

"Evidential Reasons For Faith"

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The Bible & Christian Faith

Topic: The God of the Bible

Q.'How does God reveal Himself in the Old Testament?

A.'From the previous report we find two characters portrayed as Jehovah Elohiym (The Self-Existent Supreme God) who are the King and the Redeemer. We learned that beside" Jehovah Elohiym there is no God. However, it's necessary to search the scriptures to find out" if any other characters are possibly included along with the King and the Redeemer associated" as Jehovah Elohiym. As you remember from the last report in Genesis 1:26, the Lord God said let Us make man in Our image. I find that a third character is mentioned, referred as" the Spirit of God /"Gen. 1:2. He was at the creation of all things and participated. Also, we find" in Isaiah 48:16, only three characters are mentioned in the context of sending one of them (the" Redeemer on His mission). If the Spirit of God is not considered Jehovah Elohiym also, He" would not have been included in the decision to send the Redeemer. Isaiah 48:16-17; nor" would He be mentioned in the beginning qh'etgcvkp" in Genesis 1:2.

The Bible & Historical Accuracy

Topic: The Bible and the Pool of Gibeon

Q.'Is the Bible accurate in stating that there was a Pool of Gibeon some 3,000 years ago?

A. Yes. In second Samuel 2:12-13 it states in part that Abner and Joab ... went, and met together by the Pool of Gibeon: In 1956 beneath a field of tomatoes in el-Jib (modern name for Gibeon). Professor J.B. Pritchard of Columbia University discovered the Pool of Gibeon." Cpparently a well-known spot in its day. He found a circular shaft over thirty feet in diameter and thirty feet deep, which had been driven vertically into bedrock. A spiral path led down a ramp cut into the inside wall. Below that a winding staircase, with two openings for light" and air, descended for a further forty-five feet to the reservoir itself, chiseled out of solid limestone. When the rubble which covered the whole layout had been cleared away, the great cistern slowly began to fill with water again from the fissures in the rock as it had done 3,000 years ago....

The Bible & Scientific Accuracy

Topic: Is there a God

Q.'How did life come into being?

A.'Some adherents to special creation claim that God in six (24 hr.) days created the heavens," and earth less than 10,000 years ago. There is textual credence to the (24) six day position. In" verses 5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31 kp'I gpguku"ej cr vgt"3."the evening and morning are considered a day. The term day in" Hebrew is yom. The word denotes a period of 24 hours. What is created in each 24 hour day is" summarized. The method of course was through God's supernatural power. Review also" Genesis 8:22. The purpose of creation was to bring glory to Himself. He created the first man" and woman, Adam and Eve. The Book of Genesis lays out the sequence of creation not as" allegory or myth but as historical fact. The proponent of this view is Moses, who God inspired" the words written from his hand, given the overall picture of how all things came into" existence.

Many creation scientists believe the creation account should be interpreted literally (Genesis 1 and 2). The scientific laws in support of the creation account is the first and second laws of thermodynamics, and the law of biogenesis. Further treatment of these laws are in upcoming newsletters.

The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & Predictions concerning Kings

Q. Did Isaiah predict the very name of the king who would permit the Jews to return and rebuild their temple?

A. Yes. In Isaiah 44:28 written 712 BC Cyrus is written as "God's shepherd and would perform His pleasure, even saying to Jerusalem you shall be built and to the temple, your foundation shall be laid." Jeremiah, also predicted the return to Jerusalem after 70 years (circa 606 BC to 536 BC) (Jeremiah 25:12; 29:1,10). In the book of Ezra 1:1,2 we find the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy pertaining to the name of the King Cyrus, and the edict for the Jews to return and rebuild in conjunction with Jeremiah's prediction. The fulfillment from Isaiah's time of writing came 176 years later. From the time of Jeremiah's prediction: the prophecy was fulfilled some 70 years later.

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