of Judea, has  
presented the  
Tiberium to the  
Caesareans.”*



**This stone is on display today in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.**





# Caiaphas

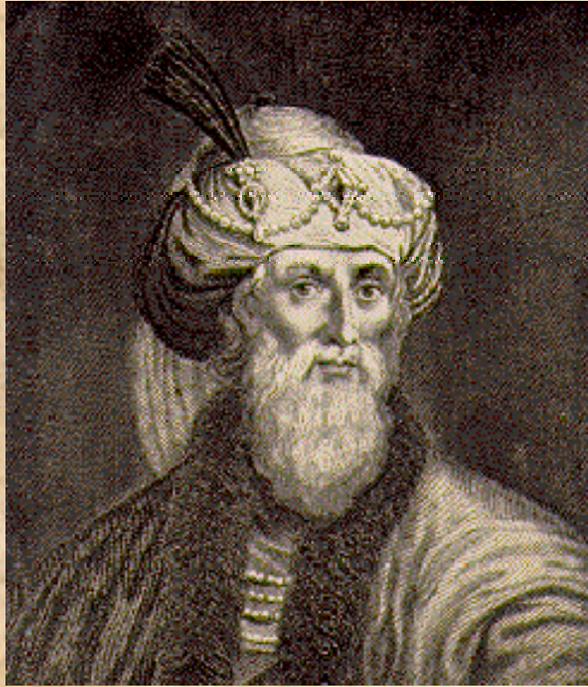
The Bible says that Caiaphas was the Jewish High Priest at the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

# Map of Israel





**“Joseph son of Caiaphas.”**



**What's incredible is that Josephus (that Jewish historian of the first century A.D.) in his writings (*Antiquities* 18: 2, 2; 4, 3) documents that that was actually the full name of the high priest who arrested Jesus, "Joseph son of Caiaphas." Saying "son of" was a way of referring to the family name.**

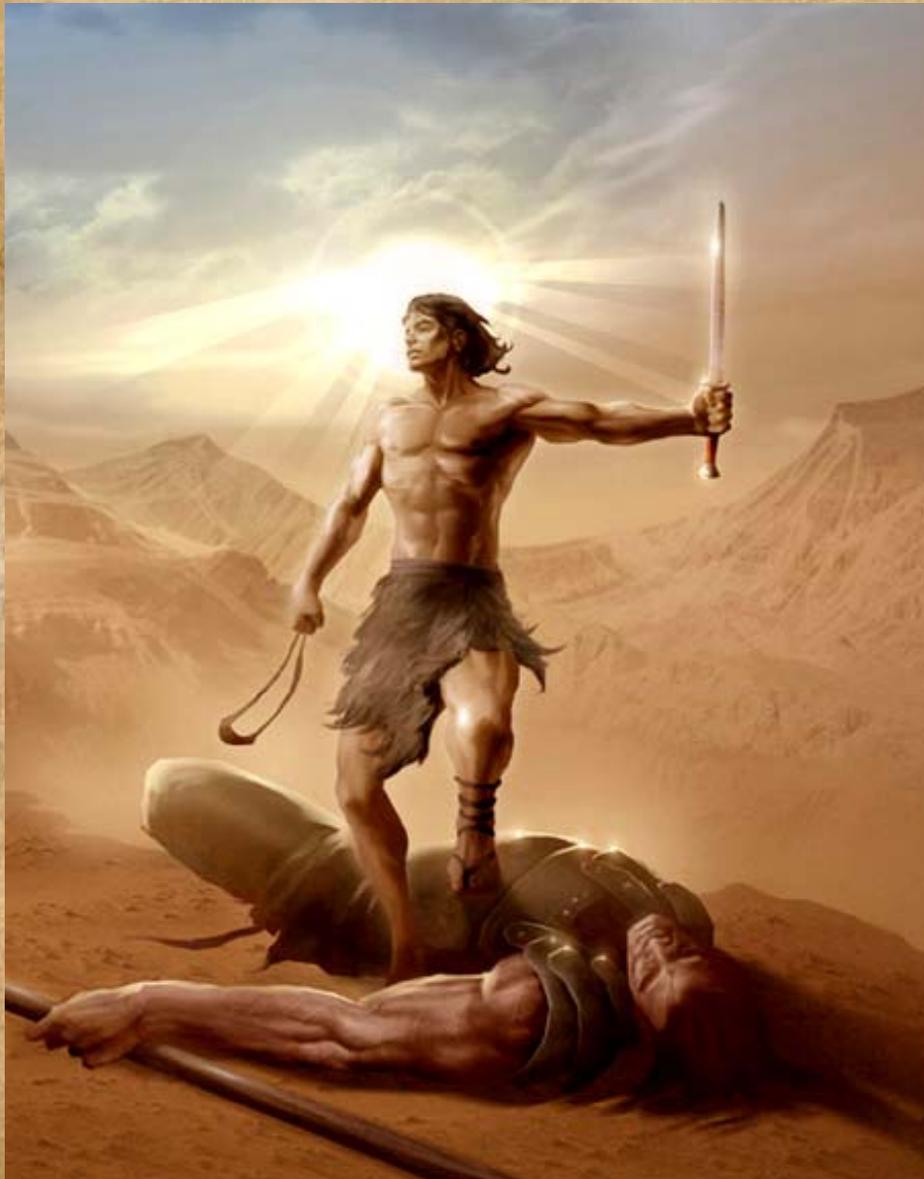


**Inside the ossuary archaeologists found the remains of someone approximately 60 years old at the time of his death, the actual bones of Caiaphas, the high priest mentioned in the Bible.**

