

"EVIDENTIAL REASONS FOR FAITH"

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The Bible & the Christian Faith

Topic: The Bible & Heaven

Q. Is there a literal place called heaven?

A. Yes. The Bible speaks about three heavens, the first, is the atmosphere around the earth. Jeremiah 4:25. The second is the home of the sun, moon, and stars. Genesis 22:17. The third heaven is the abode of God. 2nd Corinthians 12:1-2. Now for its description.

1. Recognize, first of all that God is immense, even heaven can't contain Him. 1 Kings 8:27-30.
 2. He has constructed a city, the heavenly Jerusalem. Hebrew 11:10, 16
 3. The city has twelve foundations made of precious stones. Revelation 21:14, 19
 4. The city has 216 foot walls around it. Revelation 21:17-18
 5. The city has solid pearl gates. Revelation. 21:12, 21
 6. The city has streets of transparent gold. Revelation 21:21
 7. The city has a throne, where God conducts the affairs of the universe. Revelation 4:2,3
 8. The Lord Jesus is at the Father's right hand. Romans 8:34
 9. There are innumerable amounts of angels and believers residing there. Revel. 4:9-11
 10. The city is pure transparent gold. Revelation 21:18
 11. There is a river of life and a tree of life. Revelation. 22:1, 2
 12. Around the throne is a rainbow and a sea resembling glass. Revelation 4:3, 6
 13. The resurrected saved will not be limited to laws of gravity or time. Luke. 24:31,36
- 1st. John 3:1-3

The Bible & Historical Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & Its Preservation

Q. How certain can one be about the reliability of the text of the Old & New Testament?

A. 1. The Old Testament - The Masoretes. Jewish scholars living in Tiberias, Palestine during the fifth through the ninth century AD. are called Masoretes because they preserved in writing the oral traditions (Masorah) concerning the biblical text. The question was how accurate were the copies available to them? With the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, dating back to the second century B.C., they verify the Old Testament manuscripts to be very reliable, with the inclusion of Samaritan Pentateuch dating back to 400 B.C.

2. The New Testament - We possess more than 5,800 manuscripts and fragments of the Greek New Testament. Some copied a very short time after the originals were given starting at the early part of the second century. In more than 5,000 Greek manuscripts, giving 690,750,000 words, only about 440,000 variants have been picked out, most of very little importance, i.e., changes in order of words; only 840 variants alter the sense; of these only 110 have real importance for any reason. Of the 110, not one touches on any article of faith or moral commandment. The Bibles' preservation, exceeds any other writing of antiquity both sacred & secular.

The Bible & Scientific Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & Medical Science

Q. Is the Bible consistent with health science of today?

A. Yes. Moses gave hundreds of rules to govern health and sanitation. He grew up in the court of Pharaoh, his first forty years were spent in Egypt. The famous ancient medical book called "The Papyrus Ebers", was written in Egypt. It achieved fame as the official standard of the day. It was filled with quack cures, old wives tales, and practically every false superstition of its day. The point of this is that Moses never mentioned any of the remedies in the Bible, and he was acquainted with all the medical knowledge of the day. Further, the dreaded diseases of the dark ages were brought under control by church leadership using the book of Leviticus, (penned by Moses) by isolating the known carriers of the diseases and excluding them from the community. The physicians of the day offered eating hot foods, pepper, garlic, and meat of diseased hogs.

The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & the Eternal State

Q. What are a few characteristics of the Eternal State according to the scriptures?

- A.** 1. There will be after the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15), a new heaven and a new earth. (Revelation 21:1)
2. There will be a holy city called the New Jerusalem that will descend from heaven. (Revelation 21:2, 10-27)
3. God will commune with His people. (Revelation 21:3)
4. God will wipe away all tears from the believers eyes. (Revelation 21:4)
5. There will be no more death, no sorrowing, nor crying, nor pain, nor night, nor sun. (Revelation 21:4; 22:5)
6. The one who overcomes will inherit all things. (Revelation 21:7-8)
7. The bride of Christ will reside in the holy city. (Revel. 21:9-10 cp. St. John 14:1-2; Ephesians 5:25-33)
8. There will be no more curse. (Revelation 22:3)
9. The believing servants (the saved of all ages) will serve and reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:5-6)
10. There will be no more unbelievers, murders, sexually immoral, idolaters, rejectors of God, liars, etc. (Revelation 21:8)

A final note: In all that has been outlined from the Bible over the last 20 weeks, where can one possibly find a revelation so complete about the past into the future? Today is the day of salvation for you, Jesus is ready for you to receive Him as Lord & Savior. Why not invite Him into your life today? There is a prayer of repentance and faith at the end of the Salvation Tract. Let me know if you pray the sinner's prayer. You must be sincere about turning from sin to God. If so, you are now recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life and bound for heaven. God has a plan for the remainder of your life which He wants you to discover. He wants you to spiritually grow, and serve Him. God loves you and ready to meet you where you are. I am here to serve you on your journey. Contact me.

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