

# "EVIDENTIAL REASONS FOR FAITH"

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## **The Bible & Christian Faith**

### **Topic: The Bible & Mankind's purpose**

**Q.** Why did God create mankind?

**A.** 1. Creating mankind brought pleasure to God. Revelation 4:11 (This caused God great joy).

2. To be a reflection of God, in intellect, rationale, emotion, and spirit. (Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:19-20)

3. To fellowship with God. (Genesis 3:8-9)

4. To love and glorify God. (Matthew 22:37; 1st Corinthians 10:31)

5. To assume headship over all nature (Genesis 1:26b)

6. To eventually assume a very important role in the world to come. (Hebrews 2:5-8)

7. To marry, bear children, and populate the earth. (Genesis 1:28a)

8. To subdue (explore, discover, and gain) the mastery over the earth. (Genesis 1:28b)

Mankind was made to live in God's presence, experience a death-free existence, and discover the wonders of God's creation .....

## **The Bible & Historical Accuracy**

### **Topic: The Bible, Kings & Cities**

**Q.** Did Shishak King of Egypt invade Judah and take various towns as the Bible records?

**A.** Yes. The biblical account is outlined in ( 1 Kings 14:25-28, 2 Chronicles 12:2-4).

Archaeological findings show Shishak was the founder of the twenty-second dynasty. His gold-masked body was discovered at Tanis in 1938-1939. His victory inscriptions found at Thebes list the towns taken in Judah and Israel.

**Q.** Did Sennacherib fail to capture Jerusalem?

**A.** Yes. In (2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 32; Isaiah 36-37). The account describes how Sennacherib lost in attempting to take Jerusalem. An archaeological find shows in Sennacherib's record, that Hezekiah the Jew & King, did not submit to his yoke. The invading king laid siege to 46 strong cities of Hezekiah, but Hezekiah didn't surrender. The Bible is consistent with the historical record.

## **The Bible & Scientific Accuracy**

### **Topic: The Bible & Dinosaurs**

**Q.** Does the Bible speak of Dinosaurs?

**A.** Yes. In the book of Job, more than likely the oldest biblical book speaks of God's two greatest creations in the animal kingdom, behemoth (Job 40:15-24), and leviathan (Job 41: 1-9). Most commentators today suggest behemoth is either the elephant or hippopotamus, and leviathan a crocodile. But when reading the descriptions of the two they certainly don't apply to any animals known today. The reference to the animals which we would consider extinct today were alive in Job's day. In God's description of behemoth, one can clearly

visualize a giant brontosaurus. It speaks of his long neck projecting out to eat swamp grass, his strength is in his hips, his power in his stomach muscles, he moves his tail like a cedar... .. ever see a Elephant move his tail like a cedar... Further it states that he is the first of the ways of God, Job 40:19 and only the "Creator can defeat him" ... See also Isaiah 27:1. The Paluxy River, in Texas became famous for controversy in the early 1930s when locals found dinosaur and supposed human footprints in the same rock layer in the Glen Rose Formation, which were widely publicized as evidence against the geological time scale and in favor of young Earth creationism.

## **The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy**

### **Topic: Prophecies of Jesus Christ**

**Q.** What are some additional fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ?

**A.** 1. That He would be scourged and spat upon. (Isaiah 50:6; cf. St. Matthew 26:67; 27:26)

2. That his price money would be used to buy a potters field. (Jeremiah 18:1-4; 19:1-4; Zechariah 11:12-13; cf. St. Matthew 27:9,10)

3. That He would be crucified between two thieves. (Isaiah 53:12; cf. St. Matthew 27:38; St. Mark 15:27,28; St. Luke 22:37)

4. That He would be given vinegar to drink. Psalms 69:21 cf. St. Matthew 27:34, 48; St. John 19:28-30)

5. That He would suffer the piercing of his hands and feet (Psalms 22:16; Zechariah 12:10 cf. St. Mark 15:25; St. John 19:34,37; 20:25-27)

6. That He would be raised from the dead (Psalms 16:10 cf. St. Matthew 28:2-7)

7. That He would ascend into heaven. (Psalms 24:7-10 cf. St. Mark 16:19; St. Luke 24:51)

Note: All Old Testament (BC) books were written hundreds of centuries before New Testament 1st century (AD) books and letters.

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