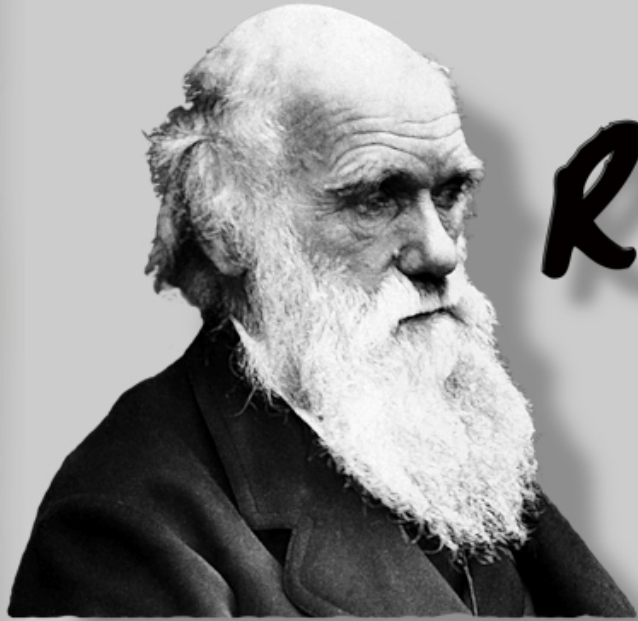




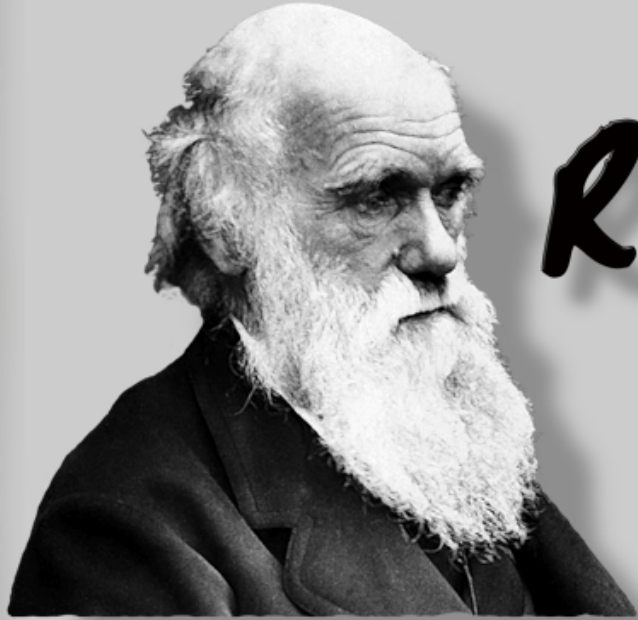


Welcome!
**Here's what's
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A series exploring *why we believe*,
in an age of great skepticism.