**Today Caiaphas' ossuary is on display in the Israel Museum as a testimony to the Bible's trustworthiness.**



**Israel Museum**

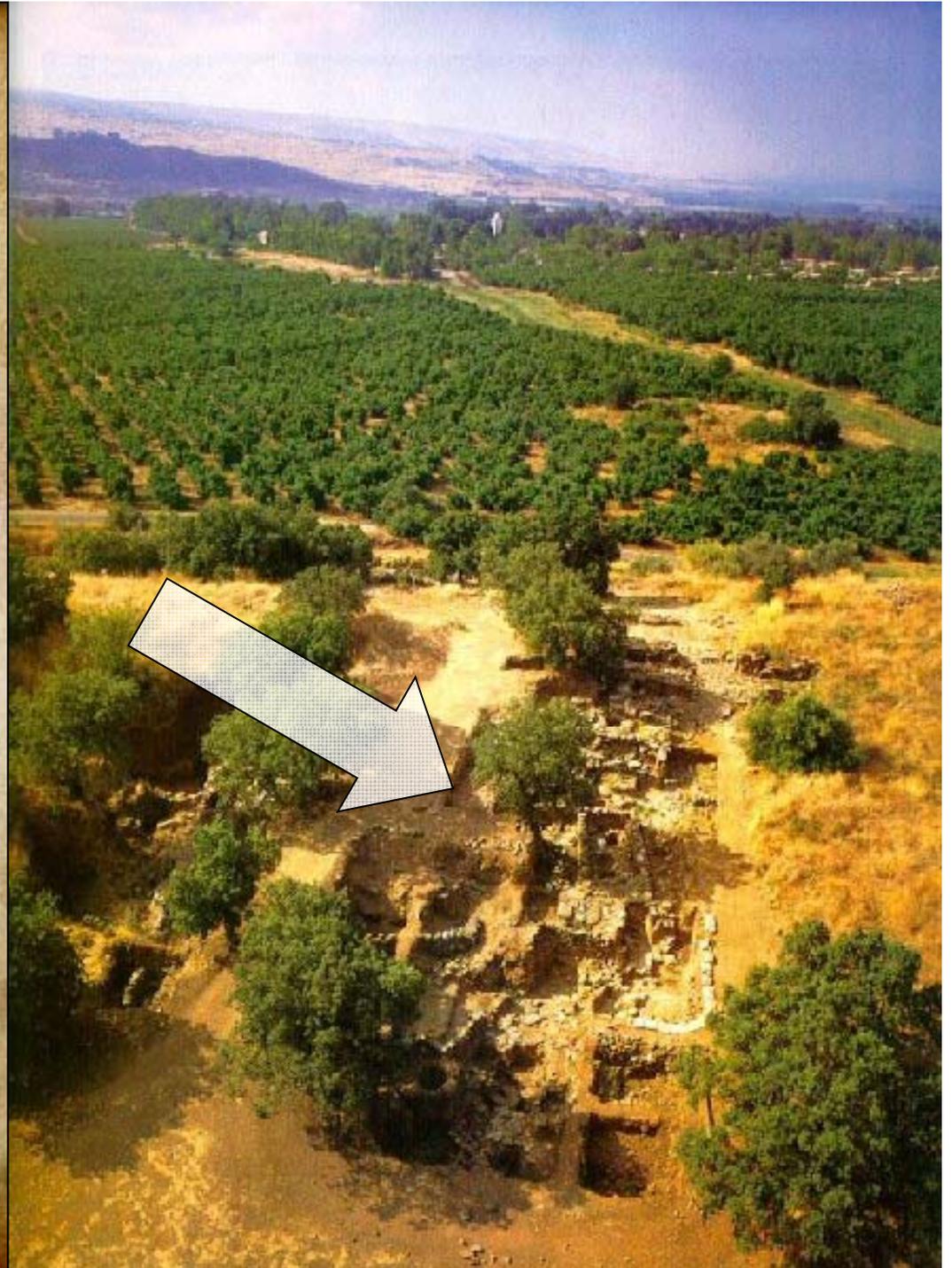


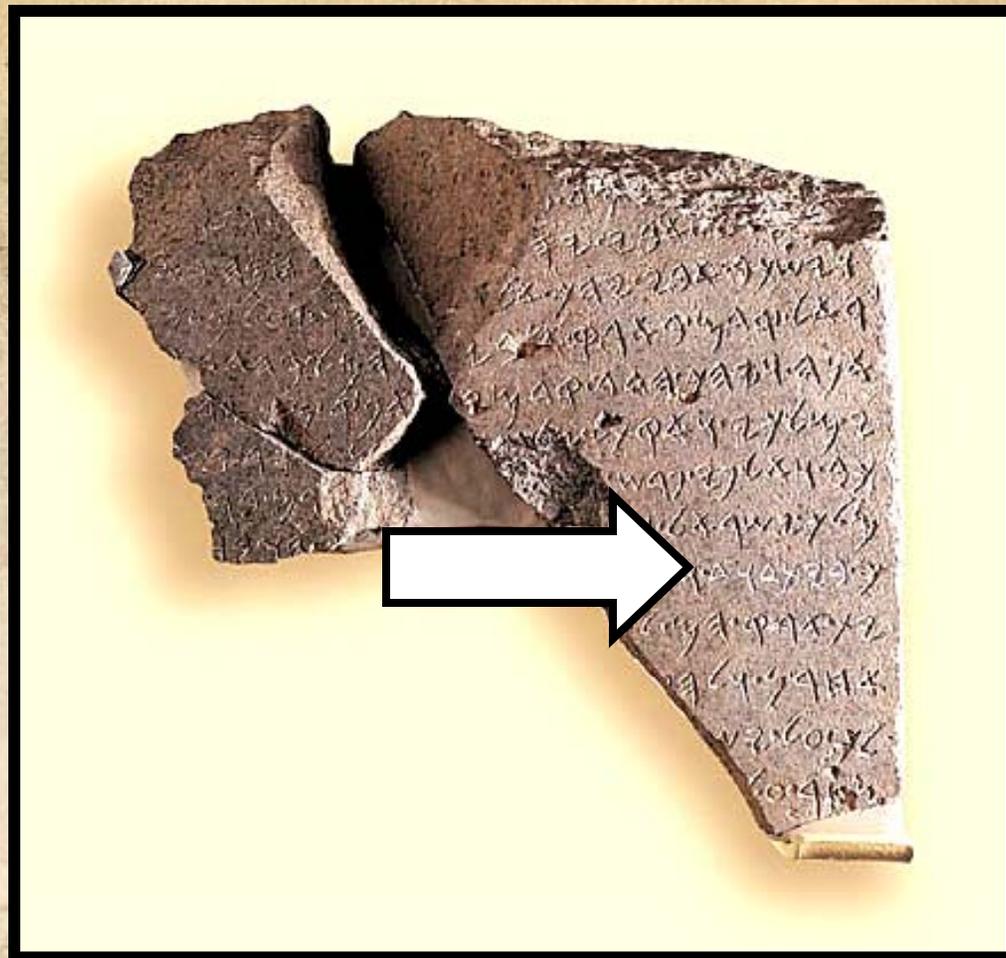
**David, of course, was the most loved of all of Israel's kings. Some liberal scholars had denied that King David was a historical figure because there was no mention of him outside of the Bible.**

# Map of Israel

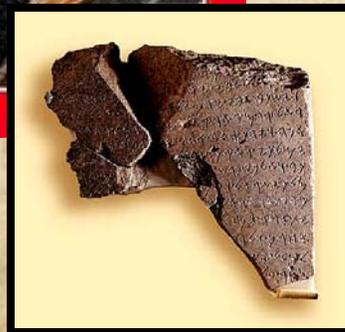


**It was then, at an excavation at Tel-Dan in N. Israel they found a now famous stone with an inscription (in Aramaic) referring to the House of David.**





**In 1994 two more fragments of the same stone inscription were discovered, again mentioning the House of David.**



**“This writing—dated to the 9th century B.C., only a century after David’s reign—described a victory by a neighboring king over the Israelites...The skeptics’ claim that King David never existed is now hard to defend.”—*Time*, December 18, 1995**

