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*Proof that
the Bible
is True*

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Preface

Although the Bible is the best selling book and the most read book of all time, there are many people that do not believe it. And there are many others that will say they believe the Bible, but they want to pick and choose the parts of it that they believe. I wanted to write a book that would bring out undeniable proofs that the Bible is true from cover to cover and would show that it has to be the inspired Word of God.

So, I prayed, I planned, I read, I studied. I prayed, I researched, I wrote, I asked questions. I prayed, I corrected, and I rewrote. And I did all of that for a “what if.” What if, one day when I get to Heaven, someone comes up to me and says, “I read your book, and it helped me to realize that the Bible is true and to find Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and that’s why I’m here.” Just the thought of that makes it worthwhile ten thousand times over.

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Forward

It is true that “a man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still,” and one great preacher of the past said, if a man does not believe the Bible is true after reading it through one time, he is so blind that he can look straight up at high noon on a clear day, and still not see the sun.

The information in this book you are about to read is not given as a wasted argument with scoffers. It is written so the honest seeker may know the truth. Brother Brooks Douglas has used the findings of scientists, as well as their blunders, to present a clear-cut, easy-to-read presentation. It is very seldom you will find a book with its theme researched so thoroughly, written in laymen’s terms, and condensed into such a small volume. This concise record of supernatural happenings, along with philosophies of great thinkers, bits of humor and common sense, and passages from the Bible itself, blend together to prove that ***The Bible is True.***

May the Lord bless this book and let it fall into the hands of many seekers who have doubts about any part of the Bible being absolutely and totally true.

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Scriptures Foretelling

Matthew 24:35 - *“Heaven and earth shall pass away but **My Words** shall not pass away.”*

My purpose in writing this book is to present the Bible as the living Word of God and to give you undeniable proof that it is true. This is not inexhaustible proof because there are so many proofs that show the Bible is true, and I wanted to be concise so that you will be more apt to read it. If you will let it, this book can change your life.

The Bible was not written as a book of science or archaeology, it was primarily written to present to us the plan of redemption. However, when the Bible speaks about issues relating to science and archaeology, it is correct, and in most cases it is hundreds or thousands of years ahead of modern science, as I will show you a little farther on.

Usually, I find that if people don't believe the Bible, it is because they haven't read it. They do not have a clue. Agnostics and atheists have read the Bible with the idea of proving that it is not true and then often ended up proclaiming it to be the Word of God and finding the Jesus Christ of that Bible as their Lord and Savior. Don't stand back and say, "I don't believe the Bible," when you don't know the Bible. It is too important. Eternity depends on it. Read it and you will believe it. It is such a compelling book, how can you not believe it?

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The Bible was written by forty-four different men over a period of 1500 years, and most of those men did not know each other or have the advantage of reading each others' manuscripts. And yet, it fits together like fingers in a glove, as though one person wrote it. Actually, one did. The Holy Spirit dictated it, man wrote it down, and God preserved it down through the ages. Psalm 119:160, "**Thy Word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth forever.**" Following are a few verses from God's Word that will show you how true and how relevant the Bible is.

Jeremiah 33:22 - "*As the host of **Heaven** cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured:*"

Telescopes were still many years into the future when Jeremiah wrote this, and men only knew what they could see with the naked eye, and that included no more than three thousand stars. Until fairly recently, astronomers thought that the stars could be counted, but with the invention of larger, more elaborate telescopes that reach farther and farther into space, they have concluded that the stars are much too numerous for them to capture. Recently, they pointed the Hubble telescope at a blank space in the universe and left it there for eleven days. At the end of that time they discovered over one thousand galaxies, each with over one hundred stars in them. Over one hundred thousand stars and all in an area where nothing can be seen with the human eye. In 1930, Sir James Jeans wrote, "The total number of stars is roughly

equal to the total number of grains of sand on all the sea shores of all the world.” Billions and billions. The farthest star we have seen is 5,880,000,000,000 light years distant from the earth. To put that in terms that we laymen can understand, we have airplanes that can fly around the world in about twelve hours. Using one of these planes it would take approximately 2,065,184,779,299,847 lifetimes to fly to that farthest star. And that is just the stars we can see. As Jeremiah said, “...*the host of **Heaven** can not be numbered.*”

Job 26:7 - “*He stretcheth out the north over the empty place and hangeth the earth upon nothing.*”

Isaiah 40:22 - “*It is **He** that sitteth upon the circle of the earth...*”

Only within the last six or seven centuries have the earth’s smartest men known that the earth is round. I recently read that former President Andrew Jackson was never convinced that the world was round. How did Isaiah know it in 700 B.C. and Job know it even earlier than that? It doesn’t look round from down here. But, “*He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth...*” has a different perspective on this old globe where we live.

Job is the oldest book in the Bible (over 3500 years old), and back then Job told us (because God told him) the earth was round. They really didn’t get it back then because most people thought that the earth was flat and sat on the shoulders of Atlas (man, I bet he got tired), and

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the rest believed it was held up by four large (Very large!) elephants. They thought that if you sailed out too far on the ocean you would fall off the edge. See how far ahead the Bible was? Job gave us science before there were scientists.

Ecclesiastes 1:6 - *“The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.”*

Nope, no meteorologists back there in camels’ hair clothing. Just Solomon, and even with all the wisdom given him by the Lord, he still couldn’t chart the circuits of the winds.

Job 28:25 - *“To make the weight for the winds...”*

No one knew the air had weight until 1643, when Evangelista Torricelli, a student of Galileo, constructed the first barometer.

Genesis 2:7 - *“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”*

There was an article in *Reader’s Digest* in November, 1982, entitled, “How Life on Earth Began.” It seems that some scientists at NASA’s Ames Research Center found that everything needed to form man is found in clay. The scientists said, “We are ALL just beginning to learn.” That’s

right. We are all just beginning to learn, *“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the **Word** of truth.”* (II Timothy 2:15)

Ecclesiastes 1:7 - *“All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from which the rivers come, thither they return again.”*

Somehow the writer of Ecclesiastes knew about condensation and evaporation. I remember studying them back in high school, but I don’t believe Solomon learned it at Jerusalem High. I believe God told him.

Psalms 8:8 - *“...whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.”*

Matthew Maury, a U.S. Naval Officer, read this scripture and was fascinated by it. Were there paths in the sea? There was only one way to find out, and he decided to see for himself. He found out, as Psalm 8:8 said, that there were “paths in the sea,” and he was called the “pathfinder of the seas.” If he hadn’t read his Bible and believed it, he never would have known. He probably was called a “kook,” or something like that, for believing in the Bible. I have been called worse for the same reason.

