

*Proof God Exists*  
*Archaeology*

# The Bible is God's message to us

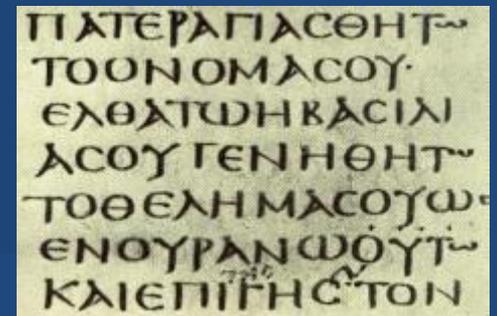
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# The Bible text is accurate after thousands of years



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written in Hebrew  
(the language of the Jews)

The New Testament was  
written in Greek  
(the language of the first century)



# Old Testament Documents

- The O T was written in Hebrew over a period of approximately 1,000 years, from Moses to Malachi.
- The Exodus was approximately 1445 BC
- Malachi prophesied around 450 BC

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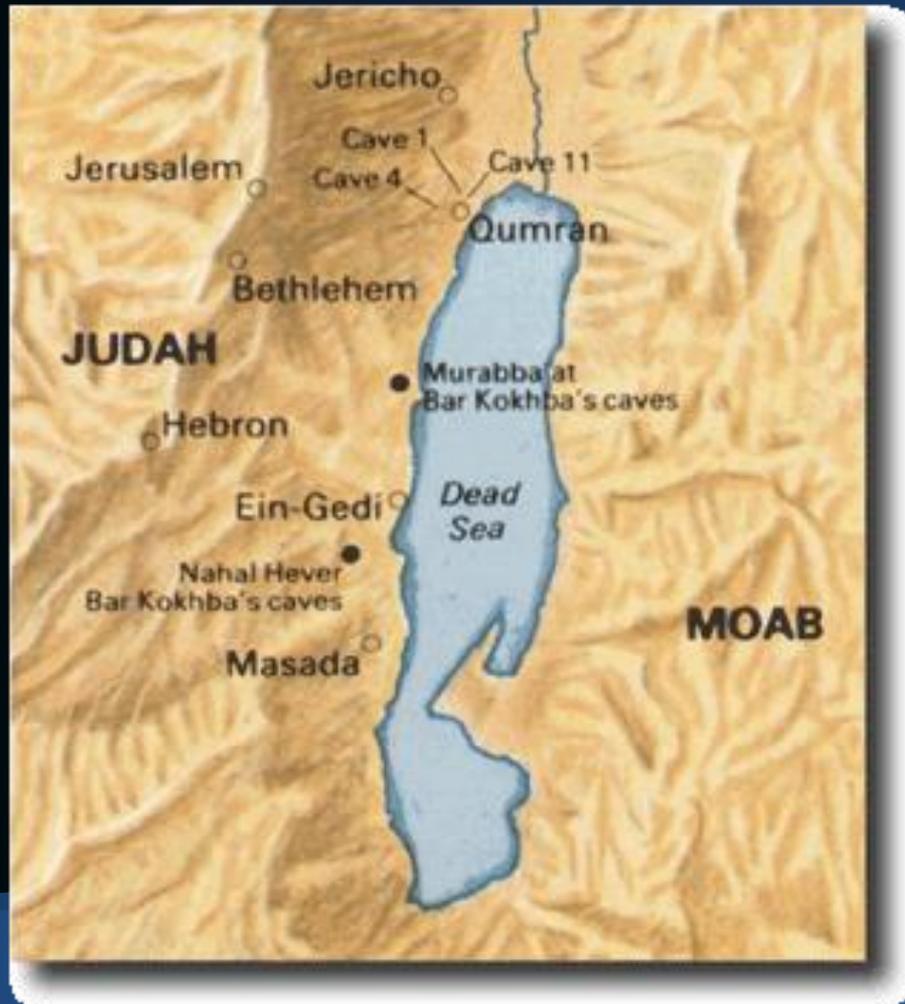
Before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest Hebrew manuscripts dated from several centuries AD

With the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls there were found ancient manuscripts dating back hundreds of years before Christ.

Manuscripts were discovered from every book in the OT except "Esther".

A comparison of the Hebrew manuscripts used to translate the King James version with those found at the Dead Sea shows the text is in all important points identical.

