

"EVIDENTIAL REASONS FOR FAITH"

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The Bible & Christian Faith

Topic: The Bible & The Holy Spirit

Q. Is the Holy Spirit a divine person as the Father and the Son are divine persons?

A. Yes, historic Christianity teaches this fact based on Scripture. Scriptures confirming this fact are as follows:

1. Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as "He" masculine pronoun. (St. John 14:15-17, 26)
2. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would teach the Apostles, and bring back words of Jesus to their memories, which He taught (St. John 14:26)
3. He the Holy Spirit has a will. (1st Corin 2:1)
4. He the Holy Spirit has a mind. (Romans 8:27)
5. He the Holy Spirit communicates. (Acts 8:29)
6. He the Holy Spirit loves. (Romans 15:30)
7. He the Holy Spirit is called God. (Acts 5:3-4)
8. He is ever-present. (Psalms 139:7)
9. He is all knowing. (1st Corinthians 2:10-11)
10. He is eternal. (Hebrews 9:14)

The Bible & Historical Accuracy

Topic: The Bible, "Sodom & Gomorrah"

Q. Is there archaeological confirmation that these cities existed?

A. In Genesis 13:10-13, the cities of Sodom & Gomorrah are mentioned. Prior to 1968 there existed no extrabiblical reference to these cities. But at that time a graduate in New Eastern studies from Rome University, Giovanni Peinato changed all this, with the discovery of the capital of a buried and forgotten civilization. The city was Ebia. The find consisted of thousands of tablets. Among the many towns mentioned in the tablets are those of Sodom and Gomorrah. But this is not all. There were actually five sister "Cities of the Plain" Gen. 14:2 - the obvious two, and Admah, Zeboiim, and Zoar.

The Bible & Scientific Accuracy

Topic: Is there a God

Q. Did the Universe and life come through Special creation?

A. You decide: It's understood by creation scientists that God brought the first law into effect after creation (Genesis 1:31). And the second law after the fall of man. (Gen. 3:6-7). This law relates to energy deterioration. See 9th report for the definition of the second law. Moreover, the Scripture is consistent with this law. In Psalms 102:25-27, it states "of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of you hands. They will perish, but you will endure, yes all of them will grow old like a garment. Like a cloak you will change them, and they will be changed." Also in Romans 8:18-23, it says that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together even now. This law is consistent with the Scriptures.

The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy

Topic: Prophecies of Jesus Christ

Q. What are some fulfilled prophecies stated concerning Jesus Christ?

- A.** 1. That He would be born of a seed of the woman in the world. (Genesis 3:15 cf. Galatians 4:4)
2. That He would be from the line of Abraham (Gen. 12:3,7; 17:7; Rom. 9:5 cf. Gal. 3:16)
3. That He would be from the tribe of Judah. (Gen. 49: 10; cf. Heb. 7:14; Rev. 5:5)
4. That He would be from the house of David. (2 Sam.7:12,13; St. Luke 1:31-33 cf. Romans 1:3)
5. That He would have a forerunner (Isaiah 40:3-5; Mal.3:1; St. Matt. 3:1-3; Luke 1:76-78)
6. That He would be worshiped by wise-men and presented with gifts. (Psa. 72:10; Isa. 60:3,6,9 cf. St. Matt. 2:11)
7. That He would be in Egypt for a season. (Numbers 24:8, Hosea 11:1 cf. St. Matt. 2:15)

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