I was telling an acquaintance that I believed the Bible from cover to cover. He asked, “Do you believe the part about the whale (great fish) swallowing Jonah?” I said, “Yes, and if the Bible said Jonah swallowed the whale, I’d

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believe that, too.” By the way, scientists have recently proven that a man could survive for several days inside a whale. I knew that. I read it in the Bible.

Luke 17:30 - *“Even thus shall it be in the day when the son of man is revealed. (Verse 31) In that day..., (Verse 34) I tell you, in that night...”*

When Luke was around they didn’t know it could be day and night at the same time, because in A.D. 65 they hadn’t discovered that the world was round, and that your day is someone else’s night.

Job 38:19 - *“Where is the way where light dwelleth?”*

Job didn’t ask: Where is the **place** where light dwelleth because God told him that light is always moving. Here again, the oldest book of the Bible tells us something that Einstein, possibly the most brilliant man since Solomon, didn’t know until modern times.

Leviticus 15:13 - *“And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in **RUNNING** water.”*

Wash the infected flesh in **RUNNING** water, it said! It was there in the Bible all the time, and no one took note of it until the 1800’s when Pasteur and Koch discovered the principle of washing in running water to get rid of germs. Before that, doctors washed their hands in a bowl

of water and spread the germs to everyone they touched. In 1490 B.C. God told Solomon to have the children of Israel wash in running water to cleanse their infections. The Israelites didn't know what a germ was, but they listened to God and were healthy.

Moses (as a prince of Egypt), "...was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians" (Acts 7:22). He would have learned all of their "amazing" medical cures, and Egypt was the most advanced culture of that day. However, as we read the first five books of the Bible, written by Moses, we find no reference to the dangerous medical practices of the Egyptians. The *Papyrus Ebers*, written about the time of Moses, has survived to give us the benefit of some of these practices. An Egyptian doctor's prescription for an infected splinter wound was a medicine containing the blood of worms mixed with the dung of a donkey. (Don't try this at home!) I am sure the splinter wound would soon be forgotten as his patient passed from this world due to the benefits of this "amazing" cure.

Some of their more popular prescriptions included, "lizards' blood, swine's teeth, putrid meat, stinking fat, moisture from pigs' ears, milk, goose grease, asses' hooves, animal fats from various sources, excreta from animals - including human beings, donkeys, antelopes, dogs, cats, and even flies." This is quoted from the pages of the *Papyrus Ebers* manuscript, as translated from S.E. Massengill's book, *A Sketch of Medicine and Pharmacy*. Actually, these are some of the more mild ingredients.

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Compare this with the medical information given by God to Moses for the children of Israel (especially in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, and written in the same period). There we find amazingly advanced medical laws that provide protection from the illnesses that have plagued mankind down through the years. There were 613 biblical commandments written in the Torah and 213 of them were medical regulations for the children of Israel.

No telling how many lives would have been saved if somewhere between Solomon and Pasteur, or between 1490 B.C. and the 1800's, people had paid attention to their Bibles. Many times the Jews lived through the plagues that devastated Europe because of the health principles that God had taught them, and then they would be blamed for the plagues because they lived and others died!

Proverbs 6:6-8 - "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

*Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."*

Modern nature studies of the working of ants do not include a study of the Bible or this comment by Solomon. Most men had no clue that the ants harvested grain until 1871, while Solomon knew it in 1000 B.C.

Proverbs 17:22 - "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

I have read several articles lately, mostly in health journals, about laughter being good for your health. They advise you to read humorous books and to watch funny shows on television with the idea that what tickles your funny bone also improves your heart.

***“A merry heart
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medicine.” That
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marriage as well
as your heart.***

The *Birmingham News* recently printed an article entitled, “Laughter, Prescription for Health.” This article stated that, “At some point during laughter, your body issues a prescription from the pharmacy in your brain.” So don’t acquire a

medical journal, pick up a Will Rogers book. Don’t hand your companion a pill, tell them a funny story (a clean one).

If you can’t think of one, try this one. Mel Tillis, the country singer that stutters except when he sings, said he hated to talk to Texas ranchers because they always wanted to brag about how large their ranches were. One of them told Mel that his ranch was so large that he could get in his truck and head out at sunrise, and when night fell he still wouldn’t have reached the other side of it. Mel, in his inimitable manner, answered, “...I h-h-had a tr-tr-truck like that once...” Now see, you are better

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already. And don't thank the *Birmingham News* for that medical tip. Thank God. He got there first. Remember: "*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.*" That will help your marriage as well as your heart.

Leviticus 17:11 - "*For the life of the flesh is in the blood:*"

The head of the Mayo Clinic couldn't have said it any better. If you are injured in an accident and are bleeding, the first thing the medics do when they arrive is to stop the blood flow, because "...the life of the flesh is in the blood." Other things can wait, but take care of the blood first. It sustains you, it heals you. It causes growth, feeds and supports you. Until fairly recently doctors treated people by "bleeding" them. The most brilliant medical minds thought this was the best way to treat almost any illness.

Have you ever wondered why many barber shops have a pole in front with a red stripe circling the pole? It is a tradition dating back a few years ago. Instead of going to a doctor, many people went to the barber shop to be bled, and the barber used to hang the bloody rags on a pole in front of the shop to dry. This was also advertising that they practiced bleeding inside. Makes you shudder, doesn't it? And this wasn't that long ago. Our first president, George Washington, was bled to death, being treated for an illness. George was a Christian and read his Bible faithfully. One verse could have saved his life "*...the life of the flesh is in the blood:*" (Leviticus 17:11)

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Job 25:5 - *“Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not...”*

We know that now. We have known for over a hundred years that the moon only reflects the light of the sun, but Job was written 1800 years before Christ was born. What was that old song we used to sing? “Shine on, shine on harvest moon, up in the sky...” And all that time it was only a mirror.

Nahum 2:4 - *“The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broadways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.”*

Sounds kind of like NASCAR doesn't it? Nahum could have written, “The Fords and Chevrolets shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one another in the highway: they will shine their headlights, they will run like lightning.” But no one in Nahum's day would have understood that. God's Book is for the ages.

Job 38:35 - *“Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?”*

Well, canst thou? To be sure we can do it now, but they didn't have the foggiest notion what Job was talking about back then. Over 3500 years ago God was telling us, through Job, about Ben Franklin and the telephone in modern times. And what were his first words over this new invention? Just as Job said: “Here we are.”