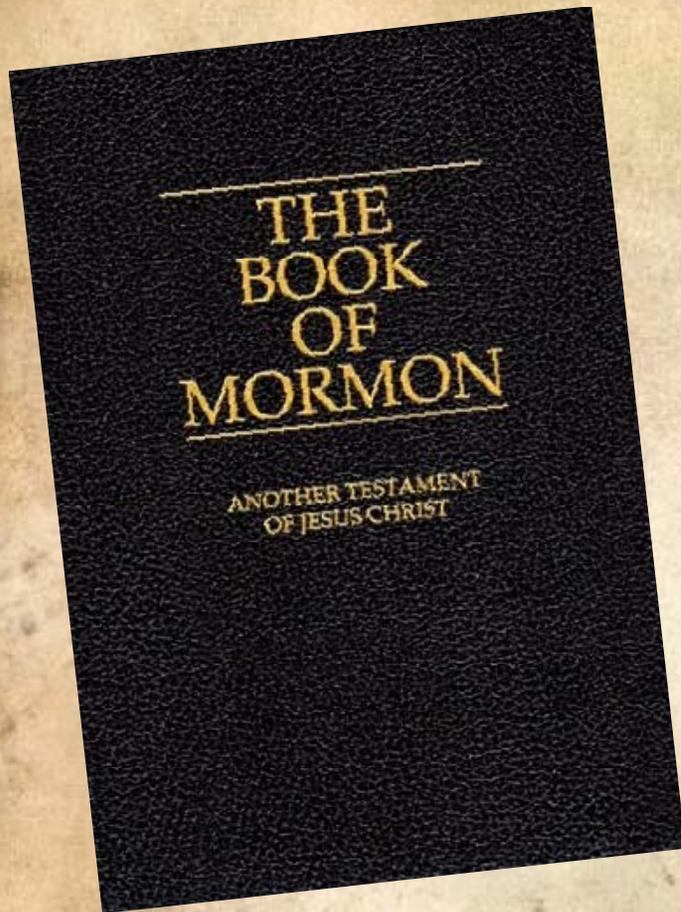


## Millar Burrows, Professor at Yale University

“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.” [What Mean These Stones?, p. 1.]

**As mentioned, there are literally thousands of archaeological discoveries that point to the Bible being an accurate and trustworthy historical document.**

**This is something that has not proven to be the case for other supposed “holy books.”**



Not one piece of evidence has ever been found to support the Book of Mormon. None...

- of the large [cities](#) it names
- no [ruins](#)
- no [coins](#)
- no [letters](#) or [documents](#)
- no [monuments](#)
- nothing in [writing](#)
- no [rivers](#)
- no [mountains](#)
- none of the [topography](#) it mentions has ever been identified.



Joseph Smith (1805-1844)

**Nothing** which demonstrates that the Book of Mormon is anything other than an early 19<sup>th</sup> century piece of American **fiction**, invented by Joseph Smith, has ever been found.

August 12, 1998



**“Archaeologists and other scholars have long probed the hemisphere's past, and the Society does not know of anything found so far that has substantiated the Book of Mormon.”** -National Geographic Society (August 12, 1998)

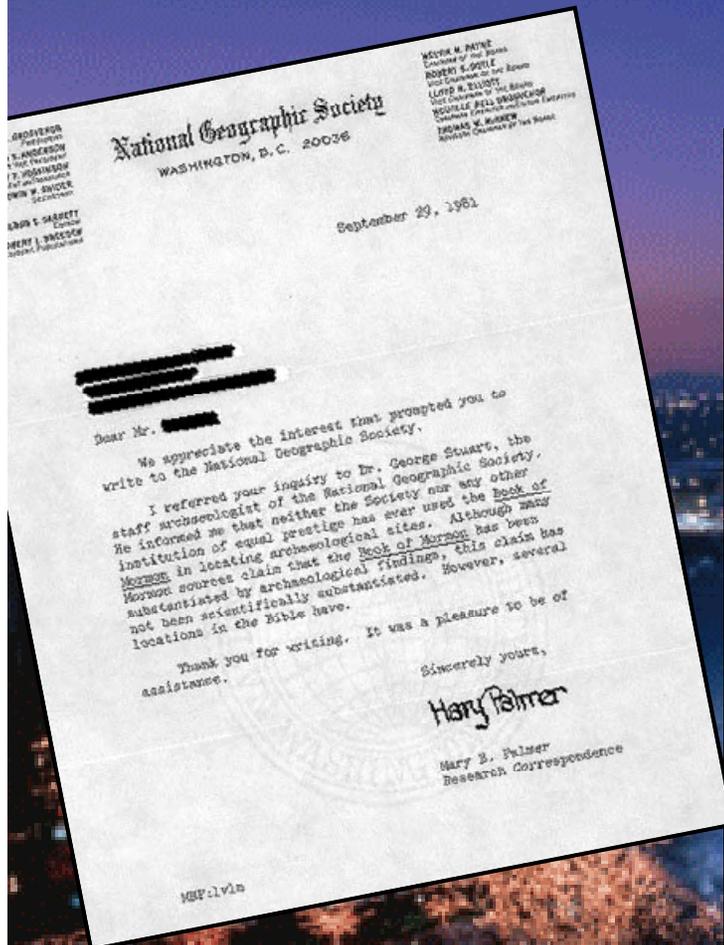
1996



**“The Smithsonian Institution has never used the Book of Mormon in any way as a scientific guide. Smithsonian Archaeologists see no connection between the archaeology of the New World and the subject matter of the Book.”**

-The Department of Anthropology Smithsonian Institution  
(p. 2 of a 3 page statement on the Book of Mormon, 1996)

1981



“I referred your inquiry to Dr. George Stuart, the staff Archaeologist of the National Geographic Society. He informed me that neither the Society nor any other institution of equal prestige has ever used the Book of Mormon in locating archaeological sites. Although many Mormon sources claim that the Book of Mormon has been substantiated by archaeological findings, this claim has not been scientifically substantiated. However, several locations in the Bible have.” (National Geographic Society, Harry Palmer, September 29, 1981)