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**Can the Bible Be
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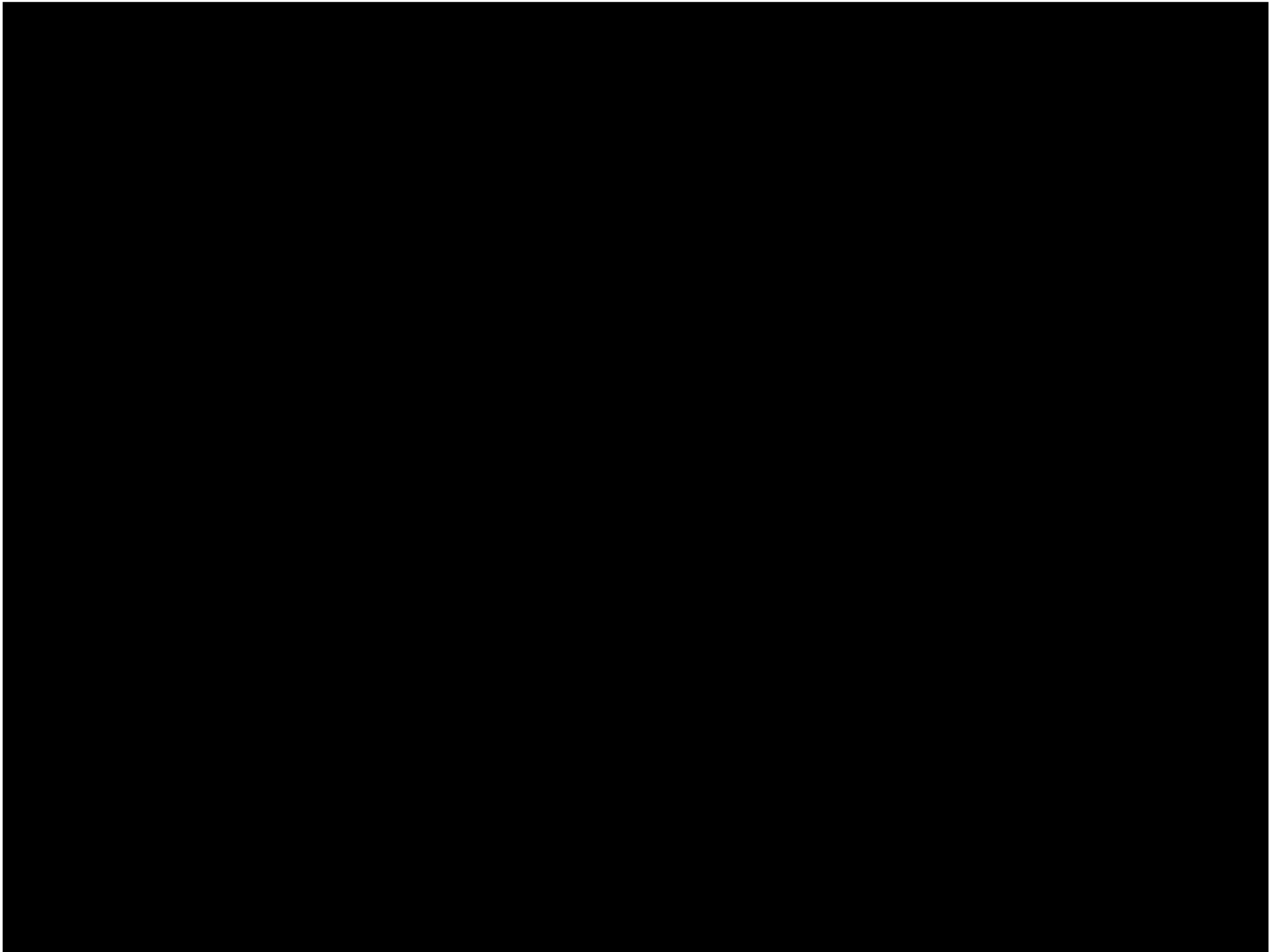
