

# "EVIDENTIAL REASONS FOR FAITH"

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### **The Bible & Christian Faith**

#### **Topic: The Bible & Jesus Christ**

**Q.** What did Jesus Christ say about Himself? What did his apostles record about Him?

**A.** (1) Jesus said he came down from heaven (St. John 6:38); (2) Jesus said He can forgive sins. (St. Mark 2:5-12); (3) Jesus said he was the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father but through Him (St. John 14:6); (4) Jesus said He and His Father are One. (St. John 14:9, 10:30,33); (5) Jesus said He is the resurrection and the life (St. John 11:25); (7) Jesus said he would rise bodily in three days after his death. (St. John 2:18-22); (8) Jesus said He is the "I am" or the Self-Existent One (St. John 8:56-59); (9) The apostle Paul said Jesus is the Lord (Jehovah) from heaven. (1 Corin. 15:47); (10) Thomas said my Lord (Jehovah) and God (Elohiym) (St. John 20:27-29). (11) Historical eye witnesses of Jesus' physical resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8); (12) James said Jesus would be coming again. (James 5:7); (13) John said Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, i.e. (the first and the last), the Almighty. (Revelation 1:5-10).

### **The Bible & Historical Accuracy**

#### **Topic: The Bible & the Hittite Empire**

**Q.** Is the Bible accurate in cataloging the existence of the Hittite Empire?

**A.** Yes. In Exodus 3:17. the Bible mentions the Hittites. The Hittites are mentioned forty-seven times in the Old Testament. However, prior to the 19th Century the only mention of the Hittites was in the biblical record. This caused critics to ridicule, and sneer at the so-called historical fables of the Scriptures. But in 1906 German archaeologist Hugo Winkler discovered in Asia Minor the city of Boghazkeul, an ancient Hittite capital. Over 10,000 tablets were excavated from that area. This confirms Joshua's description of the entire western fertile crescent as the "'Land of the Hittites.'" (Joshua 1:4)

### **The Bible & Scientific Accuracy**

#### **Topic: Is there a God**

**Q.** Did the Universe and life come through Special Creation?

**A.** You decide: Apart from gravity, two of the most solid and unalterable laws in all physics are the first and second laws of thermodynamics. Albert Einstein testifies that in all the known universe there is no time or where the two don't apply. The first law, that of conservation, states that although energy can change forms, it can't be either created or destroyed, and therefore the sum total remains constant. Thus, no energy is now being created or destroyed anywhere in the universe. In Genesis 2:1-3. it states "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them" In Psalms 33:6-9 it says, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made." The creation account is consistent with the first and second laws ....

**The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy**  
**Topic: The Bible & Historic Figures**

**Q.** Is it foretold that Jesus would be born into this world by a "virgin?"

**A.** Yes. In Isaiah 7:10-14, recorded around 735-719 BC Isaiah records, "the Lord spoke to Ahaz (King of Judah), Ask of me a sign for yourself from the Lord." But Ahaz refused to ask, so God said He would give a sign to the house of David." The sign is this, the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel, (meaning God with us)." So, God the Son would take on sinless human flesh, and dwell among His creation (St. John 1; 1-3, 14) This was a miracle being born of a virgin with no human father. In St. Matthew the fulfillment of the prophecy is given, and we find that Joseph had no physical relations with Mary till after Jesus was born. (St. Matt. 1:21-25).

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