I have just covered fourteen verses that show you how

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true the Bible is and how far ahead of science it is. Scientists and archeologists have tried to disprove the Bible down through the years and have always ended in failure. I remember reading where some archeologists were saying that the walls of Jericho could not have fallen down because they were wider than they were tall. They said the walls were so wide chariots could race on them side by side. Years later I read that when they excavated the walls they found that they didn't fall on their side, they sank straight down into the earth. They fell, and great was the fall of them. Needless to say, after witnessing that, the people of Jericho didn't put up much fight.

Voltaire, the infamous French philosopher of the eighteenth century, said that in one hundred years the Bible would be forgotten and obsolete and found only in museums. Instead, Voltaire was dead in less than fifty years, and the Bible was more alive than ever. It seems that God has a sense of humor for, after Voltaire's death, his printing presses were used to print Bibles. Obsolete, indeed! The Bible is more up to date than your daily newspaper.

Mathew 24:35 says, *"Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away."*

Evolution ... Or The Lack Thereof

Question - Why have a chapter on evolution in a book written to prove that the Bible is true?

Answer - I am glad you asked that question. The theory of evolution has captured the minds of many people, especially educators. This theory, and it is only a theory, is directly opposed to Bible teachings and has affected the faith of many Bible-believing Christians. But Christians should take heart. The broad assumption that evolution has been proven true by science is false. L. H. Matthews, British biologist and evolutionist, said this, "The fact of evolution is the backbone of biology, and biology is thus in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an unproved theory." Even the originator of evolution had to admit that it is not provable, and more and more scientists are coming to the conclusion that it is a lost cause.

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Sometimes the scientists are openly critical of the theory of evolution. R. Danson, in the *New Scientist* said, "The theory of evolution is no longer with us, because neo-Darwinism is now acknowledged as being unable to explain anything more than trivial change, and in default of some other theory, we have none."

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Author Norman Macbeth claimed that evolution is actually dead and only lacks its final burial. Macbeth also said that the public was not being informed about the true status of the evolution theory. He said, "More than one responsible person has voiced concern that the real facts about Darwinism and evolution are simply not reaching the public."

Richard Leakey, a man highly respected in the evolutionary field, covered the situation on the last Walter Cronkite Universe Program. He said that if he were going to draw a family tree for man, he would just draw a huge question mark. He said that the fossil evidence was too scanty for us to possibly know man's evolutionary origin, and he did not think we were ever going to know it. Just pick up your Bible, man. (Genesis - 1:27, "*So God created man in His own image...*")

When Charles Darwin wrote his book, *The Origin of Species*, back in 1859, he assumed that thousands of transitional fossil forms (missing links) would be found that would provide evidence for his theory, but this has not been the case. Instead, the fossil record disproves evolution. If evolution really worked, then there would be billions of fossils showing a missing link between amphibians and reptiles, between reptiles and mammals, between reptiles and birds, and between apes and man. Scientists claim the earth is one hundred million years old, but in those alleged one hundred million years, no missing links have been found. What a gap! Let evolutionists account for that. A. Lunn wrote this about their misplaced

faith, "Faith is the substance of fossils hoped for, the evidence of links unseen."

URGENT: Missing Links Wanted, Dead or Alive

George Gallup, the man responsible for the well-known opinion polls, stated that he could prove the existence of God. "Take the human body alone, and the chance that all of the functions of the individual could just happen is a statistical monstrosity." It would be comparable to having a storm sweep through a junkyard and producing a Rolls-Royce.

Take a look at the human eye. It is so amazing that scientists, even today, cannot fully understand how it works. Charles Darwin, the father of evolution, even admitted that evolution could not account for something as fantastic as the human eye. He said, "To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correcting of spherical and chromatic aberration could have been formed by natural selection (evolution) is more than enough to stagger anyone." Amen. It staggers me.

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Almost any evolutionary discussion of the origin of man begins by talking about the original, ancestral, living

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cell which evolutionists say came from non-living chemicals. No witnesses, just a conjecture. By the way, who created this cell and the chemicals it came from? And where did the water it was floating in come from? I thought we started from scratch. Well, moving on with the story, from this finite cell evolved the fish. Then, evidently the water dried up so the fish grew feet and legs so it could walk out of the mire, and it became an amphibian. I don't know why the amphibians then turned into reptiles, but I didn't make this story up; blame it on the evolutionists. Next, the reptiles turned into mammals, and along came the monkey which evolved into man. I have sent my kids to their rooms for less fallacious tales.

As I mentioned earlier, for this gobbledygook to have any validity there would have to be something tangible in the way of links (or in-between forms) between the different forms of life, but none have been found. Scientists have wanted to find these missing links, especially between the monkey and man, so desperately that they have resorted to some skull-dug-gery (pun intended) but have been found out every time.

Scientists have pieced together bones from several different animals to form a skull, and sometimes they have just produced a single tooth and proclaimed it to be evidence of the much-sought-after missing link. These "links" have been accepted by scientists and evolutionists over a period of time, but the hoaxes have always been discovered. These so-called ape-men, which evolutionists claim are the links between apes and men, are identified

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by the place where they were supposedly discovered. For instance, they have Piltdown Man, Java Man, Nebraska Man, and several others. Let us use Piltdown Man as an example.

Supposedly, Piltdown Man was found by Charles Dawson, an amateur fossilologist. He brought in some teeth, bones, and primitive tools he claimed he discovered in a gravel pit in Piltdown, Sussex, England.

After testing the supposed human remains, anthropologists claimed they were about 500,000 years old. Hooray! The missing link had been found. Or had it? They thought so; until October of 1956, when *Reader's Digest* published an article using information from *Popular Science Monthly*, entitled: "The Great Piltdown Hoax." They had used a new, superior method of bone-dating, and behold, another hoax.

Actually, the jaw-bone came from an ape that had been dead only fifty years. The teeth had been filed down, and the bones had been discolored with bichromate of potash to make them appear older than they were. A mere discrepancy of 499,950 years! For shame! But they seem to have no shame. (Zephaniah 3:5 "... *but the unjust knoweth no shame.*") Some of them seem to have an agenda to prove the Bible false, and they will risk ruining their reputations trying to achieve this. In their books they have some realistic pictures of "ape-men," which just prove that they have some good artists. My thoughts on this "monkey to man" theory can best be expressed by a

children's song I heard recently. "I'm no kin to the monkey, and the monkey's no kin to me. I don't know about their ancestors, but mine didn't swing from a tree."

Prejudice and personal convictions against the Bible play a very strong roll in the beliefs of "experts" in the evolution field.

Dr. George Wald, cowinner of The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1967, put it this way: "When it comes to the origin of life on this earth, there are only two possibilities; creation or spontaneous generation (evolution). There is no third way. Spontaneous generation was disproved one hundred years ago, so that leads to only one other conclusion: that of supernatural creation. We cannot accept that on philosophical grounds (personal reasons), therefore, we choose to believe the impossible, that life rose spontaneously by chance."