But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

2 Peter 1:20



All Scripture is God-breathed
2 Timothy 3:16a

What is 'inerrancy'?



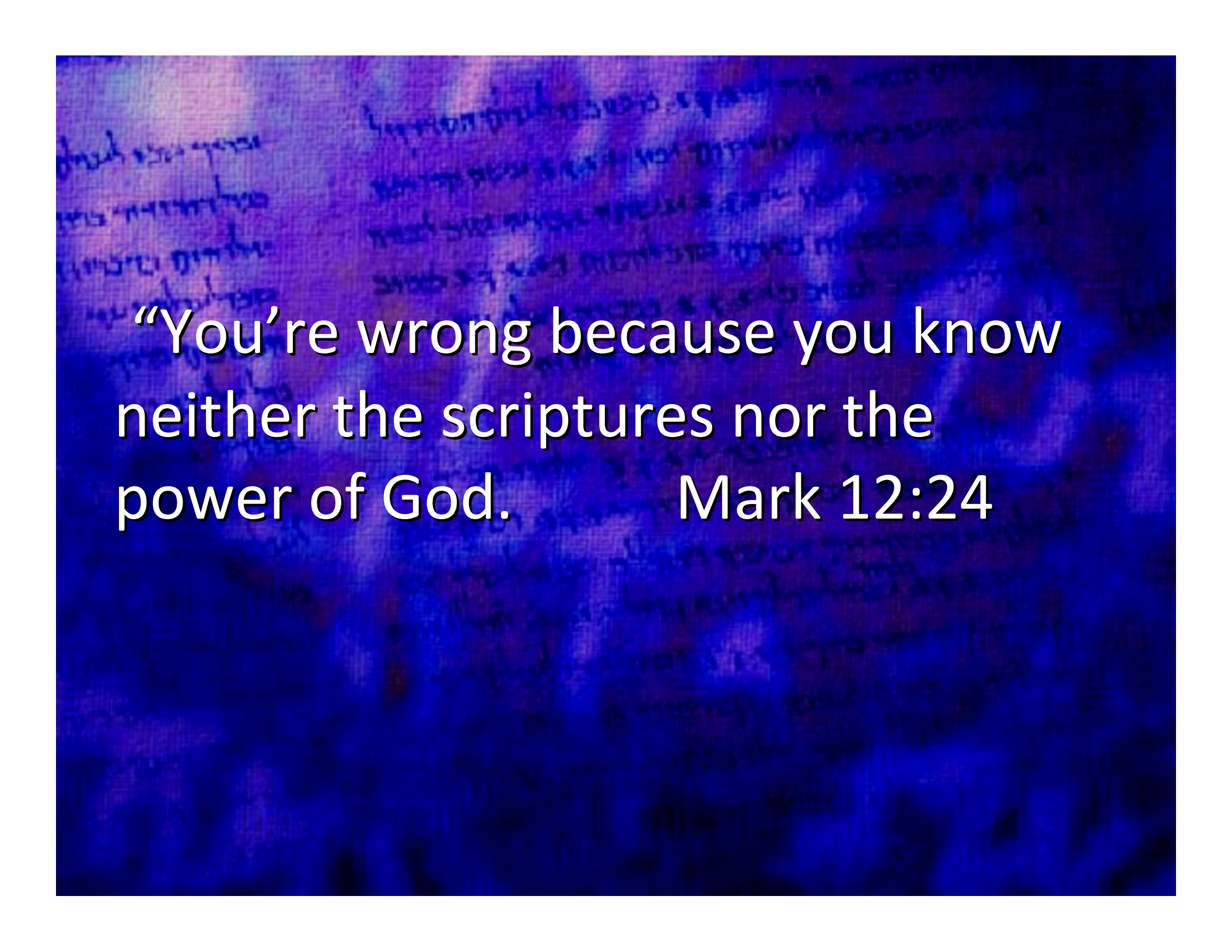
The Bible claims for itself:

