## We began our study asking, "Does God Exist?"

How would we know?

Only if God chose to reveal Himself to us!

#### Does God Reveal Himself Through the Bible?

What proof is there that the Bible is God's revealed will?

the Bible assumes it.

#### 2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

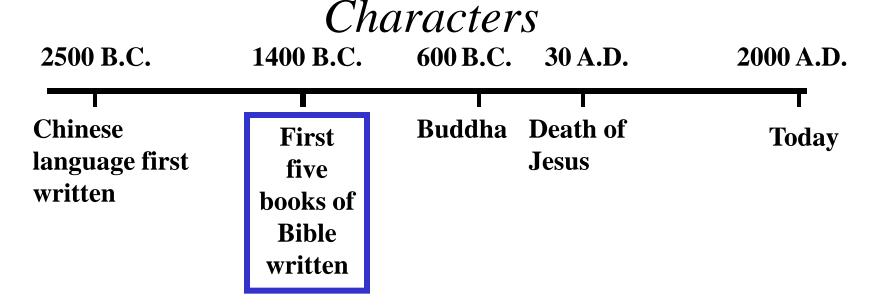
# Archeological Proof of Inspiration.

Archeologists digging into the ruins of ancient cities having uncovered amazing corroborative evidence to verify the Bible account.

Early writing. The earliest writing dates from 3000 BC. The Chinese language originated by 2500 BC and in its pictograph style demonstrates the these Chinese knew Biblical history through Genesis 12.

# Long before Buddha, the Chinese people worshipped the same God described in the Bible!!!!

The Proof is in the Ancient Chinese





**Great Division** 

West

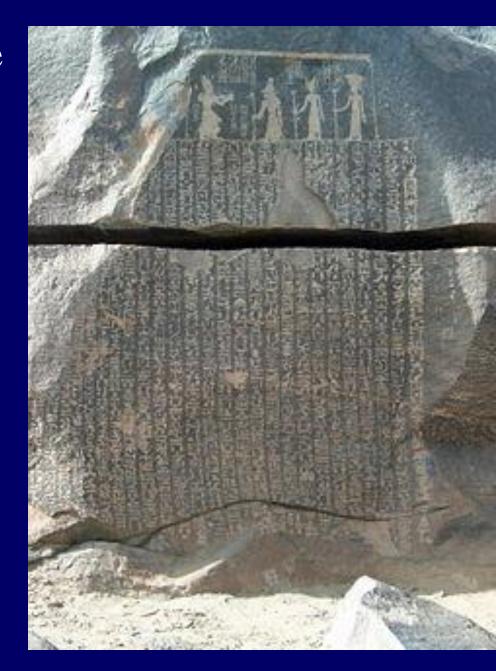
Walk Migrate

And God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed

One, Person Enclosure West First Garden Early use of metals (Gen 4.22). Until 1933, the "Iron Age" was supposed to be from 1200 B.C. onward. Dr. Henri Frankfort's discovery in 1933 pushed the use of iron in the Middle East back 1500 more years. Archaeological discoveries since 1960 have pushed the bronze age back to at least 4500 BC.

Famine in Egypt in time of Joseph - confirmed by Flinders Petrie (the father of Egyptology)-1912.

The "Famine Stela" (1st mention of the famine and names Israel as being conquered by Merneptah, the son of Ramesses II)



Walls of Jericho – confirmed they fell flat in amazing detail by Garstang – 1929-36 and Kenyon - 1952-58, who disputed the destruction as told in Joshua as being far earlier than the date calculated. Aardsma, in a recalculation of Biblical chronology, based on a copyist error in 1K 6.1 (should be 1480) dates the conquest at 2400 BC which correlates exactly with dating for both Ai and Jericho.

Bricks without straw - (Ex. 5) - at Pithom the lower courses of bricks filled with good straw, the middle courses with stubble, and the upper courses with no straw, dating to time of Ramesses II

King Belshazzer of Babylon (Dan. 5) For many years all Babylonian records showed no such name listing Nabonidus as the last king before the Persian invasion. Clay tablets listed Nabonidus as having a son, Belshazzer, who ruled jointly with him and was killed in the Persian conquest.



Nabonidus cylinder, British Museum, London, translated in 1989, by Paul Beaulieu

#### Pre-knowledge of Science

Astronomy

Sun hot, moon cold (Hebrew in Isa 30:26)

Number of stars Gen 15:5; 22:17 Jer 33:22

vs Ptolemy, (AD 90-168, found 48 constellations)

Differing distance to the stars Job 22:12

Gravitational attraction of constellations Job

38:31

Expanding universe Job 26:7
Immense size of the universe Job 22:12

#### Earth science

round earth Is 40:22 Pro 8:27 Isa 40:22 suspension of earth in space Job 26:7 empty space to the north Job 26:7 rain cycle Amos 5:6-8 Ps 135:7

#### Medical Science

life is in the blood Lev 17:10-16 all nations of one blood Acts 17:26 germ theory of disease Lev 5:2 dead insects carry disease Lev 11:24 disease from non-ruminant/cloven hoof Lev 11:25 ff cleansing of water and time of disease Lev 11:25 ff

contamination of water by dead animal Lev 11:33

quarantine of disease Lev 22:4 blood clotting in circumcision Lev 12:3 flesh of animals differs from that of man I Cor 15:39 Lev 12:3 'And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Why the 8th day? Why not the 3rd or 4th day?

Vitamin K, a cofactor in blood clotting, is produced in the large intestine by bacteria. No bacteria inhabit the gut at birth but are common by the 8<sup>th</sup> day. A boy would bleed to death, due to an inability to form a blood clot, if circumcision were carried out earlier.

#### Can We Understand The Bible?

The Catholic position - "We must therefore conclude that the scriptures alone cannot be a sufficient guide and rule of faith because they cannot at any time, be within the reach of every inquirer, because they are not of themselves intelligible, even in matters of highest importance, and because they do not contain all the truths necessary for salvation." 2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Protestant denominations write creeds to explain and interpret the Bible with which an educated "clergy" must explain the Bible to the "laity".

# Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

## God promises that we can understand his revelation.

Jn 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

"Isn't it true that you can prove anything by the Bible?"

1) Not if all statements are taken in context.

2) There are no contradictions in the Bible

Remember context – "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

This does not forbid cutting down trees!

### Does God Reveal Himself to Man in the Bible?

We have looked at the difference between the Bible and the works of men? Inspired?

Archeology confirms the Bible.

# Chinese writing confirms the 1<sup>st</sup> 12 chapters of the Bible were known to the founders of this written language.

Historical accuracy concerning the time when metals were used – that there were storehouses for grain in the time of Joseph. A pre-scientific knowledge of earth science, astronomy and especially medical science are presented in the Bible.

God has revealed Himself to man as we find impossible knowledge within the pages of His word.

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