

"EVIDENTIAL REASONS FOR FAITH"

Volume - Issue 17

The Bible & Christian Faith

Topic: The Bible & Satan

Q. Who is Satan and what is his work?

A. His existence is declared by the Bible, which tell us the following:

1. He was created as Lucifer, an anointed cherub (a special angel the guardian of God's holiness) Ezekiel 28:14-15
2. He was full of wisdom and beauty. Ezekiel 28:12-13; Isaiah 14:12-14
3. He appears to have been God's number one angel. Ezekiel 28:14-16
4. He committed the first sin in the universe. Ezekiel 28:17
5. He started a rebellion and drew one-third of the angels to rebel with him. Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 12:7-9)
6. Lucifer became Satan (adversary) & the Devil (slanderer). St. Luke 10:17-20: Revel. 12:7-9
7. His fallen angels are referred to as demons. St. Luke 10:17
8. His purpose is to deceive mankind. Revelation 12:9
9. His goal is to keep mankind from hearing & believing the gospel of Jesus Christ. (St. Mark 4:14, 15; 2nd Corinthians 4:1-4)
10. His aim is to discredit God, and his people. Genesis 3:1-7
11. He uses false teachers to pervert, and distort the Bible. (2nd Peter 2:1-3, Galatians 1:6-8)
12. He produces his own religious leaders to appear as God's ministers. 2 Corin. 11:13-15
13. He uses the Bible out of context and produces his own doctrines. St. Matthew 4:4-7; 1st Timothy 4:1-5
14. He is man's enemy and seeks to destroy mankind. Isaiah 14:12-17; 1st Peter 5:8-15.
15. He brings disease and affliction upon mankind. Job 1:6-2:13

The Bible & Historical Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & Archaeological Scholars

Q. Who are some brilliant historical scholars of archaeology?

A. The first of three we'll discuss is Sir William Ramsey (1851-1939). For many years Ramsey was professor of humanity at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He was in his time, the world's most eminent authority on the geography and history of ancient Asia Minor (Turkey today). He was zealous to study every account available of the early documents concerning that period and area. He undertook an intensive research of the New Testament book of Acts and also the gospel of Luke. He approached the study with much skepticism. He felt it was imaginative and carefully colored account of primitive Christianity. After many years of intensive study, this scholar who began an unbeliever, became a staunch defender of the Word of God. The absolute historical accuracy of Luke's writings, even in the most minute detail captured first his brain and then his heart....

The Bible & Scientific Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & Ocean Currents & Sea lanes

Q. Has the Bible stated there are watery paths (ocean sea lanes) in the sea?

A. Yes. David said in Psalms 8:8 - That God had subjected all things to men, including: "Whatsoever pass through the paths of the sea. The Hebrew word "paths" carries the literal meaning of "customary roads." Matthew Fontaine Maury, is called "The Pathfinder of the Seas." He is also the father of oceanography. A statue of Maury stands in Richmond, Va., with charts of the Sea in one hand and Bible in the other. Until Maury's efforts there were no charts or sailing lanes. One day when he was ill his oldest son read Psalms 8, Maury stopped him, and said read that again. He then said it is enough, if the Word of God says there are paths in the sea they must be there. He then said, I'm going to find them. Within a few years he charted the sea lanes and currents. His "Physical Geography of the Sea" was the first text book of modern oceanography.

The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & the Last Days

Q. What is predicted as a result of a wide-spread turning away from God and His Word?

- A.**
1. Men would be minus a conscience (1 Timothy 4:2)
 2. Outright satanic worship. (Revelation 9:20; 13:11-14)
 3. False claims of peace. (1st Thessalonians 5:1-3)
 4. The Tribulation period - No period in history to even compare to it. Still yet future. (Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 12:1; Matt. 24:21,22)
 - a. A universal dictatorial rule by the Antichrist. (Revelation 13:1-18)
 - b. All-out no-holds-barred attempt to destroy Israel. (Revelation 12:1-17)
 - c. Unbelievable bloody wars. (Matthew 24:6,7; Revelation 6:2-4; 14:20)
 - d. Men to hide in caves & rocks in fear of God. (Isaiah 2:19-21; Revelation 6:15-17)
 - e. Terrible worldwide famines. (Revelation 6:5,6,8)
 - f. Humans to be slaughtered by predatory wild beasts. (Revelation 6:8)
 - g. Disastrous earthquakes. (Revelation 6:12; 11:13; 16:18)
 - h. Universal tidal waves and ocean disasters. (Luke 21:25; Revelation 8:8,9; 16:3)
 - I. Massive hailstones composed of fire & blood to fall on earth. (Revelation 8:9; 16:21)

week 17