CLARITY

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what may be known about God is **plain** to them, because God has made it **plain** to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been **clearly seen**, being understood from what has **been made**, so that people are **without excuse**.

Romans 1:18-20





“You’re wrong because you know
neither the scriptures nor the
power of God. Mark 12:24

nor does his word dwell in you, for
you do not believe the one he sent.

39 ... These are the very Scriptures
that testify about me, ...

John 5:38, 39

1 Corinthians 10:11

“The Old Testament scriptures
were given for our instruction even
as Gentiles.”



THE ATTACKS

The Bible is full of contradictions that undermine its own authority.



when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him
Matthew 8:5

He (centurion) sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. Luke 7:3

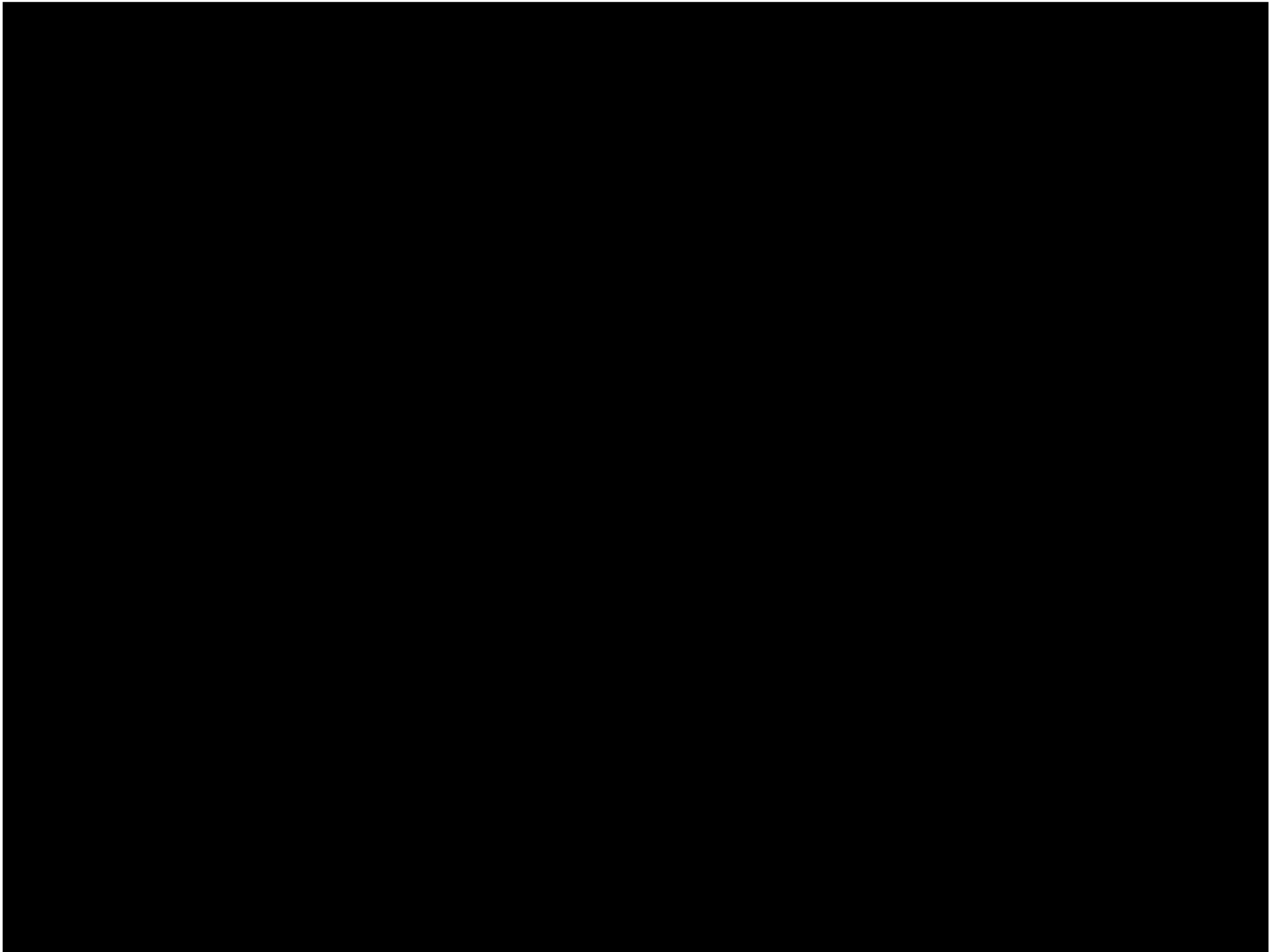
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Couldn't it all have been a conspiracy?

