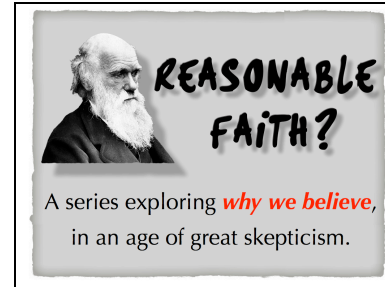


◇ **Conclusions from archaeological evidence:**

“It can be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference.” Nelson Glueck, famed Israeli archaeologist

Notes:

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## Can the Bible Be Trusted? Part 2

### What is meant by the terms Inspiration and Inerrancy?

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 inspired by God,”

2 Timothy 3:16a

### The Bible claims for itself \_\_\_\_\_.

“You're wrong because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. (Jesus speaking) 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

“The Old Testament scriptures were given for our instruction even as Gentiles.” 1 Corinthians 10:11

### For Further Research

Geisler and Howe When Critics Ask

Paul Barnett, *Is The New Testament Reliable?*

F.F. Bruce, *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*

Geisler and Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible*

Josh McDowell, *Evidence That Demands A Verdict*

Clifford A. Wilson, *Rocks, Relics, and Biblical Reliability*

Also see: *Biblical Archaeology Review* journal

Jesus

## The Attacks:

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

**Bible writers conspired to sell a story that didn't happen.**

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

New Testament Scholar NT Wright puts it this way:

Act 1-Creation

Act 2-The Fall

Act 3- God's people

Act 4-Jesus

Act 5-The church age  
*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*

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

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

The evidence of \_\_\_\_\_

**Among the examples of amazing discoveries:**

- ◇ • Gilgamesh epic and Ur discoveries: *Support for earliest stories in Genesis*
- ◇ • Egyptian papyri and hieroglyphics: *Show the Israelites existed in the time the Bible says they did, had names the Bible says they did, etc.*
- ◇ • Hittite civilization: *Shows that the Hittites existed just as the Bible says they did, after centuries during which they were considered a mythological invention!*
- ◇ • The BYT YHWH Ostrakon (dated about 800 BC) *refers to Solomon's temple. Earliest mention of temple so far-- written just 130 years after the temple was completed!*
- ◇ • Obelisk of Shalmaneser: *Shows King Jehu bringing tribute as described in 2 Kings 3.*
- ◇ • The Cyrus Cylinder: *Proves that the amazing decree of King Cyrus in Ezra 1 and 2 Chronicles 36 was historical!*
- ◇ • Sennacherib relief: *Confirms story of conquest in 2 Kings 18:13-15.*