The Bible's Amazing Scientific  
Accuracy & Insights

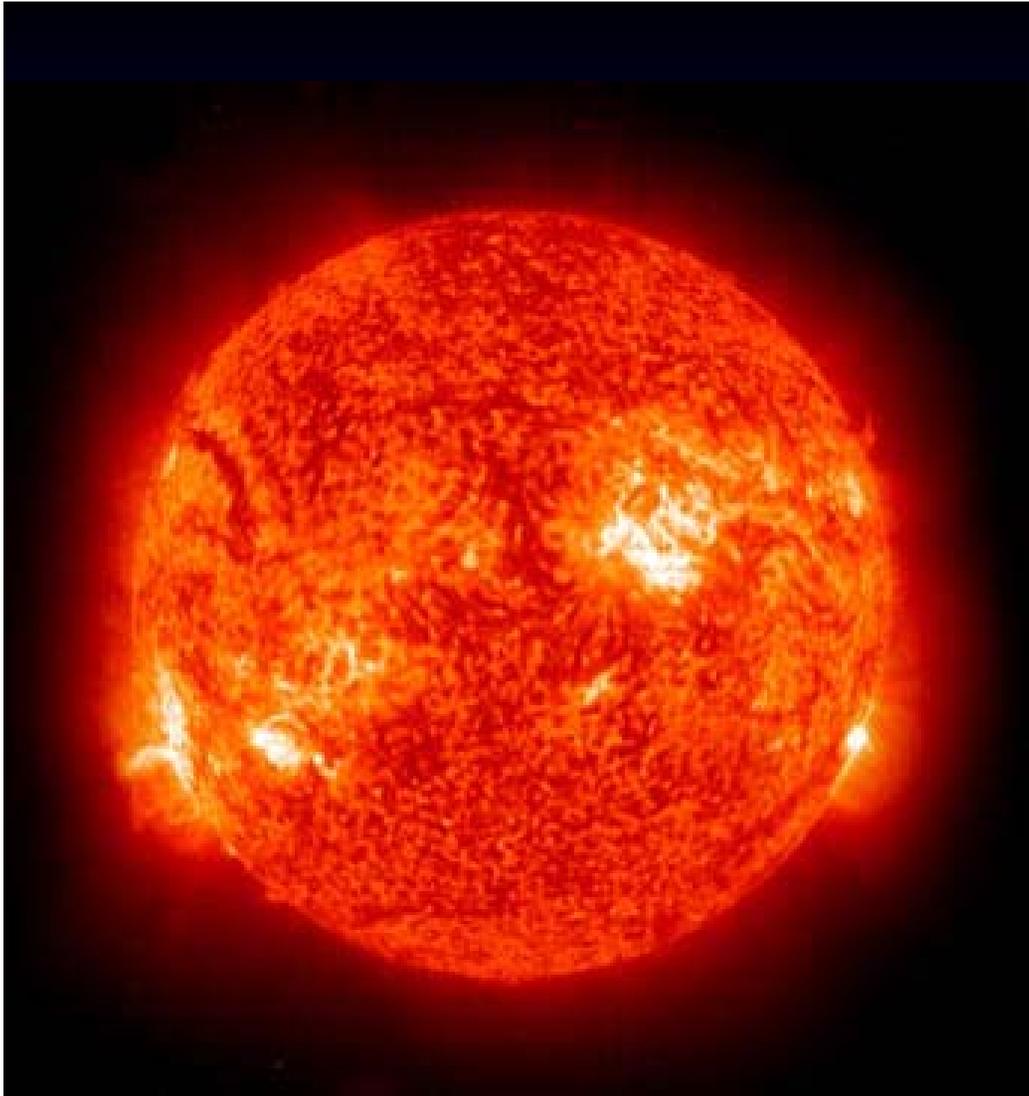
The Bible was completed 2,000 years ago, long before the invention of microscopes, telescopes, and satellites.

The fact that it was written so long ago and yet **does not contain any scientific errors**, might be considered a miracle in itself. Why?

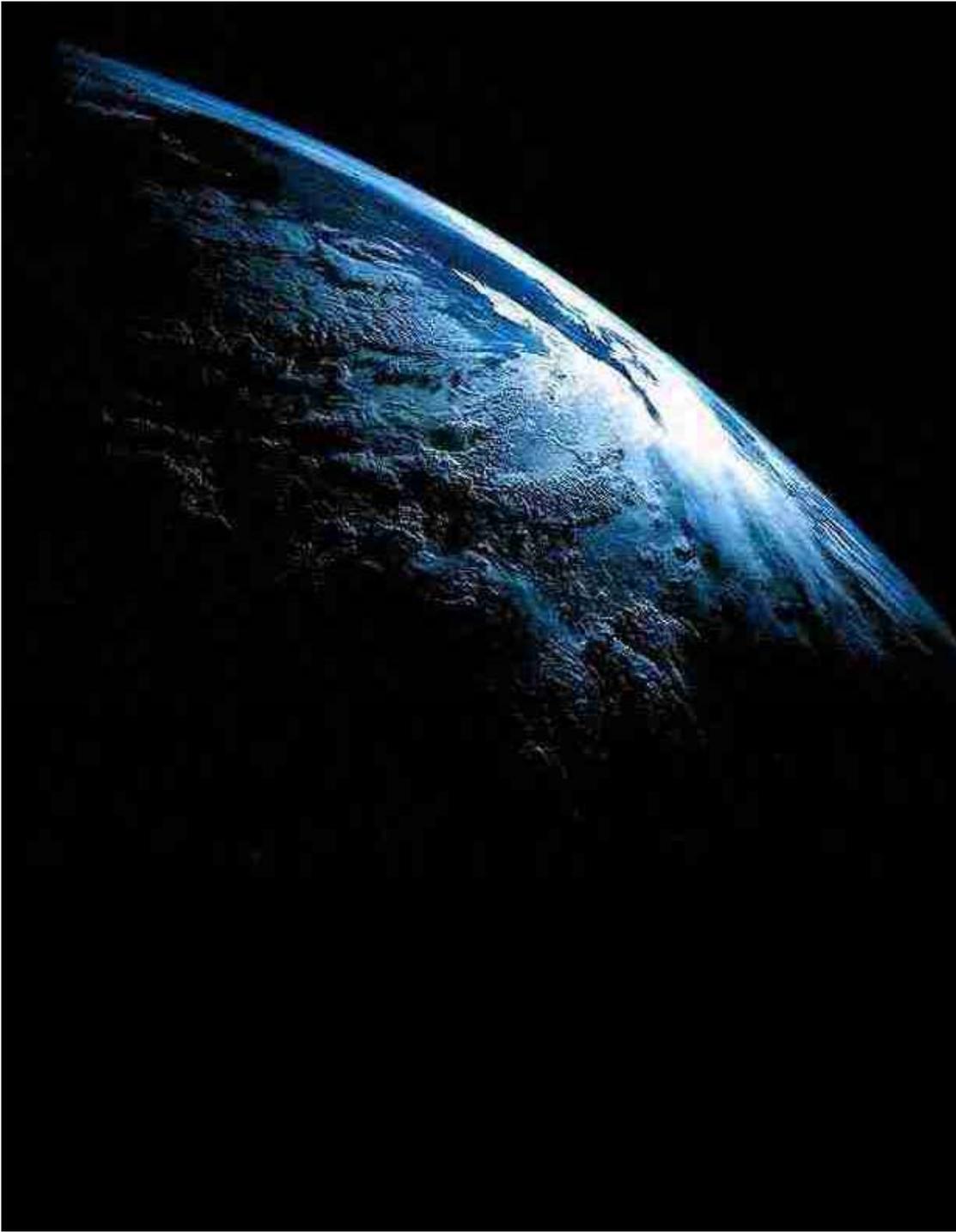


Without exception, every ancient religious writing has certain unscientific views of astronomy, medicine, hygiene, etc.