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Everybody is selective about which Bible commands they obey and which they ignore, so all talk about biblical authority is really bogus.



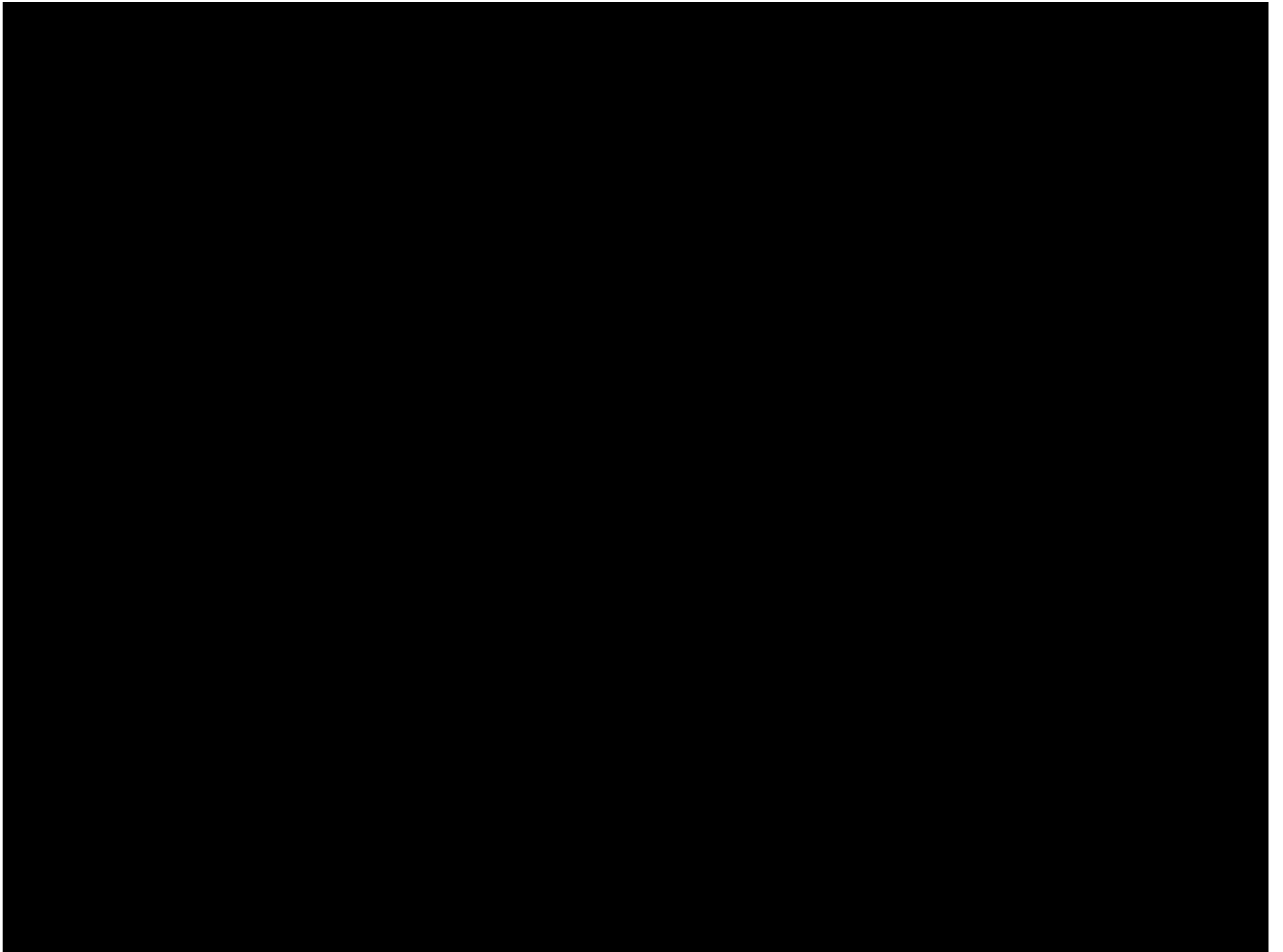
love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself for all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.