So, the cat's out of the bag. Prejudice and personal convictions against the Bible and the Creator play a very strong role in the beliefs of "experts" in the evolution field. Many of the teachers and scientists are not Bible-believers, and therefore they have to accept the "impossible" belief that life arose spontaneously by chance. Though some scientists may contradict the Bible, there is no contradiction between the facts of science and the Bible.

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There have been many debates between evolutionists and creationists, and they seem to follow a certain trend. Many times before the debate begins, the moderators ask the audience for a show of hands indicating how many believe in evolution. In almost every case, a large majority indicate that they believe in evolution. After the debate they again ask for a show of hands, and now the tide has turned. Almost everyone present now indicates they believe in creationism. For obvious reasons, the evolutionists have started asking their members to not participate in these debates.

Lee Strobel, an author and journalist, was an atheist from early youth. He was taught evolution in school and found that evolution precluded the notion of God or a creator. He spent a lot of his time expanding his knowledge on evolution and relating this to others. Because of this he became impatient with people who had what he called, "mindless faith."

"'Christians ...,' he said, hadn't they heard, as one skeptic famously put it, that modern science had already dissolved Christianity in a vat of nitric acid?"

But Lee Strobel had a reputation for getting to the bottom of things. As a student of evolution, he had never been told that there were credible scientists who harbored considerable skepticism toward the Darwinian theory. As a trained journalist, he decided to look into this and examine the evidence. He soon discovered that there was no substantiated evidence for evolution, but there

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was plenty of evidence for creationism. Strobel became a Christian and has written some excellent books which prove scientifically that man and earth had a creator.

The following is a quote from Strobel's book, *The Case for a Creator*, and shows a growing trend in science and evolution.

"Scientists who utterly reject evolution may be one of our fastest growing controversial minorities... Many of the scientists supporting this position hold impressive credentials in science." (Larry Hatfield in *Science Digest*²)

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Now we come to the remarkable story of a doctor, Viggo Olsen, who Lee Strobel interviewed in his book, *The Case for a Creator*. This man was a brilliant surgeon whose life was steeped in science. The letters behind his name tell us something about his prominence - M.S, M.D, Litt.D., D.H., F.A.C.S. F.I.C.S, and D.T.M. & H. He graduated cum laude from medical school and later became a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. I am telling you this to let you know that this man was outstanding in the medical profession and very knowledgeable in science. In fact, he attributes his earlier spiritual skepticism to his knowledge of the scientific world.

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Dr. Olsen and his wife Joan were skeptics of Christianity and believed that life started through evolutionary processes. However, Joan's parents were devout Christians, and Viggo and Joan spent hours explaining to them why Christianity was inconsistent with contemporary science. Finally, in frustration, they agreed to look into the Bible themselves. Viggo said, "My intent was not to do an objective study at all." They were just going to go through the Bible and pin-point all of its embarrassing scientific mistakes. So they took a piece of paper and labeled it "Scientific Mistakes in the Bible," and figured they could easily fill it. They studied together, analyzed, discussed, and argued.

The Olsens quickly ran into problems, but not the kind they thought they would find. They would find something they thought was in error, but after further study would find it was caused by their lack of understanding. A student passed along a book to them entitled *Modern Science and Christian Faith*. The evidence in the book was stunning to Viggo and Joan. "It blew our minds!" Olsen said. "For the first time we began to see there were reasons behind Christianity. Deciding to believe would definitely not be committing intellectual suicide."

One day Viggo came in from work and, standing in the doorway, he explained to Joan his newest objection to Christianity and then asked, "What do you think?"

Joan's answer surprised him. "But Vic, haven't you, after all our studies, really come to believe Christ is the Son of God?"

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He hesitated, and then said, “Yes, I really do. I know it’s true. I do believe! . . . ‘I knew she was right,’” Viggo said. Joan had already accepted Christ as her Savior a few days before and was waiting to tell her husband. He also got saved, and they started the biggest adventure of their lives.

After this they prayed and asked God to send them to a place where there were no Christians and no medical care. He answered their prayers, and they spent thirty-three years in the poverty-stricken country of Bangladesh. While there they founded Memorial Christian Hospital as a center for medical care and spiritual light. Along with their colleagues they helped establish 120 churches.

Viggo has written three books, one of them entitled *The Agnostic who Dared to Search*. He and Lee Strobel have scientific backgrounds that at first hindered their belief in the Bible, but their diligent search of the Scriptures brought them to the realization that the Bible is true and is the only hope for mankind.

Evolution could be described as a method by which all living things are formed by accident and get better over time. No creator, no intelligence, no plan.

Scott M. Huse, in his excellent book entitled, *The Collapse of Evolution* states, “In this book we shall endeavor to demonstrate that the facts of science correlate much better with Biblical creationism than with evolution, and that evolutionists are indeed in a most precarious position when sitting on the chair of the general

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theory of evolution, as expressed in the following poem.

'As I was sitting in my chair,
I knew it had no bottom there,
Nor legs, or back, but I just sat,
Ignoring little things like that.'

Evolutionary biologist and historian William Provine of Cornell University stated in a debate: "If Darwinism (evolution) is true then there are five inescapable conclusions:

*'There's no evidence for God
There's no life after death
There's no absolute foundation for right and wrong
There's no ultimate meaning for life
People don't really have free will.'*

Evolutionists believe that the grave ends it all. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust, no heaven to gain, and no hell to shun. While for the believer: "*He that believeth on the Son hath (present tense) everlasting life...*" John 3:36.

The Big Bang Farce

Some ill-advised scientists would have you believe that the universe was formed by a “Big Bang,” an explosion of dust back in time. Tell me how in this world (or maybe I should say, how in this universe) could that possibly have happened?

To begin with, where did this cloud of dust, large enough to form billions and billions of planets (many of them one hundred times larger than our earth, spread over eons of space, and travelling away from us at a fantastic rate of speed) come from? To be fair, we were supposed to start with nothing. And I thought that explosions usually destroyed things, not created them. What about the material the planets are made from? Surely our sun is not made of dust. It is so hot that if you had a particle of it the size of a pin head, you couldn't get closer to it than ninety miles. And how does this big bang theory explain the order of the universe?

How about the distance our earth is positioned from the sun? A little closer, and we would burn up; a little farther away, and we would freeze. Instead, the earth is placed exactly right for a moderate temperature. If the average temperature of the earth were raised only two or three degrees, the ice sheets and glaciers would melt and some of our major cities would be under two hundred feet of water.