# Dead Sea Scrolls



**Scrolls are over 2000 years old**

**Ancient Hebrew texts as used by  
Jesus**

**They prove we have the word of God**

**Part of the Isaiah  
scroll**



# New Testament Documents

Consist of many written in Greek on Papyrus from around 100 to 250 AD.

Part of the gospel  
of John



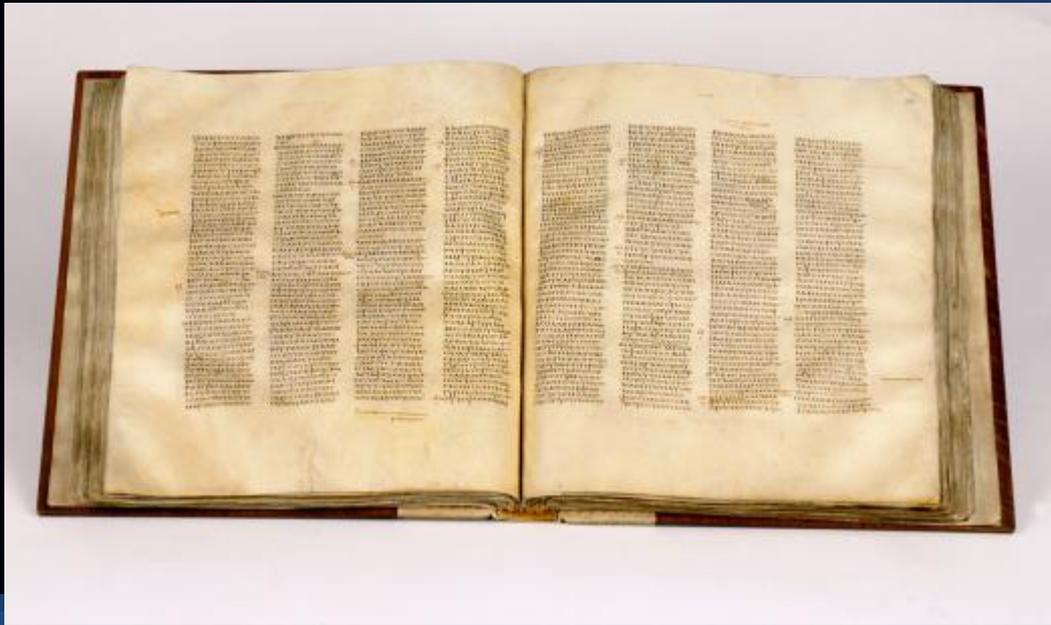
# New Testament Documents

To date over 5,000 ancient documents have been discovered, mostly smaller fragments. These prove out the New Testament as written by the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We can be sure the New Testament we have today is as when it was first written down

# Other Documents

Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Alexandrinus date from the fourth century AD. They contain the complete OT and NT in Greek.



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# The Bible Proved True

## The Moabite Stone



This stone over three feet high, records the successful revolt by Mesha, king of Moab, after the death of Ahab, king of Israel.

See 2Kgs. 3:4-5

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## The Black Obelisk



This limestone obelisk is over six feet high and records the victories of Shalmaneser III, king of Assyria. He reigned from 858 – 824 BC at the same time as Ahab and Jehu, kings of Israel.

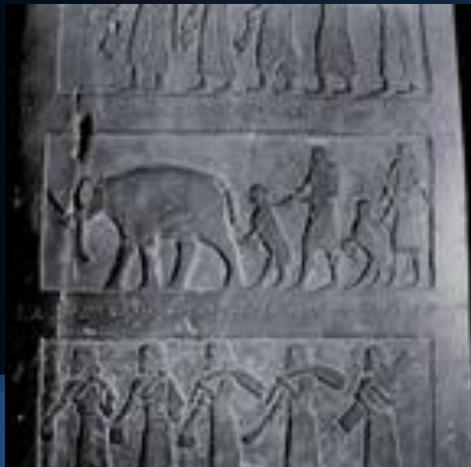
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This part of the Obelisk shows Jehu bowing down to Shalmaneser III