Matthew 22:36-40

THE ATTACKS

**Doesn't the Bible support
regressive practices like
violence or slavery?**





THE ATTACKS

**The Bible is full of holes
historically.**



A photograph of ancient stone ruins, possibly a wall or a large vessel, with a title overlay. The stone is weathered and shows various shades of brown, tan, and grey. The title is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline, and the word 'ARCHAEOLOGY' is underlined.

THE EVIDENCE OF ARCHAEOLOGY



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Enuma Elish Tablets



Epic of Atrahasis



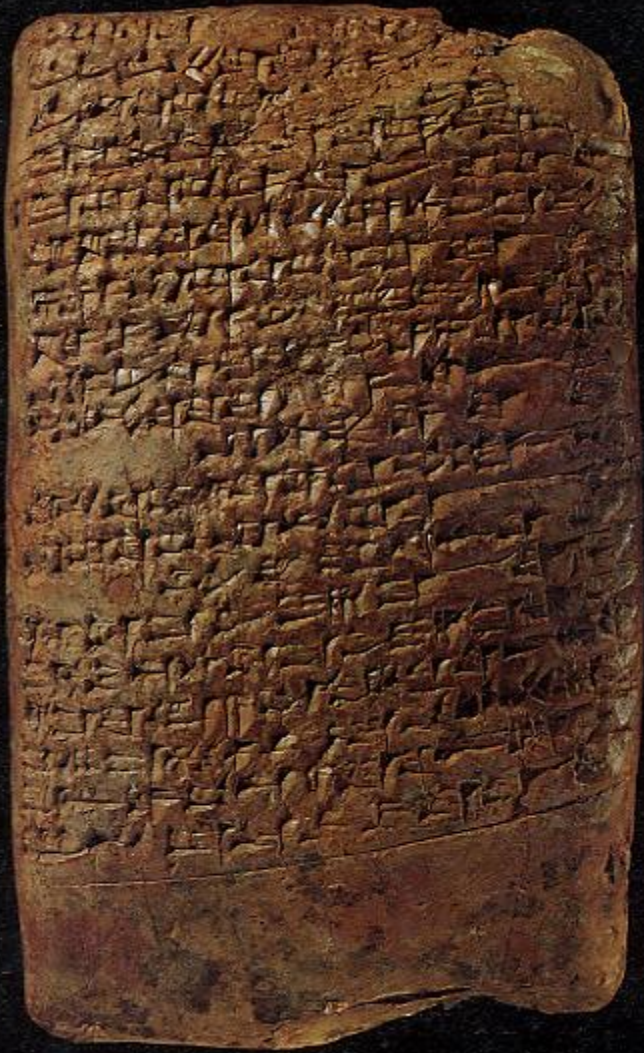
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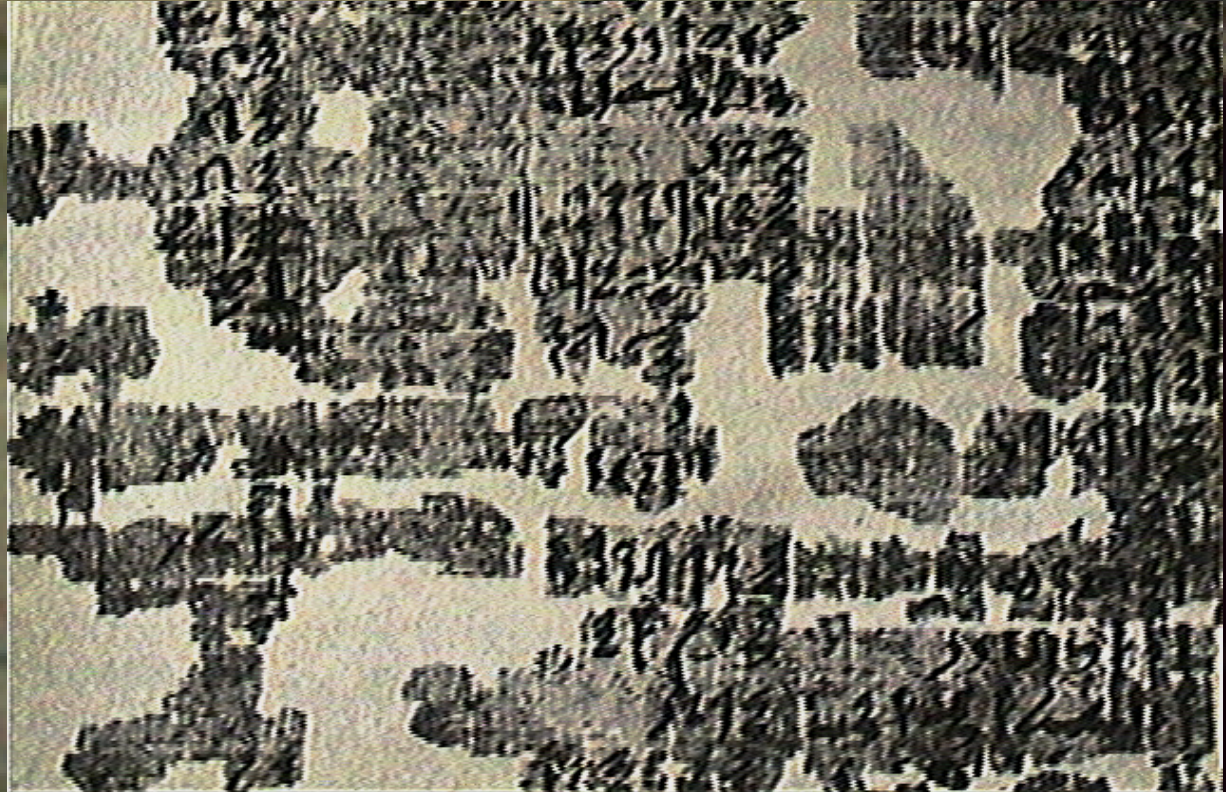


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EGYPTIAN PAPYRI

Names:

