APOLOGETICS

Know Why You Believe

Apologetics

1 Peter 3:15
But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Defense = Apologia
NIV = Answer
A reasoned statement or argument
Strongs

KNOW WHY YOU BELIEVE

1 Is **Christianity** Rational?

2 Is There a God?

3 Is Christ God?

4 Did Christ Rise From the Dead?

5 Is the Bible God's Word?

6 Are the Bible Documents Reliable?

7 Does Archaeology Verify Scripture?

8 Are Miracles Possible?

9 Do Science & Scripture Agree?

10 Why Does God Allow Suffering & evil?

11 Does Christianity Differ from Other World Religions?

12 Is Christian Experience Valid?

The Message of the Bible

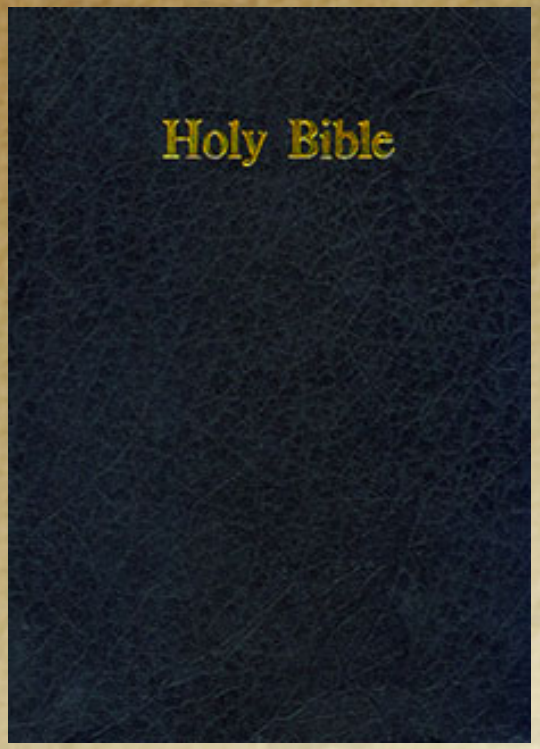
Genesis	**Creation**
	The Fall
	The Hope
	The Promise of a Savior
O.T.	The History of a Nation
Gospels	The Good News
Acts	The Spread of the Good News
Letters	The Details of the Good News
Revelation	A View into the Future

The Bible is:

Made up of 66 different books.

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

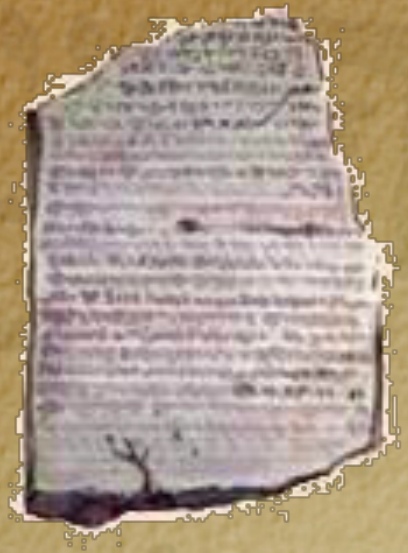
Written by more than 40 kings, prophets, leaders, and followers of Jesus.



Old Testament:

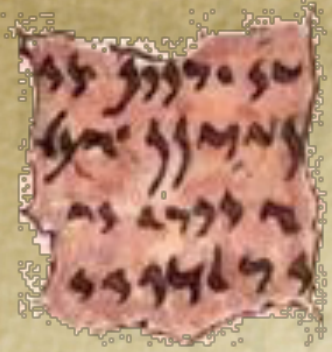
39 books

Written approximately 1500-400 BC



Stone

Clay

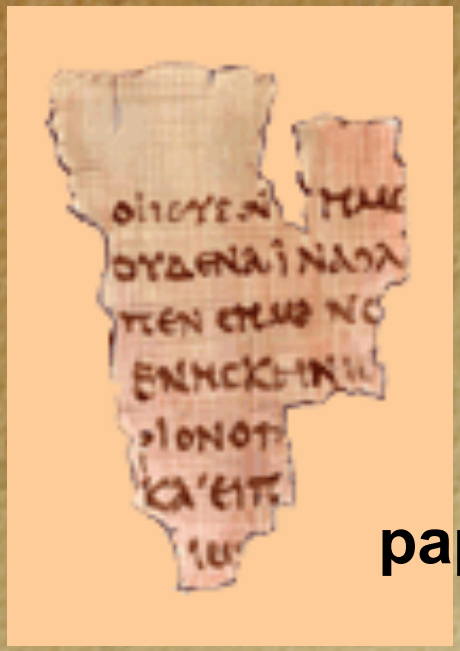


Leather

New Testament:

