

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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So the Bible is:

“All Scripture is **God-breathed** [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable **for instruction, for conviction** [of sin], **for correction** [of error and restoration to obedience], **for training in righteousness** [learning to live in conformity to God’s will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; so that the [person] of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

– from 2 Timothy 3



Contradictions?



Daniel 5:5, 25, 28, 29 TLB

“.....as [Belshazzar and many of his officers] were drinking from these **cups** [from the Temple in Jerusalem], they saw the **fingers** of a man’s hand writing on the plaster of the wall....‘Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parson’!... your kingdom will be divided and given to the Medes and Persians....and [Daniel] was proclaimed third **ruler** in the kingdom.”

Historians insisted this “Belshazzar” never existed. The Bible was the only known document to mention him. Every historian worth his salt knew that King Nabonidus was the final king of Babylon and that he was not killed, but rather taken prisoner. Other historical documents clearly supported this.

in 1864, an excavator in ancient Ur, part of Babylon, in a province in Iraq, discovered a cylindrical clay document, displaying a prayer from King Nabonidus for his eldest son, *Belshazzar*, that he ‘not let sin possess him.’ The King was on a campaign in northern Saudi Arabia, and left his son in charge. Belshazzar made Daniel the THIRD ruler, under Belshazzar and his daddy.

Genesis 23:2,5-6,10,11 ESV

“Sarah **died** at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.... The Hittites answered Abraham, ‘Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs’...Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the **gate** of his city, ‘No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it.’”

The Hittite Empire’s existence was claimed only by the Bible prior to the 20th century. Historians said it probably never existed, and even if it did, it couldn’t have been a very strong regional power, considering this lack of evidence.

In 1906, however, an immense, sprawling fortified city found in modern-day Turkey was confirmed to have been the Hittite capital, Hattusha. A Hittite royal library of around 10,000 tablets....

Matthew 8:28 AND Mark 5:2-3 AND Luke 8:27 NLT

“When [Jesus] came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, **two demon-possessed men** met Him, coming out of the **tombs**.... When Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the **tombs a man** with an unclean spirit....As Jesus was climbing out of the boat, **a man** who was possessed by demons came out to meet Him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the **tombs**....” [also, country of Gerasenes, city of Gardara]

Matthew gives more overall description of events, Mark (Peter) more focused on specific individual. (see J. Warner “Cold Case Christianity”)

Genesis 1 & 2, and Exodus 20:11 ESV

“For in **six** days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and **all** that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.”

Jesus identifies Abel in Matthew 23:35, discusses Noah in Matthew 24. Christian physicist Dr. Russell Humphries, 2022, and astrophysicist Dr. Jason Lisle, 2023, published papers discussing gravity’s effect on light and time.