- **Jacob**
- **Issachar**
- **Asher**
- **Joseph**

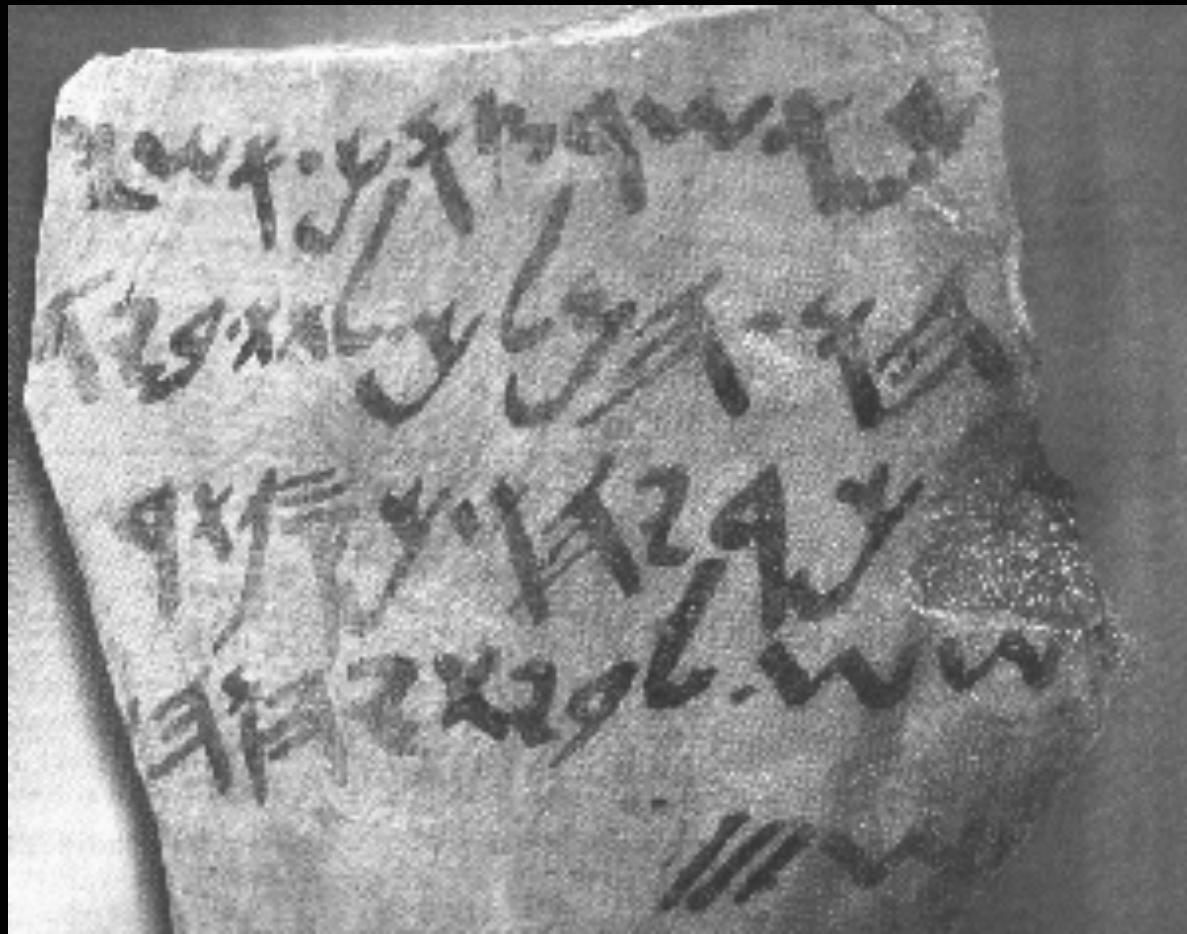


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The Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser 858-824BC