27 books

Written approximately AD 45-100



papyrus

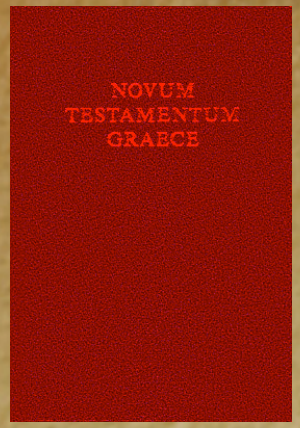
The oldest New Testament fragment (from John 18) that we have today was copied in Greek on a papyrus codex (folded book) around AD 110-130.

The Old Testament was written mainly in Hebrew, with some Aramaic.

A sample of Aramaic letters.

The letter “aleph” in Hebrew script.

The New Testament was written in Greek.



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a	b	g	d	e	z

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A sample of Greek letters.

The letter “alpha” in *Koine* Greek dialect.

The Bible Claims Inspiration

Thus Says The Lord = 420 Times

The Word Of The Lord = 281 Times

The Word Of God = 51 Times

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2 Timothy 3:16–17
All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Inspiration = theo pneustos = God breathed

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2 Peter 1:20–21
knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

Moved = carried along

Messianic Prophecies

1.	Seed of the Woman	Genesis 3:15
2.	Born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14
3.	Declared the Son of God	Psalm 2:7
4.	Descendant of Abraham	Genesis 22:18
5.	Son of Isaac	Genesis 21:12
6.	Son of Jacob	Numbers 24:17
7.	Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10
8.	Family Line of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1
9.	House of David	Jeremiah 23:5
10.	Born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
11.	Presented with Gifts	Psalm 72:10
12.	Slaughter of the Children	Jeremiah 31:15
13.	His Pre-Existence	Micah 5:2
14.	Called Lord	Psalm 110:1
15.	God With Us	Isaiah 7:14

Messianic Prophecies

16.	Shall Be a Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:18
17.	Shall Be a Priest	Psalm 110:4
18.	Shall Be a Judge	Isaiah 33:22
19.	Shall Be King	Psalm 2:6
20.	Anointing By Holy Spirit	Isaiah 11:2
21.	Zeal For God	Psalm 69:9
22.	Preceded By a Messenger	Isaiah 40:3
23.	Ministry in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1
24.	Ministry of Miracles	Isaiah 35:5-6
25.	Teacher of Parables	Psalm 78:2
26.	Enters the Temple	Malachi 3:1
27.	Triumphal Entry on Donkey	Zechariah 9:9
28.	Stone of Stumbling	Psalm 118:22
29.	Light to the Gentiles	Isaiah 60:3
30.	Resurrection	Psalm 16:10

Messianic Prophecies

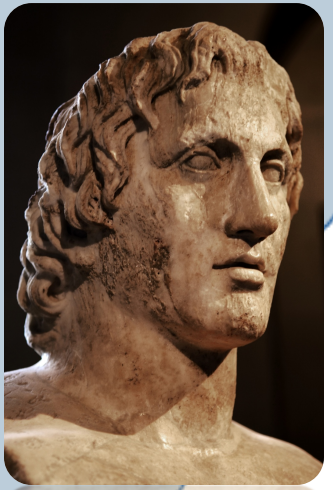
31.	Ascension	Psalm 68:18
32.	Seated at God's Right	Psalm 110:1
33.	Betrayed by a Friend	Psalm 41:9
34.	Sold for 30 Pieces of Silver	Zechariah 11:12
35.	Money Thrown into Temple	Zechariah 11:13
36.	Price for Potter's Field	Zechariah 11:13
37.	Forsaken By Disciples	Zechariah 13:7
38.	Falsely Accused	Psalm 35:11
39.	Silent Before Accusers	Isaiah 53:7
40.	Wounded and Bruised	Isaiah 53:5
41.	Smitten and Spit Upon	Isaiah 50:6
42.	Mocked	Psalm 22:7-8
43.	Fell Under the Cross	Psalm 109:24-25
44.	Hands and Feet Pierced	Psalm 22:16
45.	Crucified with Thieves	Isaiah 53:12