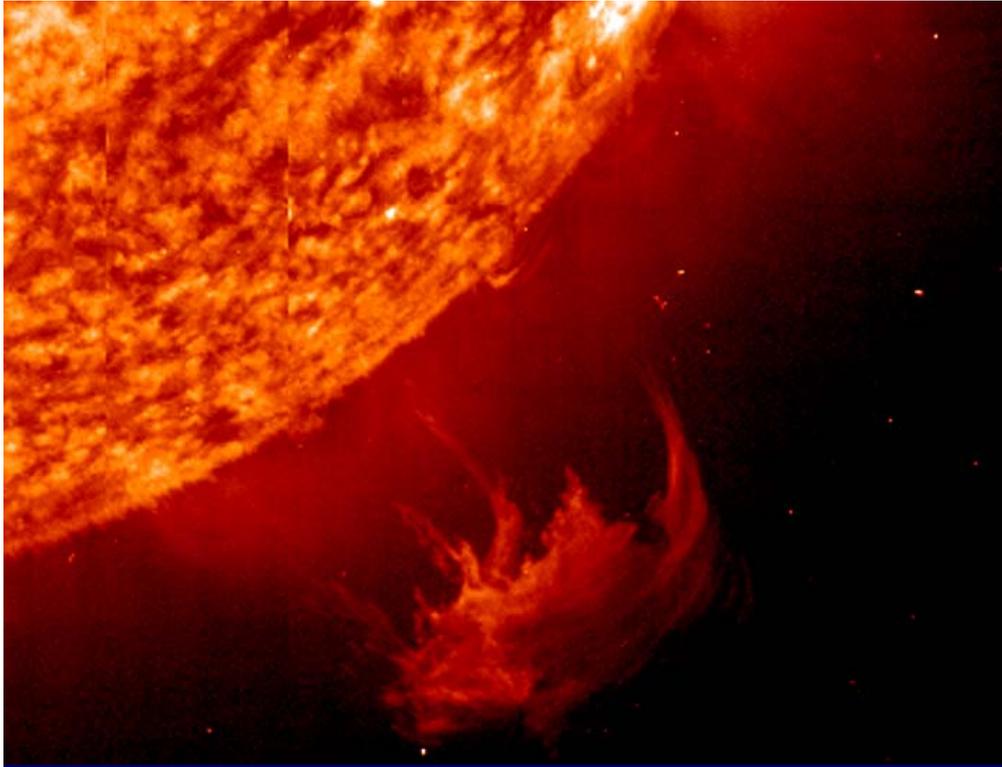




For example, the Qur'an speaks of a man traveling and, **“when he reached the setting-place of the sun, he found it setting in a muddy spring.”** (Surah 18:86)



The Bible steers free of these kinds of errors. But, not only that, it makes known amazing facts about our world and the universe thousands of years before scientists discovered that they were actually true.



# The Sun



In contrast to the Qur'an, the Bible teaches that the sun is actually on a circuit through space.



Writing of the sun  
in Psalm 19:6,  
David said...

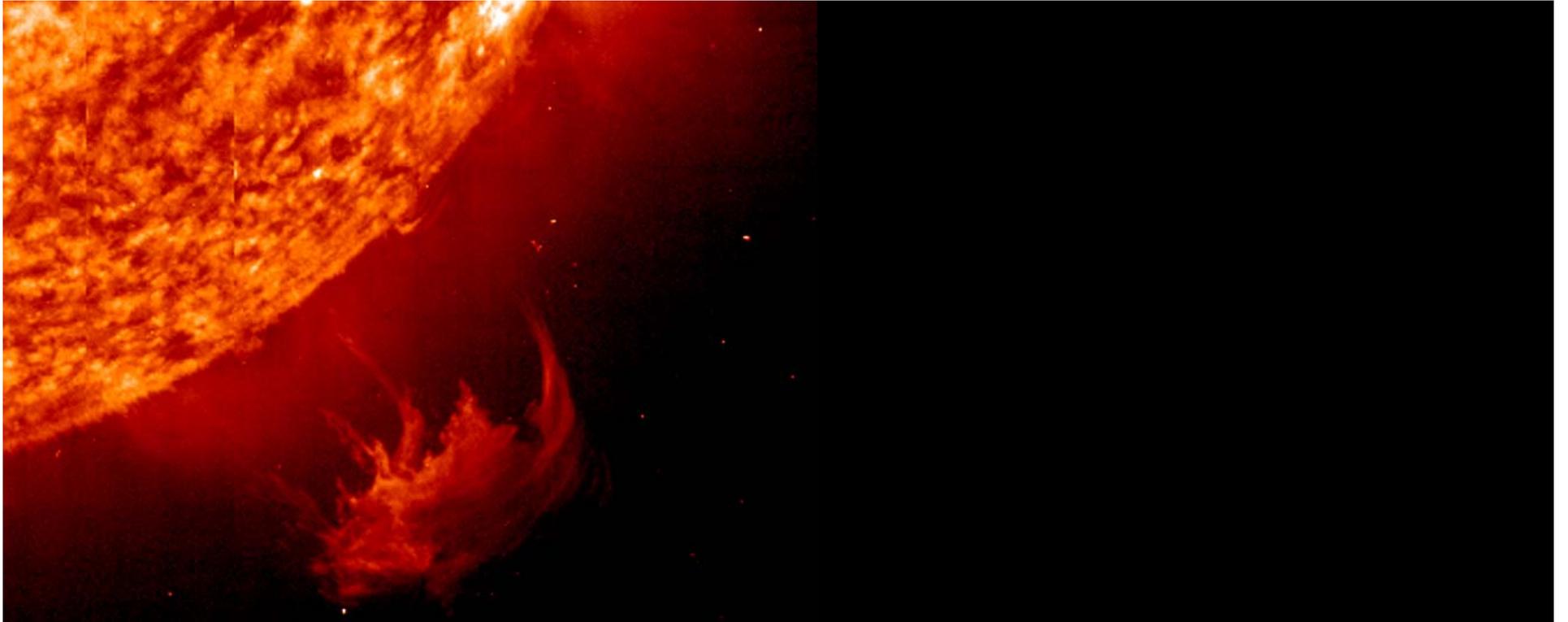
**“Its rising is  
from one end of  
heaven, and its  
circuit to the  
other end.”**



For many years critics scoffed at this verse, claiming that it taught that the sun revolves around the earth. Scientists at that time thought the sun was stationary.



However, it has been discovered in recent years that the sun is in fact on a circuit through space, just like the Bible says. It is traveling at approximately 600,000 mph.



The Sun

The Shape Of The Earth



When the rest of the world believed the Earth was flat, Isaiah declared in Isaiah 40:22 that the Earth was a round sphere.

“It is He who sits above the circle of the Earth...”

(Isaiah 40:22)



That word “circle” in the Hebrew is the word “chuwq” which indicates something spherical, rounded, or arched.

“It is He who sits above the circle of the Earth...”

(Isaiah 40:22)



**When did Isaiah write these words?**

**Between 740 and 680 B.C.**



That was at least 300 years before  
Aristotle suggested, in his book *On the*  
*Heavens*, that the earth *might* be a sphere.



In 1492, more than 2,000 years *after* Isaiah penned those words, many people still thought Christopher Columbus was going to sail off of the edge of a *flat* planet.



