

Welcome to the Family



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Bible Study Small Groups

-Group 'Reveal' Night
is August 27
after 5pm Worship



GREAT OAKS

***Breakfast &
BIBLE CLASS***

(with 500 of your favorite people)

September 10th

Breakfast at 8am

Bible class starts at 9am



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CHURCH OF CHRIST
IGLESIA DE CRISTO

In September, we will
celebrate 10 years as
a bilingual church family!



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- Church Picnic – Saturday,
September 16
- “Two Languages, One Faith”
Sunday, September 24

Reason to Believe...

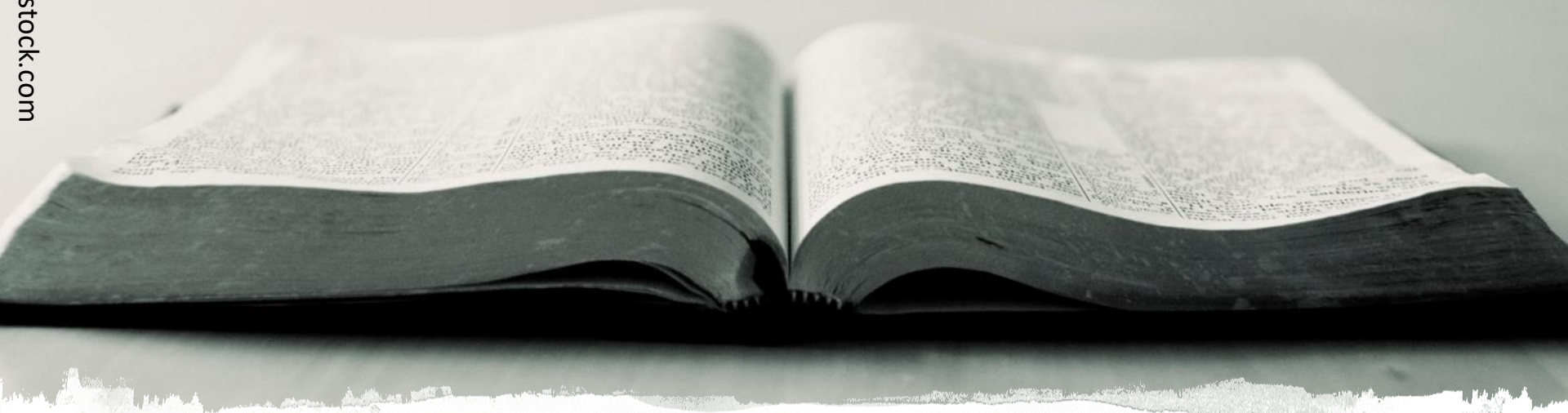


Reason to Believe... ...in God





Reason to Believe... in Scripture



➤ The biblical books claim to be written by God's guidance.

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

**All verses from 1995 New American Standard*

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hebrews 3:7

⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
⁸ DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN
THEY PROVOKED ME,
AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

Do We Really Have What They Wrote?