Messianic Prophecies

46.	Made Intercession	Isaiah 53:12
47.	Rejected By His Own	Isaiah 53:3
48.	Hated Without a Cause	Psalm 69:4
49.	Friends Stood Afar Off	Psalm 38:11
50.	People Shook Their Heads	Psalm 109:25
51.	Stared Upon	Psalm 22:17
52.	Garments Divided	Psalm 22:18
53.	Suffered Thirst	Psalm 69:21
54.	Gall and Vinegar Offered	Psalm 69:21
55.	His Forsaken Cry	Psalm 22:1
56.	Committed Himself to God	Psalm 31:5
57.	Bones Not Broken	Psalm 34:20
58.	Heartbroken	Psalm 22:14
59.	His Side Pierced	Zechariah 12:10
60.	Darkness Over the Land	Amos 8:9
61.	Buried in Rich Man's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9

Tyre

1. Nebuchadnezzar shall take the city of Tyre.
2. Other nations are to participate in the fulfillment of the prophecy.
3. The city is to be made flat like the top of a rock.
4. It is to become a place for spreading of nets.
5. Its stones and timber are to be laid in the sea.
6. Other cities are to fear greatly at the fall of Tyre.
7. The old city of Tyre shall never be rebuilt.



Cyprian Fleet

Sidonian Harbor

Main Temple

New, Island City of Tyre

Heavy Walls Around Entire Island

Mole Constructed by Alexander

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Egyptian Harbor

Final assault and Breakthrough

Phoenician Fleet

Old City of Tyre

THE SIEGE OF TYRE

Novenber 333 - August 332 B.C.

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SCALE OF YARDS

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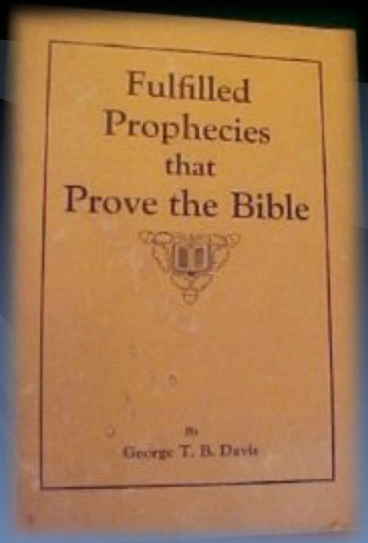
George Davis, in his book Fulfilled Prophecies that Prove the Bible, included a picture of Syrian fishermen under which the following caption appeared: “Syrian fishermen hauling in their nets on the probable site of ancient Tyre, which perished as predicted by the prophet”



A man can ascend the walls of New Tyre and see anci[illegible]re, which the sea has now cove[illegible]g at a stone's throw from the new city. A[illegible]ld o[illegible]e care to go forth by boat one c[illegible]s, market-places, stree[illegible]the bed of the sea.

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Peter Stoner, Science Speaks: 1 in 75,000,000

Probability of These 11 Prophecies is 1 in 5.76×10^{59}

Tyre 1 in 7.5×10^{7}
Samaria 1 in 4×10^{4}
Gaza and Ashkelon 1 in 1.2×10^{4}
Jericho 1 in 2×10^{5}
The Golden Gate 1 in 10^{3}
Zion Plowed 1 in 10^{2}
Jerusalem Enlarged 1 in 8×10^{10}
Palestine 1 in 2×10^{5}
Moab and Ammon 1 in 10^{3}
Edom 1 in 10^{4}
Babylon 1 in 5×10^{9}

Probability

60 major, 270 details = Over 330 prophecies

Probability of 8 coming true = 1 in 10^{17}

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Probability of 48 coming true = 1 x 10^{157}