The Sun

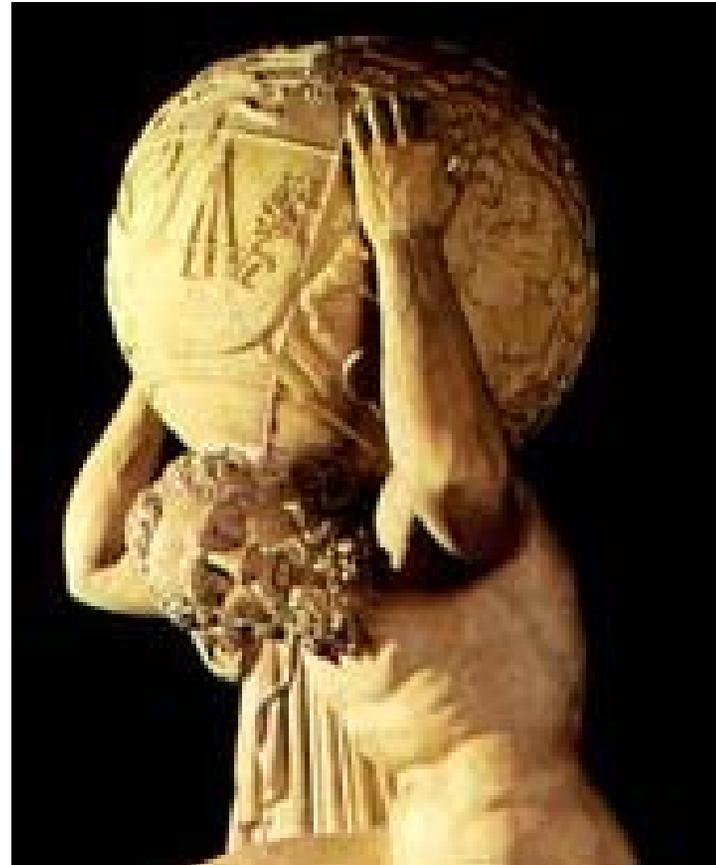
The Shape Of The Earth

The Suspension Of The Earth

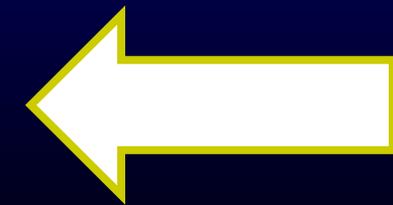
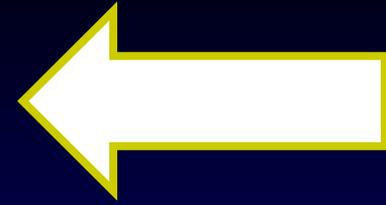
Before Isaac  
Newton discovered  
gravity, Hindus  
believed that the  
earth rested on the  
back of an elephant  
who stood on the  
back of a turtle that  
was swimming in a  
great endless sea.



The Greeks believed that the mythical god Atlas carried the earth on his shoulders.



Job, the author of one of the oldest books in the Bible, said in Job 26:7, “He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.”



# How did Job know that?



Scientists didn't discover that the earth hangs on nothing until 1650, more than 2,500 years *after* Job penned those words.



1. The Sun
2. The Shape Of The Earth
3. The Suspension Of The Earth
4. The Stars

**Before the invention of the telescope, man actually believed that the stars could be numbered.**



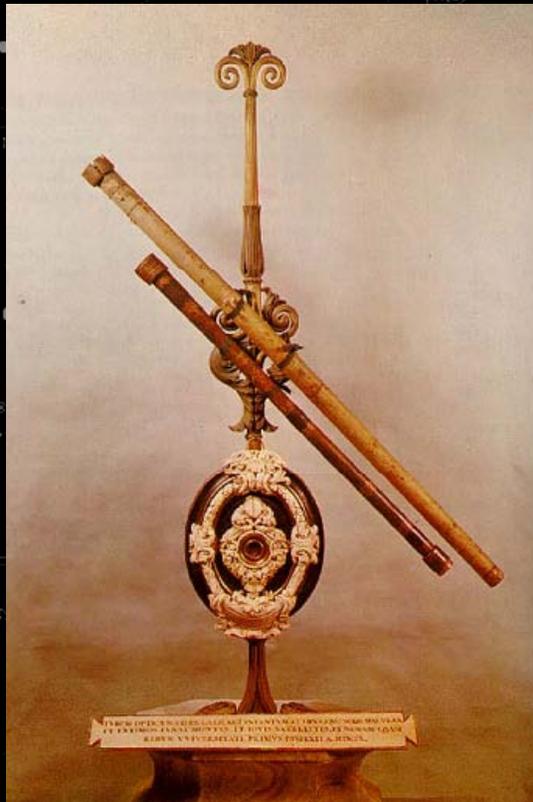
**Hipparchus** (190-120 B.C.), the Greek astronomer and mathematician said there were exactly **1,026** stars.



The astronomer and mathematician **Ptolemy** (90-165A.D.) said there were **1,056** stars.



The German astronomer, Johannes  
Kepler (1571-1630) counted 1,006.



When Galileo pointed his telescope to the heavens in 1608, he discovered that his fellow astronomers were way off and that the Bible was actually right.