Here are several other facts to consider about the earth. What about its size? What would happen if it were

only 10% larger or 10% smaller? Life would not be able to exist on this planet. Where did the layer of ozone that is forty miles above the earth and that protects us from the sun come from? If the magnetic forces within our planet were stronger or weaker life could not exist. If the earth did not revolve every twenty-four hours, as it now does, then half of the planet would be in permanent darkness, without vegetation, and the other half would be an uninhabitable desert. The moon produces the tides that replenish the oceans with oxygen, enabling the fish to breath. Have you ever considered the 23 1/2 ° tilt of earth's axis? We would have no change of seasons if the sun was stationed over the equator, and very little of the earth's surface would be fit for habitation or cultivation. God made it just right to give us "...the sun in the morning and the moon at night." No creator; just a big bang, say the scientists!

“ If the universe had not been made with the most exacting precision, we could never have come into existence.”

Astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez and science philosopher Jay Wesley Richards said it would take a star with the highly unusual properties of our sun: the right mass, the right light, the right age, the right distance, the right orbit, the right galaxy, the right location, to nurture

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living organisms on a circling planet. Numerous factors make our solar system and our location in the universe just right for a habitable environment. "If the universe had not been made with the most exacting precision, we could never have come into existence," said Harvard-educated astrophysicist John A. O'Keefe of N.A.S.A. "It is my view that these circumstances indicate the universe was created for man to live in." Way to go, man! They're beginning to catch up with the Bible.

A wise man once stated that in the first page of the Bible a little child can learn more in one hour than all the scientists of the world have learned without it in thousands of years. Genesis 1:1 says, *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*

Prophecies Fulfilled

The Bible is an amazing book in many ways, especially when it comes to prophecy. No other religion has books that even include prophecy, much less fulfilled prophecy. The Bible has hundreds and hundreds of prophecies that have all been fulfilled right down to the smallest detail. People who lived thousands of years apart prophesied the same things in the Bible, and they all came true. There were over three hundred prophecies of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection, and every one of them has been fulfilled in their entirety. You can't imagine how amazing that is. It is mind boggling.

To give you a little idea of how fantastic that is, I want to apply Peter Stoner's rules of probability to these prophecies, as shown in his book, *Science Speaks*. The chances of just eight of these three hundred prophecies about Jesus being fulfilled are one in 10^{17} , that is one in 100,000,000,000,000,000!

In his book, Professor Stoner illustrates this. Let us try to visualize this chance. He states, "Suppose that we take 100,000,000,000,000,000 silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly. Blindfold a man and tell him....he must pick up that one silver dollar...what chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one

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man.” The chances of forty-eight of these prophecies being fulfilled are 1 in 10 to the 157th power - that is 1 in 10 with 157 zeros.

If you doubt Professor Stoner’s statistics, his book includes an acknowledgement by the American Scientific Affiliation stating, “The mathematical analysis included is based upon principles of probability which are thoroughly sound, and Professor Stoner has applied these principles in a proper and convincing way.”

Let me put it another way. For you to pick the following facts about the next fifty NFL Super Bowls: who will play in those games, who the winners would be, who would be the stars of the games, and how many people would attend each game, would be a piece of cake compared to having all of these three hundred prophecies fulfilled in one man after thousands of years.

Because of their disobedience to God and their failure to keep His covenants, God told Israel He would scatter them around the globe.

Leviticus 26:33, “And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.”

Ezekiel 12:15 says, “And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.”

In the following parting counsels of Moses delivered

to Israel just preceding their entrance into the promised land, Moses also prophesied that Israel would be punished for their disobedience.

Deuteronomy 28:64-66 - And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone, And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind, ...and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

My, how this was fulfilled. People who do not know the history of Israel may think that the holocaust was the first great disaster suffered by the Jews, but this is far from factual. From the time that God scattered them because of their transgressions, they have been persecuted more than any other nation in history. They were not only scattered, they had no home to come back to. Millions of Jews were wiped out in Italy, Spain, France, and Russia, along with many other countries. And, of course, you know about the 6,000,000 Jews killed in Germany by firing squads and gas chambers.

As Moses had prophesied, they certainly had no assurance of their lives. But just as the dispersal and punishment of Israel was foretold by God and prophesied by Jeremiah, so also God foretold the forgiveness of Israel and their return to the land God had given them.

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In Ezekiel 36:24, God says, *“For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will gather you into your own land.”*

I can almost hear the song in the background: “shoulder bone connected to the neck bone, neck bone connected to the head bone.”

There are dozens of places in the Bible where the return of Israel to the land God has given them is foretold, but I like the story of the dry bones in Ezekiel. I think it is one of the great stories of the Bible. You have probably heard it

before, but allow me to tell it again.

Ezekiel 37:1-3 - *“The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, ...there were very many in the open valley, and, lo, they were very dry. And He said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live?...”* The bones looked awfully dry, but Ezekiel answered, *“O Lord GOD Thou knowest.”*

Ezekiel 37:4-6 - The Lord spoke to Ezekiel again and said, *“...Prophecy upon these bones and say unto*

them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live, and ye shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 37:7 - "So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone."

(I can almost hear the song in the background - "...shoulder bone connected to the neck bone, neck bone connected to the head bone...")

Ezekiel 37:8-10 - "And when I beheld, lo the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them.

Then said He unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say unto the wind, thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."

We have no problem understanding this miraculous scene, for God interpreted it. The dry bones symbolized

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the nation of Israel, driven from her homeland and scattered throughout the world; spiritually dead and almost physically dead. The noise of the shaking of the bones coming together, and then the sinews and the flesh appearing, was symbolic of Israel being resurrected and restored to her homeland.

All right, Ezekiel, can these bones live? You kinda feel sorry for Ezekiel, standing in this huge valley of dry bones and being asked by God, "*Can these bones live?*" But you and I have seen this question answered and this prophecy fulfilled in modern times. These bones came to life, and Israel became a nation again in 1948. No nation of people had ever been scattered around the globe like Israel was and then became a nation again. No nation has ever become a nation in one day, as Israel did. This was also prophesied in the Bible. Israel's foes used to say that Israel would never last because she only had one God and they had many. Hooray for the one God. He's looking better all the time.