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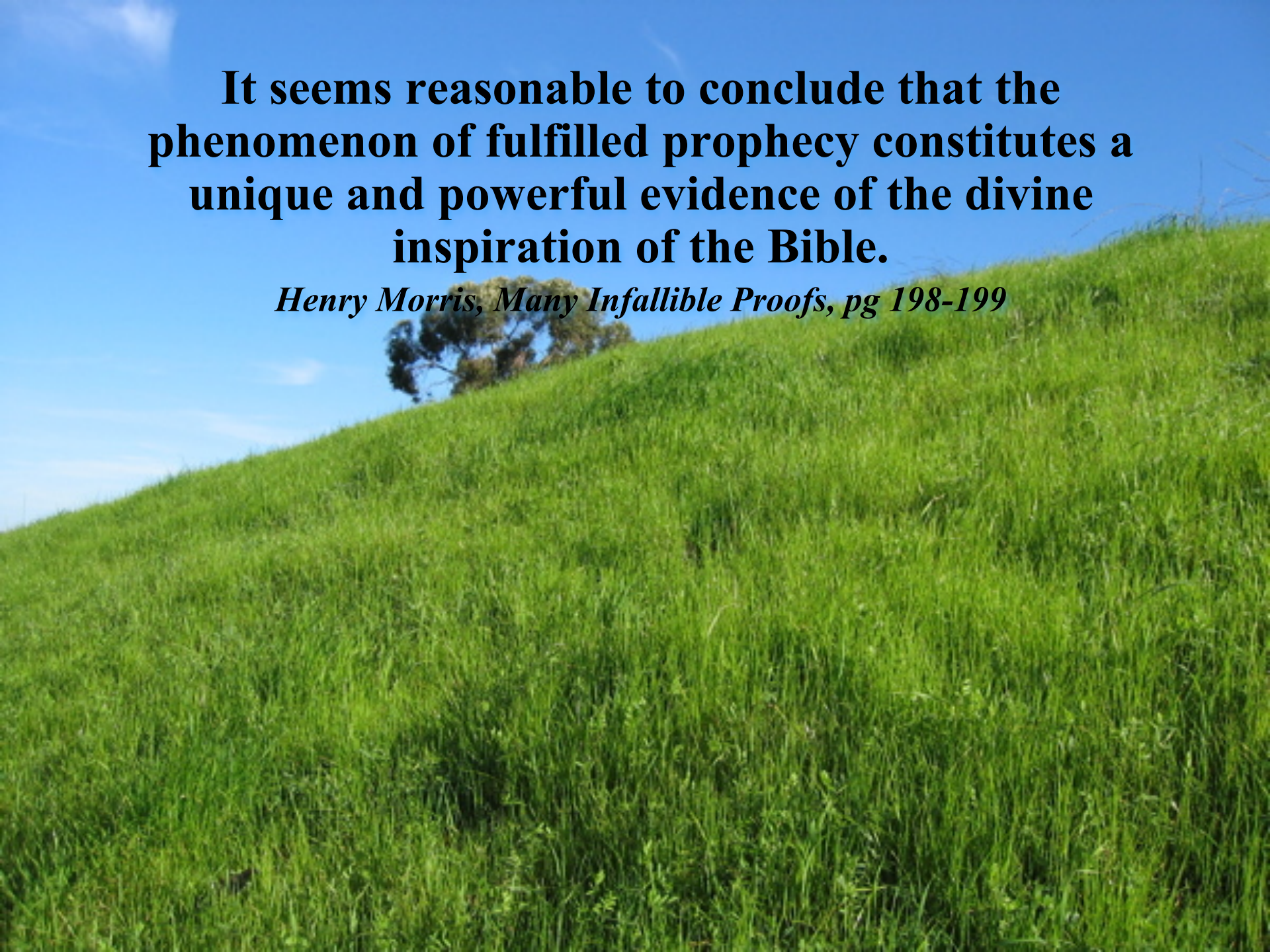
Isaiah 46:9-10
Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’

Isaiah 41:23
Show the things that are to come hereafter, That we may know that you are gods; Yes, do good or do evil, That we may be dismayed and see it together


It seems reasonable to conclude that the phenomenon of fulfilled prophecy constitutes a unique and powerful evidence of the divine inspiration of the Bible.
Henry Morris, Many Infallible Proofs, pg 198-199

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