**Jeremiah 33:22**

**“The host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured.”**

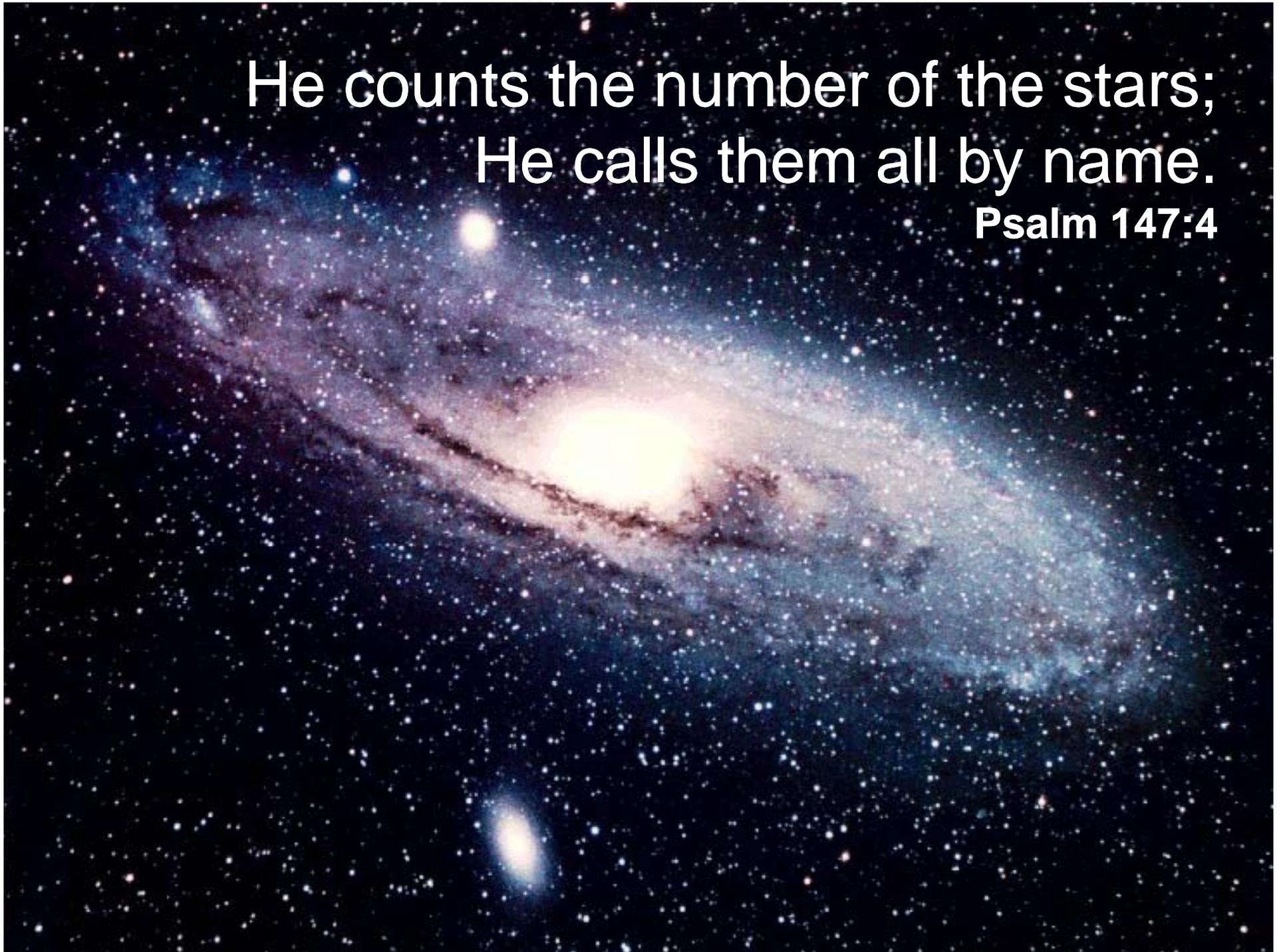
**Jeremiah wrote that more than 2,000 years *before* Galileo made his discovery.**

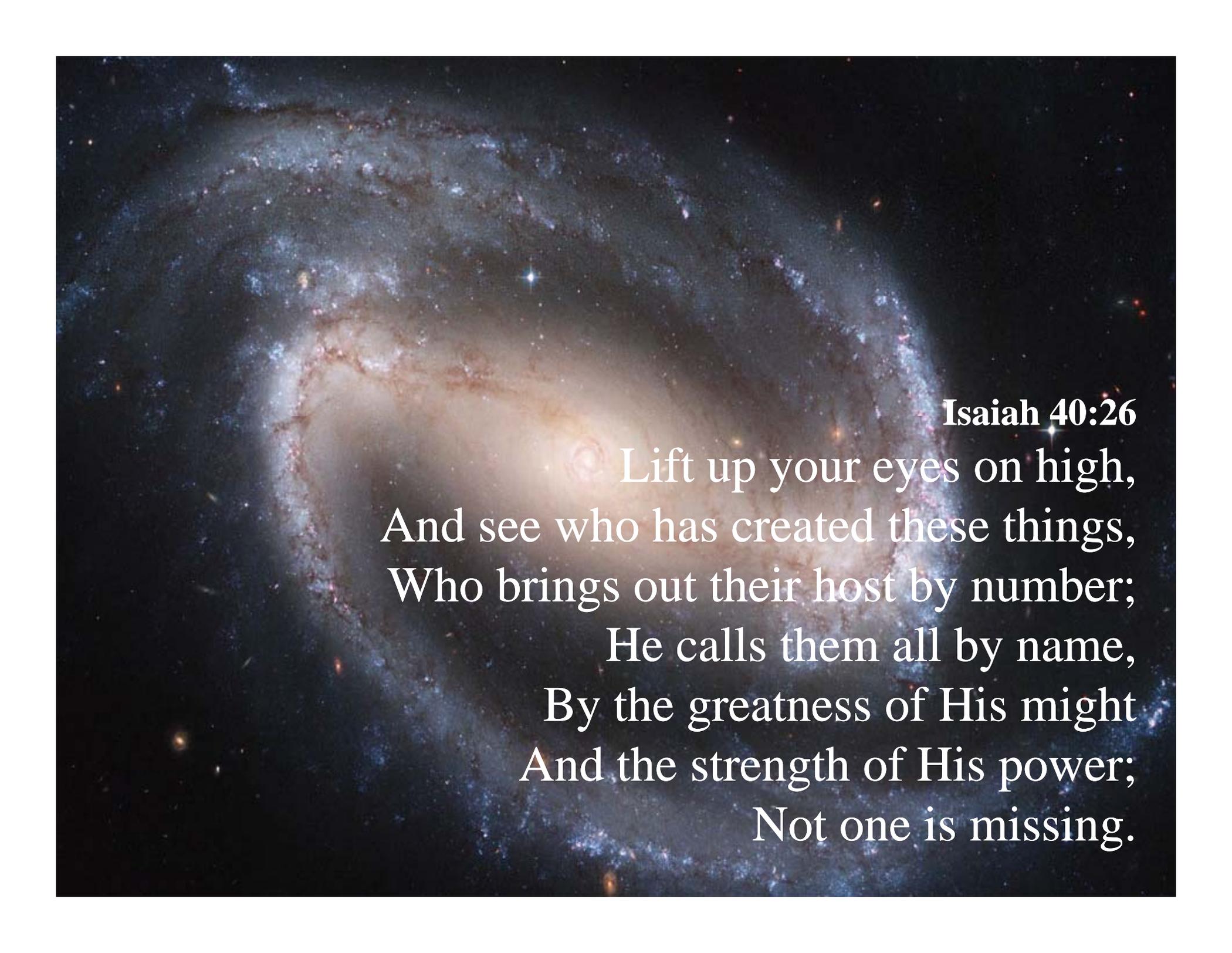


Today, based on powerful telescopes and modern satellite photographs, scientists estimate that the universe contains approximately 100 billion galaxies containing approximately 200 billion stars each.

He counts the number of the stars;  
He calls them all by name.

Psalm 147:4





**Isaiah 40:26**

☉ Lift up your eyes on high,  
And see who has created these things,  
Who brings out their host by number;  
He calls them all by name,  
By the greatness of His might  
And the strength of His power;  
Not one is missing.