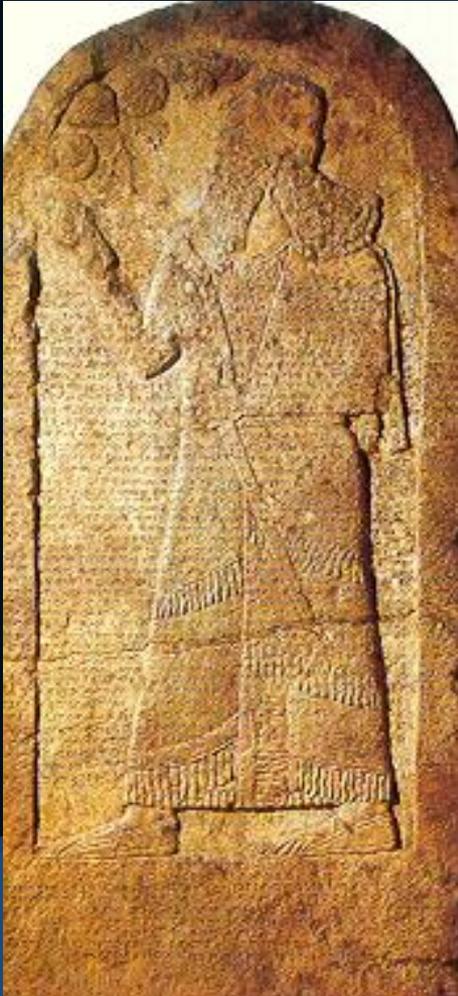
See 2Kgs. 9 & 10



Note the tribute offered

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## Stele of Shalmaneser III



This stone carving of Shalmaneser III also records a number of kings which he conquered. Included in the list are Ahab and Jehu.

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## The Taylor Prism



This six sided clay prism is approximately 15 inches tall. It was discovered in the ruins of Nineveh, capital of Assyria and records the annals of Sennacherib including campaigns against Judah and Jerusalem.

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## The Taylor Prism



“fear of my greatness terrified Hezekiah. He sent to me tribute: 30 talents of gold, 800 talents of silver, precious stones, ivory and all sorts of gifts including women from his palace”

This confirms 2 Kgs. 18:13-16

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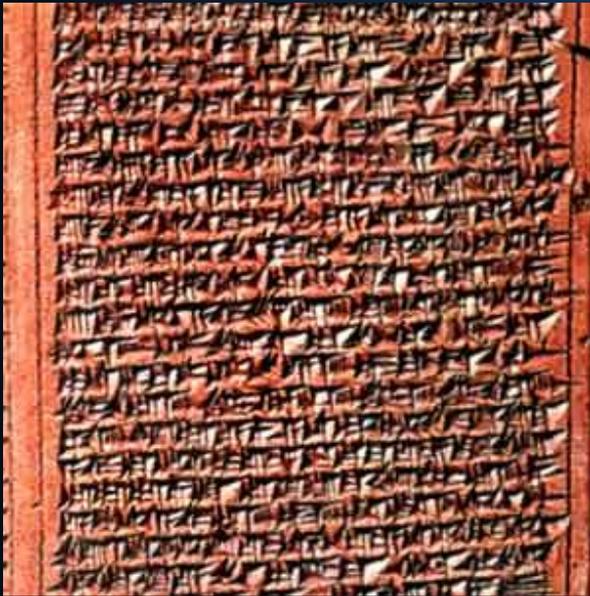
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“as for the king of Judah, Hezekiah, who had not submitted to my authority, I besieged and captured 46 of his fortified cities along with smaller towns, taken in battle with my battering rams.

As for Hezekiah, I shut him up like a caged bird in his royal city of Jerusalem. I then constructed a series of fortresses around him and did not allow anyone to come out of his city gates”

**Note: he never claims to have captured it!**

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The events recorded on the Taylor Prism confirm the Bible record as recorded in 2Kgs. 19 (see :15-16; 32-35)

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Reliefs from the walls of the palace of Sennacherib recording his conquest of Lachish  
(see 2Kg. 18:13-14; 19:8)



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## The Cyrus Cylinder

This record of Cyrus, king of Babylonia, mentions his capture of Babylon without a battle. He states he remedied the evil done by his predecessors by sending prisoners back to their own lands. He aided the restoration of their temples.



This confirms the fulfillment of  
Isa. 44:28-45:1 as recorded in  
Ezr. 1:1-2

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