In this story, there is another amazing prophecy fulfilled that in itself is enough to prove to anyone that the Bible is true. And it was fulfilled in modern times. It concerns the time that Israel became a nation again. I have a tendency to look at God's prophecies as more than just prophecy. When man prophecies, it may or may not happen that way, but when God speaks, brother, that's it. And God did give this prophecy

When the book of Ezekiel was written, the Jews had just returned from seventy years of captivity in Babylon, and it

was in the year 536 B.C., in the Jewish month Nisan. This is confirmed by secular history. (This seventy year captivity was also a fulfillment of prophesy, “...and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.” Jeremiah 25:11.) The prophet Ezekiel knew about Jeremiah’s prophesy, but God gave him a much further look into the future and told him how long it would be before Israel would become a nation again. God said “...This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.” (Ezekial 4:3) He goes on to say that Israel would be punished by being scattered throughout the whole world for a period of 430 years, and this dispersion would begin in the Jewish month Nisan of 536 B.C., at the end of the seventy years captivity in Babylon. However, when we deduct the seventy years of punishment for Israel’s sin that had already occurred during Babylon captivity, this leaves 360 years to be served.

For many years Bible scholars wrestled with these figures trying to make the years add up to 1948, which is when Israel became a nation again. But they were missing two things:

1. The Jewish calendar was composed of just 360 days in a year instead of the 365.25 we use today.
2. The previously levied punishment would be multiplied by 7.

The Bible uses the old Jewish calendar that only had 360 days. This is confirmed throughout the Scriptures. So, to arrive at the correct answer, we have to figure with this 360 day biblical calendar.

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In the 26th chapter of Leviticus, God told Moses that because of her further sins, He would punish Israel 7 times more. *“And if you will not yet for all this hearken unto Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.”* God was telling Israel that if they didn’t repent, the punishment decreed earlier would be multiplied by 7, and Israel did not repent. When we multiply the predicted 360 years by 7, we come up with 2,520 biblical years, not modern calendar years.

We see then that 2,520 years of 360 days each comes to 907,200 days. To change that into our calendar years of 365.25 days we divide the 907,200 days by 365.25 days to come up with 2,483.8 modern calendar years.

Ezekiel is saying that Israel would become a nation again 2,483,8 years after the month Nisan of the year 536 B.C. We also have to note that there was only one year between 1 B.C. and A.D 1. No year zero. So add one year.

So, we have the beginning of the prophesy in the year 536 B.C. We subtract that from the 2,483.8 calendar years, and we come up with 1947.4. We add in the year lost, and we have May, 1948.

This is too astonishing for words. A prophecy made thousands of years before by the prophet Ezekiel, fulfilled in the very month and year prophesied. On May 15, 1948, Israel became a nation again.

This fulfillment of Bible prophecy was discovered by Rev. Grant R. Jeffrey, and was published in his excellent book entitled, *The Signature of God*. If you haven't read it, you should.

It would be easy for followers of other religions to claim that theirs is the one true religion if they didn't have to prove it. They can't. They have nothing. Neither do their "Gods" nor their "prophets" prophesy because they don't have a clue about what's going to happen in the future.

Isaiah 41:21-24 - "Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons saith the King of Jacob.

Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew us the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew us the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you."

So there, take that! They can't even show the former things that have already happened, much less show us things that are to come hereafter.

God said in Isaiah 41:29, "*Behold, they are all vanity, their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.*"

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Here God is challenging their “Gods” to produce some evidence of prophecies fulfilled. They have none, while the Bible is full of prophecies that are all fulfilled in good measure. We are definitely dealing with a supernatural book. There is no other explanation.

Odds-makers cannot pick the winner in a baseball or football game where the odds are 50/50. If they could, they would be multi-millionaires. Just think of it, here we have a small nation, scattered by God throughout the whole world, despised by the majority, living in diverse cultures, not allowed to practice their own religion, forced to serve other “gods,” battered, beaten, broken, and facing depletion by intermarriage, as well as imminent death, and you are going to tell me the month and year thousands of years later, when they will become a nation again?! What are the odds? Astronomical, indeed. To even predict that they would become a nation again would be laughable, but to pick the exact month and year is incredible.

The God that wrote this Bible is the same one that created Heaven and earth, the galaxies and the northern lights, the rain and the rainbows, and He created you. And He loves you. He sent His only Son to die on a cruel cross so that you could make it to Heaven. What if you get up to the judgment bar of God and He asks you, did you even read My Book? Don’t you think you should?

Sinai Revisited

Many liberal scholars openly reject the Bible accounts of most of the stories that we Bible-believers love and cherish. If they can't find proof other than that found in the Bible, then they simply reject it, even though the Bible is the most authenticated book in history. This is true of the story of the exit of the Jews from the land of Egypt found in the book of Exodus.

You probably know the story of how the Jews were held captive for a period of 430 years in Egypt. Moses came with a message from God to "let My people go." The Pharaoh had no intention of doing this. The Jews were his slaves, and he had plans to use them in his building projects. God caused terrible plagues to fall on the Egyptian people, and the Pharaoh resisted these until the final plague came. God took the firstborn of every family in Egypt, including the Pharaoh's family.

God had prepared the children of Israel for this. He had Moses tell each family to kill a lamb and to strike the lintel and side-posts of the doors of their dwellings with the blood of that lamb. When He would see the blood He would pass over them, and their eldest son would be spared. It happened just as God said it would, and it became the occasion for a great feast. Down to this very day the Jews celebrate the Feast of the Passover each year in remembrance of the day the angel of death passed over them. (Interestingly, as a youth I was able to attend a Feast of the Passover as a guest, and it was fascinating.)

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After losing his first born, the Pharaoh was more than willing to let Israel go. God, through Moses, and with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, led the Israelites through the Sinai Desert to the Promised Land. There, the people were afraid of the giants in the land and refused to cross over into the Promised Land. So, God caused them to wander for forty years through the Sinai Desert as punishment.

In a book written by Charles Forster in 1862, and in a more recent book, *The Signature of God*, by Grant R. Jeffry, we read about the discovery of the trail the Israelites followed, and the evidence they left behind (inscriptions on stone and a graveyard).

Now, we come to "Sinai Revisited." If the liberals will not believe the Bible without other proofs, then we will give them other proofs.

People have known about these ancient inscriptions and gravestones for a long time for they were first described by the historian, Diodorus Siculus, in 10 B.C. These inscriptions were ancient in that day, so much so that the language was not known at the time of Christ (Strabo, 1824). It was later established that these inscriptions, and the Torah, are the earliest examples of Hebrew in writing.

It is easy to believe that God had the Jews write things down on stone. It follows a precedent. God gave Moses the ten commandments written on stone, and in

Deuteronomy 27:2,3,8, God told the Israelites to write His law on stone. *“And thou shall write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.”*

Rev. Charles Forster (mentioned earlier in this book), translated many of these inscriptions and took photographs of them, which he placed in his 1862 book, *Sinai Photographed*. Rev. Forster stated that the inscriptions described many of the events of the Jews' exodus from Egypt under Moses' leadership. These inscriptions, while proving Moses' account of the exodus, do so in an original manner, and do not copy the Exodus accounts from the Torah. This suggests that the authors of these writings were eye-witnesses that wrote in their own style. This being true, these inscriptions are important as evidence that the Bible account of the exodus is true.