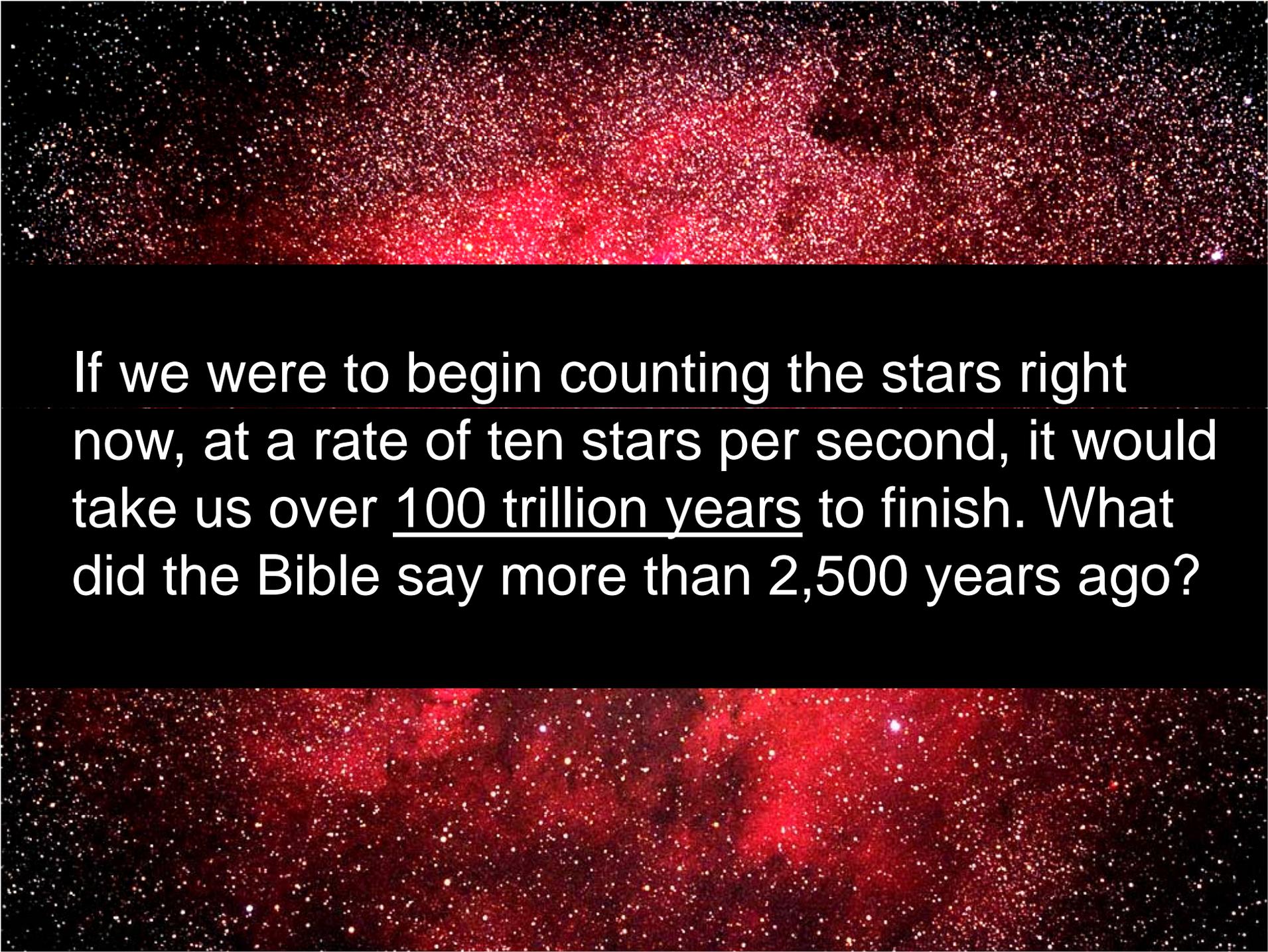
Carl Sagan (1934-1996), the world famous astronomer, said...



**“The total number of stars in the universe is *greater* than all the grains of sand on all the beaches of the planet Earth.”** (Cosmos, p. 196)



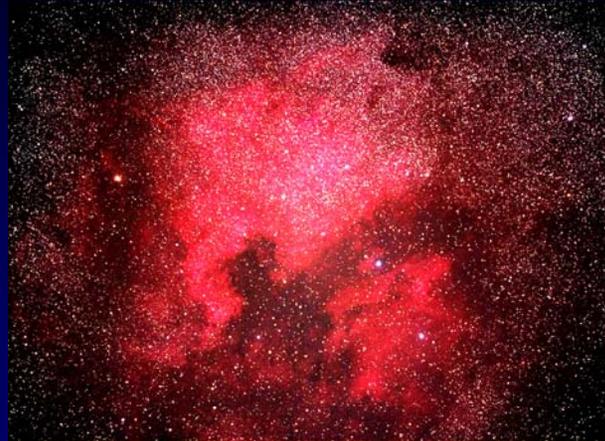
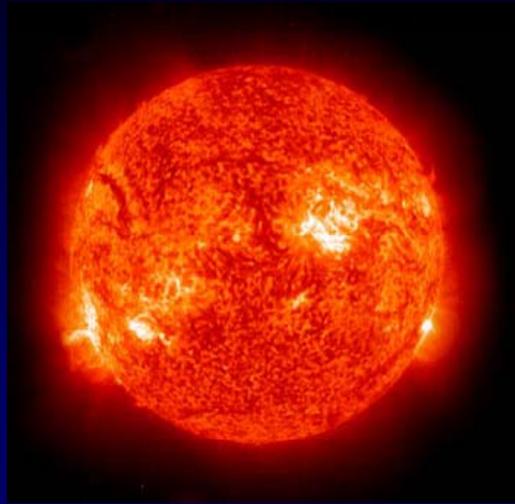
Scientists tell us that there are enough stars in the universe for every one of the Earth's 6.2 billion inhabitants to own more than 2 trillion stars each.



If we were to begin counting the stars right now, at a rate of ten stars per second, it would take us over 100 trillion years to finish. What did the Bible say more than 2,500 years ago?



“The host of heaven cannot be numbered,  
nor the sand of the sea measured.”  
Jeremiah 33:22



How did the authors of the Bible know...

- that the Sun was on a circuit?
- that the Stars were uncountable?
- that the Earth was a sphere?
- and that the Earth hangs on nothing?



Peter tells us how these men knew these things in **2 Peter 1:21**. He says...

**“Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”**



**The God, who knows all there is to know about the universe He created, superintended the writing of the Bible to make sure that what He wanted written, was written.**

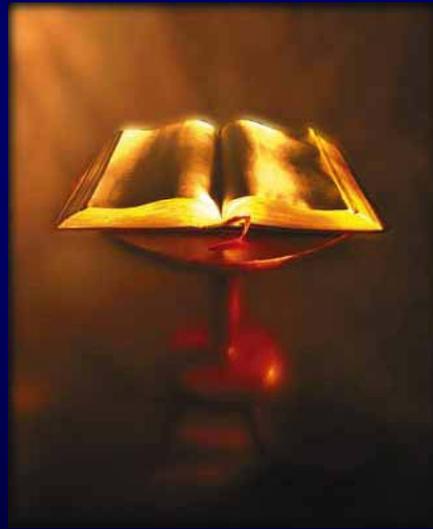
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