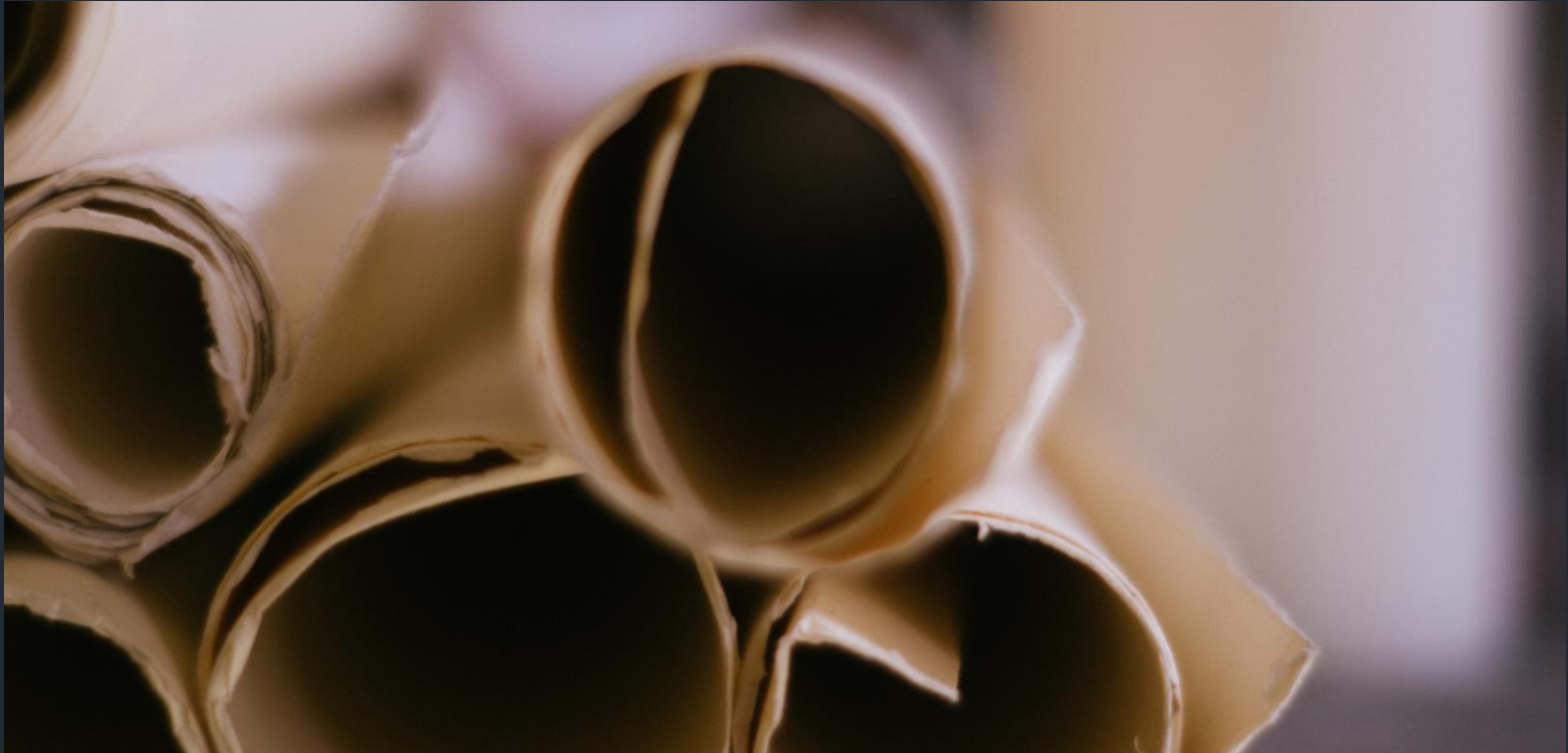


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➤ Manuscripts show the biblical books have been faithfully copied for us.

Some Reasons We Trust the Bible



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1) The Bible's predictive prophecy.

Jeremiah 29:10

¹⁰ “For thus says the LORD, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.’”

Isaiah 44:28

²⁸ *“It is I who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd!
And he will perform all My desire.’
And he declares of Jerusalem, ‘She will be built,’
And of the temple, ‘Your foundation will be laid.’”*

Daniel 2

³⁹ After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

⁴⁰ Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron;

Daniel 2

⁴⁴ In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.



Prophecies about Jesus Christ

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2) The Bible's accuracy.

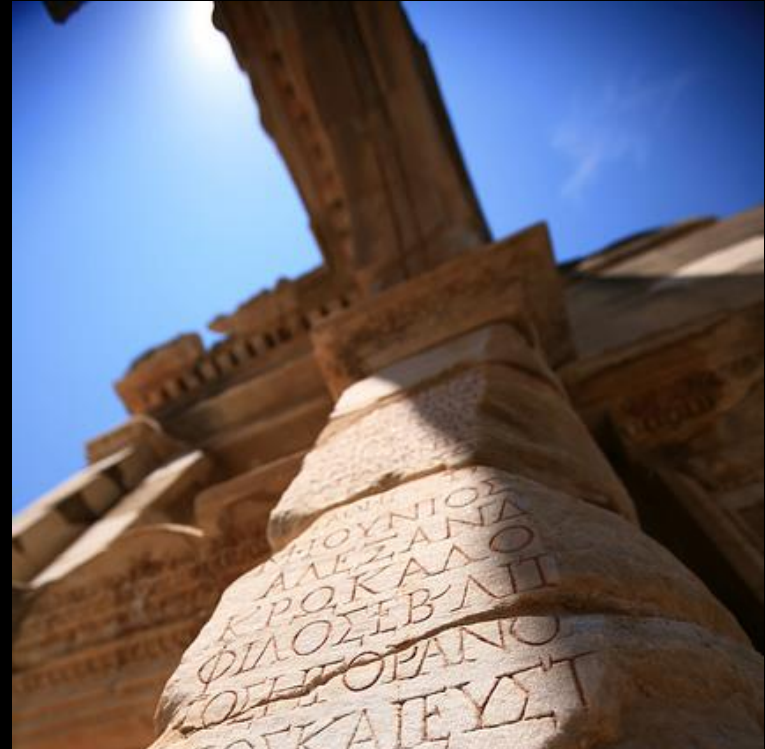
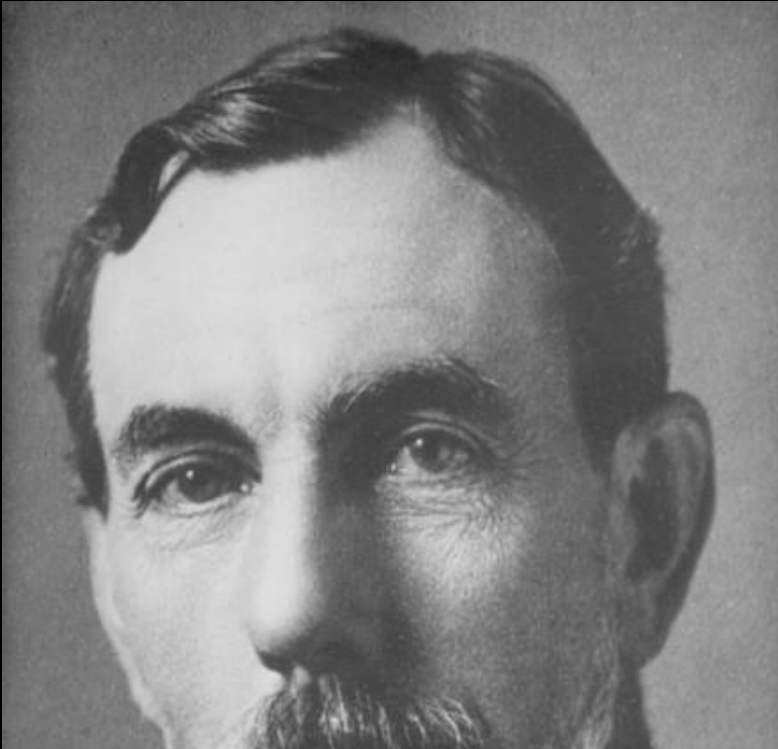
2 Chronicles 32:30