One of these inscriptions, written in Hebrew with a smidgeon of the Egyptian alphabet, found one hundred feet high on a bare mountain in letters six feet high, states, “The wind blowing, the sea dividing into parts, they pass over. The Hebrews flee through the sea; the sea turned into dry land.” Even after reading this, some liberal scholars still reject the fact that this was engraved on the stone by the Jews as they passed through there on their way from Egypt. They couldn't find a quartet in a phone booth.

There are also dates on some of the stones that match the times of the exodus as found in the Bible. What better proof would you want?

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Some of the explorers discovered two inscriptions in an area called Wadi Sidri. These inscriptions give the complaints of the Israelites against Moses about their thirst, their hunger, and their fear of the Sinai Desert.

Pilgrims fugitive through the sea find a place of refuge at Sidri.

Lighting upon plain ground they proceed on their pilgrimage full of terror.

The Hebrews pass over the sea into the wide waterless desert, famishing with hunger and thirst.

Moses recorded this event that happened in the desert when the Israelites were angry with both God and Moses because they were hungry and thirsty. The inscriptions are very close to the Bible account as given by Moses.

“And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim; and there was no water for the people to drink.” (Exodus 17:1)

The people chided Moses and said, *“Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?” (Exodus 17:3)*

A different Sinai inscription tells how God miraculously provided this water to the children of Israel by having Moses strike the rock and having pure water flow out from the rock. Here is the inscription etched on the stone:

The people clamor vociferously. The people anger Moses.

Swerving from the right way, they thirst for water insatiably.

The water flows, gently gushing out of the stony rock.

Out of the rock a murmur of abundant waters.

Out of the hard stone a springing well.

Like the wild ass braying,
the Hebrews swallow down enormously and greedily.

Greedy of food like infants,
they plunge into sin against Jehovah.

The people drink, winding on their way,
drinking with prone mouth,
Jehovah gives them drink again and again.

The people sore athirst, drink vehemently.
They quaff the water-spring without pause, ever drinking.
Reprobate beside the gushing well-spring.

This story is also told in the book of Exodus, how God amazingly provided this water for His children.

“Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.” (Exodus 17:6) But in spite of God’s care and provision for the children of Israel, they refused to even thank Him.

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The inscriptions in Sinai also tell us about the Israelite gluttony in devouring the quails that God provided for them at a place called Kibroth-hattaavah. Although God had daily provided them with manna, the Israelites rebelled against the Lord, as well as Moses, and bitterly complained about the sameness of the food. This caused God to become angry. He caused a huge flock of quail to fall to the earth to provide food for the Israelites. The Israelites did not thank God for the food, but they greedily filled their mouths with the quail. Thousands of them died from their gluttony at Kibroth-hattaavah.

The people have drink to satiety. In crowds they
swill.

Flesh they strip from the bone, mangling it.

Replete with food, they are obstreperous .

Surfeited, they cram themselves; clamoring, they
vomit.

The people are drinking water to repletion.

The tribes, weeping for the dead, cry aloud with
downcast eyes.

The dove mourns, devoured by grief.

The hungry ass kicketh; the tempted men,
brought to destruction, perish.

Apostasy from the faith leads them to the tomb.

Devouring flesh ravenously, drinking wine
greedily,

Dancing, shouting, they play.

Congregating on all sides to ensnare them,
the people voraciously devour the quails.

Binding the bow against them, bringing them
down.
Eagerly and enormously eating the half raw
flesh,
The pilgrims become plague stricken.

One of the amazing things found in the Sinai in the last couple hundred years, is the graveyard where the Jews were buried that died in this plague. Barthold Niebuhr, a German explorer discovered a large ruined cemetery on top of an almost inaccessible mountain. This cemetery is at Kibroth-hattaavah, where the Jews had died from eating the quail.

Numbers 11:33,34 gives the account, “...and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

And **He** called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah; because there they buried the people that lusted.”

Niebuhr could easily understand what had happened here because he found engravings of quail on the headstones. These engravings showed the birds “standing, flying, and apparently, even trussed and cooked” (described by Rev. Charles Forster, in his book, *Sinai Photographed*) [London: Richard Bently,1862]. Niebuhr also noted that the native Bedouin Arabs living in the desert called these graves “the Jews’ graves.” It is normal for Jews to bury their dead on a mountain top. They still practice that in Israel even today.

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Dr. Robert Walter Stewart, author of *Tent and Khan*, 1857, made molds of and photographed the writings on the tombs in the Jewish graveyards and these were translated by Rev. Charles Forster, and they are found in his 1862 book, *Sinai Photographed*.

The apostates smitten with disease by God,
by means of feathered fowls.
Smitten by God with disease in the sandy plain,
(when) exceeding the bounds of moderation.
Sickening, smitten by God with disease;
their marrows corrupted by God by means of the
feathered fowls.
The people, given over to destruction, cry aloud.
God pours down deep sleep,
messenger of death, upon the pilgrims.
The tomb is the end of life to the sick,
smitten with disease by God.

Moses explained how the Jews had been in nearly constant rebellion against his leadership. Even though God had showed them His ample support, the Jews refused to trust Him to keep them from hunger and thirst.

The Bible tells the story of Miriam's attack on Moses' leadership because she was antagonistic toward his Ethiopian wife. This story was also found among the inscriptions. Rev. Forster gives us a translation of that inscription:

Miriam, Prophetess of lying lips and deceitful tongue.

She causes the tribes to conspire against the pillar
and prince of the people.
Convoked for tumult, perverted, full of strife,
the people revile the meek and generous man.
They lead with reproaches the blessed one of God.

This is Moses' recording of this incident as found in
Numbers 12:1-3:

*“And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses
because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had
married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.
And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only
by Moses? Hath **He** not spoken also by us? And
the Lord heard it.
(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the
men which were upon the face of the earth.)”*

You can't help seeing the similarities between the Bible
record and the Sinai inscriptions of this event.

Among the many inscriptions are eight separate
inscriptions describing the Israelite's crossing of the Red
Sea. I mentioned two of these earlier in this chapter, but
here are all eight:

The wind blowing, the sea dividing into parts,
they pass over.

The Hebrews flee through the sea; the sea is turned
into dry land.

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The waters permitted and dismissed to flow, burst
rushing unawares upon the astonished men,
congregated from all quarters banded together to
slay treacherously being lifted up with pride.

