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A STUDY OF NEW
TESTAMENT CONVERSIONS
Week 3

### We Are In A Battle For Our Children

### Advanced Medical Knowledge

Sanitary practices: Wash in running water (Numbers 19, 31, Leviticus 15) Purify items through fire (Numbers 31) Bury human waste outside of camp (Deut 23:12) Burn animal waste (Leviticus 4:11-12) Don't eat animals that died of natural causes (Leviticus 7:24)

### Laws of quarantine

(Leviticus 13, 14, 22, Numbers 19:20)

Medic-Planet.com encyclopedia notes that "It was not until 1873 that leprosy could be shown to be infectious rather than hereditary."

### Bacteria

Leviticus 13:51-52

If the plague has spread in the

Medic-Planet.com encyclopedia "[leprosy] can survive three weeks or longer outside the human body, such as in dust or on clothing"

active leprosy. It is unclean. He shall therefore burn that garment in which is the plague.

### Advanced Scientific Knowledge

"When the Bible touches on scientific subjects, it is entirely accurate." - Dr. Donald DeYoung, Ph.D. (Physics)

### The earth and space



"It is He who sits above the circle of the earth...(Isaiah 40:22)".

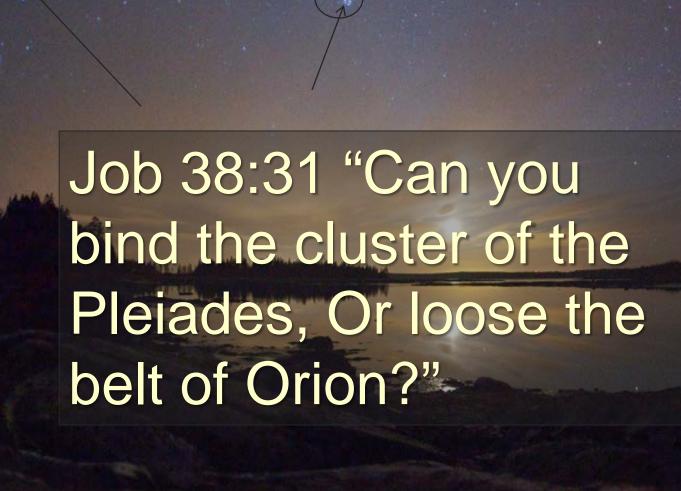
"He stretches out the north over empty space; he hangs the earth on nothing (Job 26:7)".

### Vast number of stars in the universe

'As the host of heaven (stars) cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant' (Jeremiah 33:22)

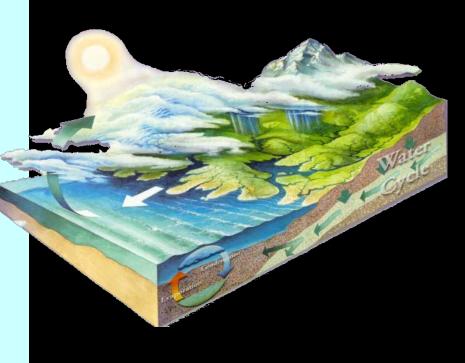
"Therefore from one man, ...were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude-- innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. (Hebrews 11:12)"

Job 38:31 "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades,



### The Hydrologic Cycle

Wikipedia - Rain plays a role in the hydrologic cycle in which moisture from the oceans evaporates, condenses into drops, precipitates (falls) from the sky, and eventually returns to the ocean via rivers and streams to repeat the cycle again.



### The Hydrologic Cycle

"All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again (Ecclesiastes 1:7)".

"For He draws up drops of water, which distill as rain from the mist, which the clouds drop down and pour abundantly on man. (Job 36:27-28)"



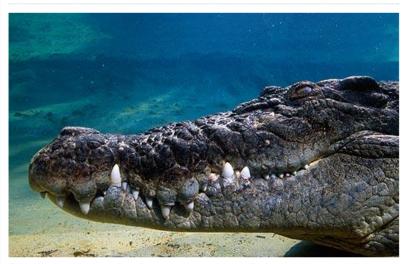
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#### Crocodiles surf ocean currents

Saltwater crocodiles, the world's largest living reptiles, travel hundreds of miles and cross large areas of open sea by surfing ocean currents, scientists have discovered.

By Richard Gray, Science Correspondent Published: 9:30AM BST 06 Jun 2010



Saltwater crocodiles exploit surface currents around coastlines and out to sea to help them travel large distances. Photo: ALAMY

The estuarine, or saltwater, crocodile, is found in rivers and estuaries through out South East Pacific with a range stretching from East India to Fiji and southern China to north Australia.

Biologists have often been baffled by how the large predators, which can grow to be up to 18 feet in length, have managed to spread so far and occupy so many isolated islands despite being notoriously poor swimmers.