³⁰ It was Hezekiah who stopped the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all that he did.



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Hezekiah's Tunnel – 2 Chronicles 32:30



Further study of Acts XIII.-XXI. showed that the book could bear the most minute scrutiny as an authority for the facts of the Ægean world, and that it was written with such judgment, skill, art, and perception of truth as to be a model of historical statement. It is marvellously concise and yet marvellously lucid.

Sir William Ramsey



Clay tablets

The Hittites used a hieroglyphic writing system, examples of which survive on seals and rock reliefs. They also used the cuneiform (wedge-shaped) script of Mesopotamia for writing on clay tablets. Many have been found in the royal archives at the Hittite capital Hattuşa (now Boğazköy). They include administrative records, historical and mythological texts, and word-lists in other languages.

Treaty concerning fugitive slaves

This treaty was between King Idrimi of Alalakh (Tell Atchana) and Pillia of Kizzuwatna (Cilicia). It concerns the capture and transportation of escaped slaves. There is also a reference to Idrimi's overlord, the Mitannian king Paratarna.

*About 1480 BC, Hittite
From Tell Atchana
South-eastern Turkey*

Excavated by Sir C.I. Woolley; ME 131447

Treaty establishing Hittite domination of the city of Aleppo

This cuneiform tablet is known as the 'Aleppo Treaty'. The treaty was drawn up between the Hittite king Mursili II, and Talmi-sharruma, king of Aleppo. It was written in Akkadian, the diplomatic language of the time. The tablet begins with a reminder of previous 'offences' brought by Aleppo against the Hittite kings, when they were expanding into Syria in the 15th century.

Caught between the Hittites to the north and the Mitannian kingdom to the east, the kingdom of Aleppo managed to offend both powers. Aleppo was subsequently punished and its lands were given to rival kingdoms, Ashtata and Nuhashshe.

*About 1300 BC, Hittite
From Boğazköy, central Turkey*

ME 140856

Shell clappers

These musical instruments were given to the king, (Shalmaneser III, 8th century BC) by the king of Hamath in Syria. His name is in Luwian hieroglyphs.

*9th century BC. Neo-Assyrian
From Fort Shalmaneser, North Iraq*

*Presented by the British Museum
Iraq ME 134009 & 134320*

Hittite Kingdom Discovery

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3) The Bible's fit with science.

Genesis 17:12

¹² And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a *servant* who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants.

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4) Jesus taught it was from God.

Matthew 22:43

⁴³ He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,

⁴⁴ ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR
FEET”’?

John 10:34-35

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE GODS’?”

³⁵ If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

Matthew 5:18

¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

John 14:26

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

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5) Its unified theme resonates with what we experience in the world.



Reason to Believe... in Scripture

1 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it not as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.



Let's put our life into God's word,
and it will transform us for good!

What Must I Do To Be Saved?



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.