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SENNACHERIB RELIEF

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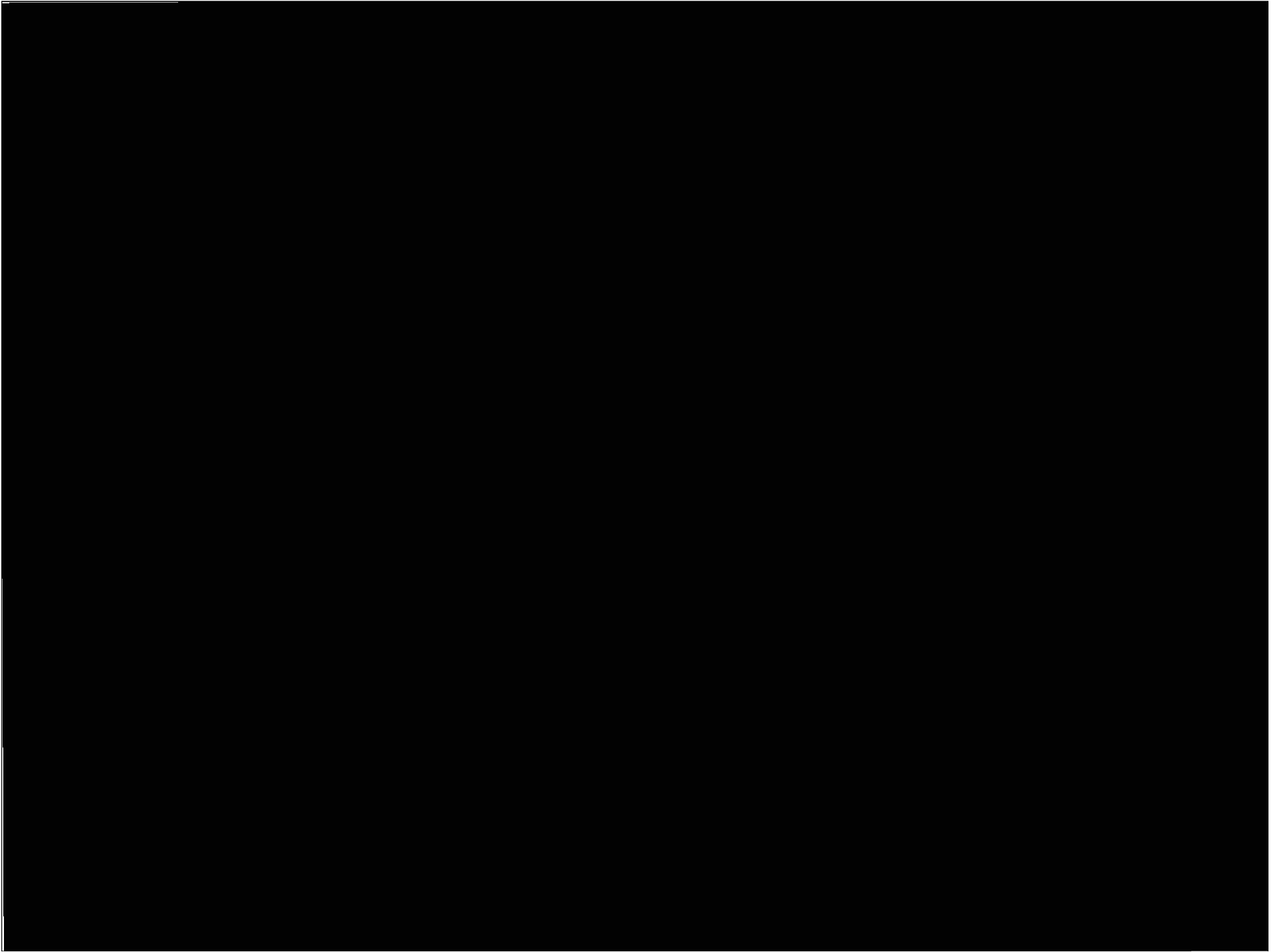
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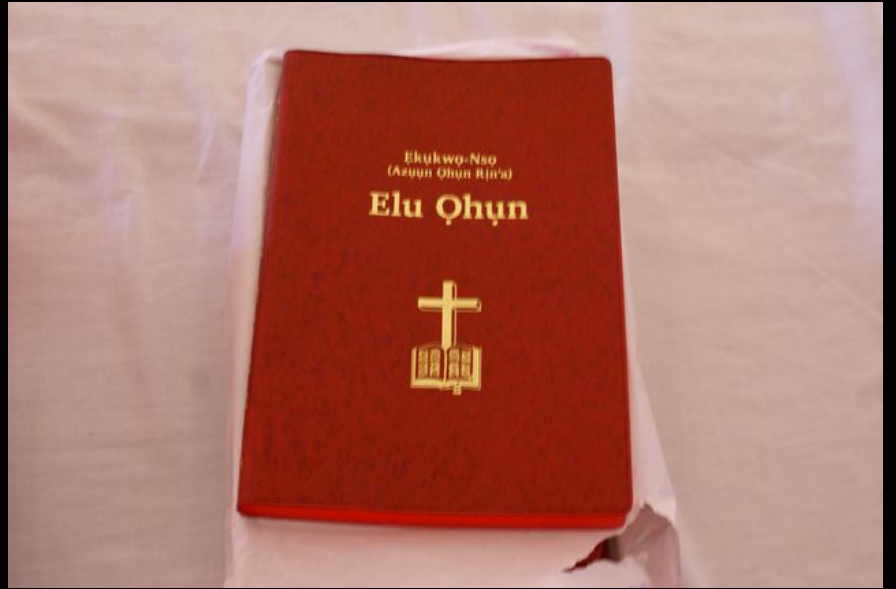
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SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY

“I am amazed to find the Bible completely trustworthy in every historical and geographical detail.”

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE







Sidney Collett, *All About the Bible*

“Voltaire, the noted French infidel who died in 1778, said that in 100 years from his time Christianity would be swept from existence and passed into history. But what has happened?”

Sidney Collett, *All About the Bible*

“Voltaire has passed into history, while the circulation of the Bible continues to increase in almost all parts of the world carrying blessings wherever it goes. For example, the English Cathedral in Zanzibar is built on the site of the Old Slave Market...

Sidney Collett, *All About the Bible*

“...and the Communion Table stands on the very spot where the whipping-post once stood! The world abounds with such instances.”

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.”

Acts 18:28

“He refuted all the Jews with powerful arguments in public debate. Using the Scriptures, he explained to them, ‘The Messiah you are looking for is Jesus.’”

2 Timothy 3:15

“You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.”