The leader divideth asunder the sea, its waves
roaring.
The people enter, and pass through the midst of
the waters.

Moses causeth the people to haste like a fleet-
winged she-ostrich crying aloud;
The cloud shining bright, a mighty army propelled
into the Red sea is gathered Into one; they go
jumping and skipping.
Journeying through the open channel,
taking flight from the face of the enemy.
The surge of the sea is divided.

The people flee, the tribes descend into the deep.
The people enter the waters.
The people enter and penetrate through the midst.
The people are filled with stupor and perturbation.
Jehovah is their keeper and companion.

Their enemies weep for the dead, the virgins are
wailing.

The sea flowing down overwhelmed them.
The waters were let loose to flow again.

The people depart fugitive.
A mighty army is submerged in the deep sea,
the only way of escape for the congregated people.

These inscriptions capture every element of the story of the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites, as described by Moses in Exodus 14:21-29.

"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea,

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and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left."

(By the way, chariot wheels have recently been discovered on the bottom of the Red Sea. Wonder where they came from?)

Why did the Jews leave this record of their journey through the Sinai? It took a lot of effort to carve these inscriptions, some of them one hundred feet up the side of a stone mountain. Why such tremendous effort when the nature of the terrain was such that few would ever see it?

It is amazing that the inscriptions have lasted this long. In 1761, the German explorer, Barthold Niebuhr, talked about the wonderful preservation of the inscriptions upon this soft sandstone, exposed as they have been to the air and weather during the lapse of so many ages. He said, "On some of the stones they are quite perfect." I see God's hand in this.

I believe this is one of the great proofs that the Bible is true. The story of the exodus of the Jewish people from bondage in Egypt, disparaged by modernists who offer a full disclaimer, but here marvelously recorded on stone and preserved for us down to today.

What Must I do?

In this book I have shown you only a few proofs that the Bible is true. There are many more. And these are undeniable proofs. They are proven beyond insurmountable odds.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this book, the Bible was primarily written to give us the plan of redemption. This Bible tells us that because of man's sin we were estranged from God, and to reconcile us to Himself and make us fit for Heaven, He sent His Son to die on a cruel cross. He who was sinless, bore our sins on that cross so our names could be written down in the Lamb's Book of Life.

There are many places in the Bible where it tells us to *"...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."* One of these is in Acts, chapter 16. Paul and Silas were preaching in Philippi, and they were thrown into jail. The jailer beat them and cast them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in stocks. He was going to be sure they stayed there. At least, that is what he thought.

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them." And God heard them too. There's a chorus that we sing to God, and at the end it says, *"May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear."* I know this was a sweet, sweet sound in God's ear. His children, arrested for preaching His word, in the inner prison in stocks, and in the blackness of midnight, they prayed and sang praises to Him.

What Must I Do?

“And suddenly there was a great earthquake...” The prison was shaken, the doors were opened, and everyone’s bands were loosed. It was not because the singing was that bad. It was because it was that good. The keeper of the prison awoke, and supposing the prisoners had fled, he drew out his sword and would have killed himself. Paul cried out and told him not to harm himself, for all the prisoners were still there. The jailer came and fell down before Paul and Silas and said, *“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”* And here we have the question of the ages. Surely we all want to cry out: *“Lord, what must I do to be saved?”*

Paul didn’t know when he answered that jailer that God would preserve that answer for us today, but it is just as meritorious for us today as it was for that jailer some two thousand years ago. *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved...”* This does not mean we should believe only with the head. James 2:19 says, *“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well, the devils also believe, and tremble.”* You may have believed intellectually, but God deals with the heart. Believe the Bible. Believe that He died to save you.

I have never liked “canned” prayers for salvation. I know that some people have been saved by repeating a simple prayer from someone else, but I like to have you think about it deeply and then put it into your own words. First, admit to God that you know you are a sinner (Romans 3:23 - *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”*) Then, be willing to repent of your sins (Luke 13:3 - *“...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise*

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*perish.”). Next, believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again the third day (I Corinthians 15:3-4 - “...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that **He** was buried, and that **He** rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”) In your prayer, ask Jesus to save you and to forgive you of your sins. Tell Him that you are trusting in the blood that He shed on the cross of Calvary to cleanse you. Finally, receive Him as your Lord and Savior (Acts 2:21, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”) If you meant what you just prayed, then you are saved! I would write today’s date down, maybe in your Bible. If you don’t, the devil will one day try to convince you otherwise.*

“ Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”

Jesus will cast your sins as far from you as the east is from the west. He tells you that in Psalm 103:12. Do you realize the significance of this statement? If God had said He would cast your sins as far from you as the north is from the south, you could travel north, and you would come to the North Pole. If you went any further you would be headed south. By the same token, if you headed south you would come to the South Pole, and that would be the end of the line. But God said, “As far as the east is from the west” for a reason. You can head east and travel clear around the globe and come back to where you started, and you are still headed east. The same thing happens if you head west. You can’t get there. That’s how far God

will separate your sins from you.

Now you are ready for Heaven, and that should fill your heart with joy. The Bible doesn't tell us much about Heaven. Maybe the Lord is a little like us. When we have something for a loved one that we know they are going to enjoy, we like to surprise them with it. The following verses give us a few snippets of His surprise.

In Revelation 21:2, He has John tell us from the isle of Patmos, *"And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."*

In Revelation 21:23, He says, *"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."*

Revelation 21:4 says, *"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."* Just think about it. No more tears, no more death, no sorrow, no crying, or any more pain. Isn't that a place where you would like to go?

Then Jesus tells us in St. John 14:1-3, *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in **Me**.*

*In **My** Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto **Myself**; that where I am, there*

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you may be also.”

One verse in 1Corinthians 2:9 really sparks my imagination. *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”* I have a very vivid imagination, and I could come up with some fantastic scenarios for Heaven, but Jesus says we can’t begin to imagine the things that God has “prepared for them that love Him.” More wonderful than we can begin to imagine, and it is waiting for those that love Him, for those whose names are written in the book of life. Praise God, that includes me, and I hope and pray that it includes you.

Consider the alternative found in Revelation 20:15. *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

This is a prophesy of the end time, coming up in the near future. After learning of over three hundred prophesies about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus being fulfilled in their entirety, are you willing to gamble your future that this one will not be fulfilled also?

Dr. Alexander Whyte, one of the great preachers from the past had just concluded a sermon on the joys of the redeemed in Heaven. He exclaimed “What will it be to be there!” And then, after a short pause, he solemnly intoned, “And what will it be...to not be there?”

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If you have just received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we would love to hear from you and help you learn more about your Savior and the Bible.

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