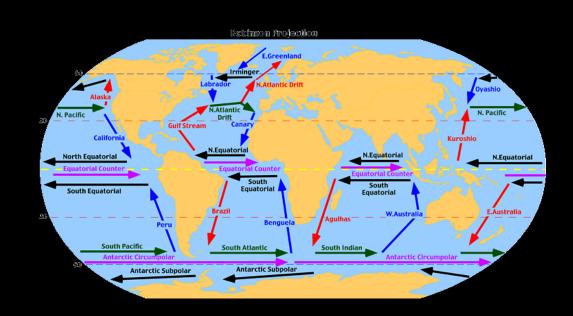
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"Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths?" (Job 38:16)

You have put all things under his feet...the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. (Psalms 8:8)



#### Man from dust

Genesis 3:19 For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.

Researchers at NASA's Ames Research Center confirmed that every element in man can be found in the soil, prompting one of the scientists to say "...the biblical scenario for the creation of life turns out to be not far off the mark" - *Readers Digest*, November 1982

### Bible vs Historians

Comparison of 29 kings with archeological corroboration revealed the following:

- The Bible precisely matched archeological artifacts in both the names and chronological order of the kings
- Secular historian records seldom matched names precisely

### Bible vs Historians

"That the Hebrew writers should have transliterated these names with such accuracy and conformity to philological principles is a wonderful proof of their thorough care and scholarship and of their access to the original sources. That the names should have been transmitted to us through so many copyings and so many centuries in so complete a state of preservation is a phenomenon unequaled in the history of literature." - Dr. R.D. Wilson

### Archeology

"It may be clearly stated categorically that no archeological discovery has ever controverted a single biblical reference.

Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible." – Nelson Glueck

## Confidence in New Testament Scripture

Question:

We don't have the original handwritten text, so how do we know we have the original words written by God's inspiration?

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All translations are based on the same ancient manuscripts throughout the centuries.

Thousands over centuries have poured over these manuscripts to affirm accuracy.

The Holy Spirit not only inspired the writing but also has supernaturally preserved the original ancient writings in it's purity through all history.

Since the printing press did not show up until 1440 AD the ancient text was hand copied by those who were so convinced that they were writing the words of God that there are stories of hand copies made by scribes who would write one letter then take a cleansing bath and then write another letter because they were so concerned about the accurate copying of the Word of God.

There are 25,000 ancient manuscripts of the New Testament alone. This makes it possible to reconstruct the original written text with complete accuracy. Nothing in ancient literature even comes close to this to demonstrate uniform consistency of translation across centuries.

There are about 5,600 Greek manuscripts containing some or all of the New Testament that date back to Papyrus 52 which was written in 100 AD and contains parts of the book of John, the Bodmer Papyri containing John and Luke from 175 AD and Chester Beatty Papyri from 200 AD the Gospels and Acts all written within 150 years of the death of the last Apostle. This is a miracle in itself given the intense persecution of the Church and destruction of all Christian documents by the Roman empire during this period of time.

The early church fathers before 325 AD have so much scripture in their writings that there are 32,000 existing references and quotes from the new testament before 325 AD.

There are so many quotes from the New Testament that you can virtually put the entire New Testament together from their quotations and they match perfectly with our Bible today.

Their letters and writings contain over 19,000 quotations of the gospels alone, for example, and they read exactly the same as the gospels in our Bible today.

In 325 AD the Roman Empire established the Roman Catholic Church and the persecution of Christians ended so there was no more destruction of Christian documents and artifacts and all the early transcripts from 325 AD on have been maintained by the Catholic Church because no one is banning them or destroying them. For example there are 8,000 copies of a complete Bible translation from 382 AD called Jerome's Vulgate.

Homer's Iliad is the ancient book with the second most number of ancient manuscripts.

The New Testament has 25,000 ancient manuscripts, how many ancient manuscripts containing Homer's Iliad do you think exists, which by the way has been accepted by historians to be accurate?

Also, Homer's Iliad was written in 800 BC and the earliest we have is 1300 AD with nothing in between.

A.T. Robertson "The vast array of manuscripts has enabled textual scholars to accurately reconstruct the original text with more than 99.9% accuracy."

### **Textual Integrity**

<u>Work</u>	When Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	No. of copies
Caesar (Gallic Wars)	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	1000 yrs	10
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1,400 yrs	49
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1000	1,400 yrs	193
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	A.D 1300	2,000 yrs	643
New Testament	A.D. 40-100	A.D. 125	25 yrs	25,000

"There is no body of ancient literature in the world which enjoys such a wealth of good textual attestation as the New Testament" - Scholar F.F. Bruce

### Want proof God exists? The proof is found in the Bible!

If someone believes there is a God and they believe God is the God of the Bible, then where do we find more about God and His Laws?

### THE BIBLE!

- If someone understands that
- 1. There is a God
- 2. The God is the God of the Bible What is the next step in salvation?

# Understanding why we need saved!

### What is death?

Death is the termination of all biological functions that sustain an organism.

# Did God design our bodies to die?

### Genesis 2: 15-17

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Is this what God said?
Also notice how satan refers to God

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Why does satan refer to God as God and not the Lord God?

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but **God** did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.""

Is this what God said?
How does Eve now refers to God?
God is no longer Lord of her life.

By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

What is this describing?

Death