

The background of the slide features several fragments of ancient papyrus scrolls. These fragments are irregular in shape and color, ranging from light tan to dark brown. They are scattered across the slide, with some showing clear Hebrew text written in black ink. The text is in a cursive script, typical of ancient Hebrew. The fragments are layered, with some appearing in front of others, creating a sense of depth. The overall image has a textured, aged appearance.

The Integrity of the Biblical Text

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Myth or Reality?

“We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” (2 Peter 1:16)

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Myth or Reality?

“We have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:19-21)

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Myth or Reality?

The only way the Bible is relevant for today is:

- 1) It can be trusted as coming from God.**
- 2) If it's true, both *historically* and *spiritually*.**

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Myth or Reality?

The Telephone Game



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Myth or Reality?

The Bible was written over 2,000 years ago, over a 1,500-year timespan, over 40 generations, by more than 40 writers from every walk of life, on 3 different continents, and in 3 different languages.

Can such a set of documents compiled from ancient times, copied thousands of times before the age of printing still be reliable and accurate, not to mention worth trusting our whole lives to?



Textual Transmission

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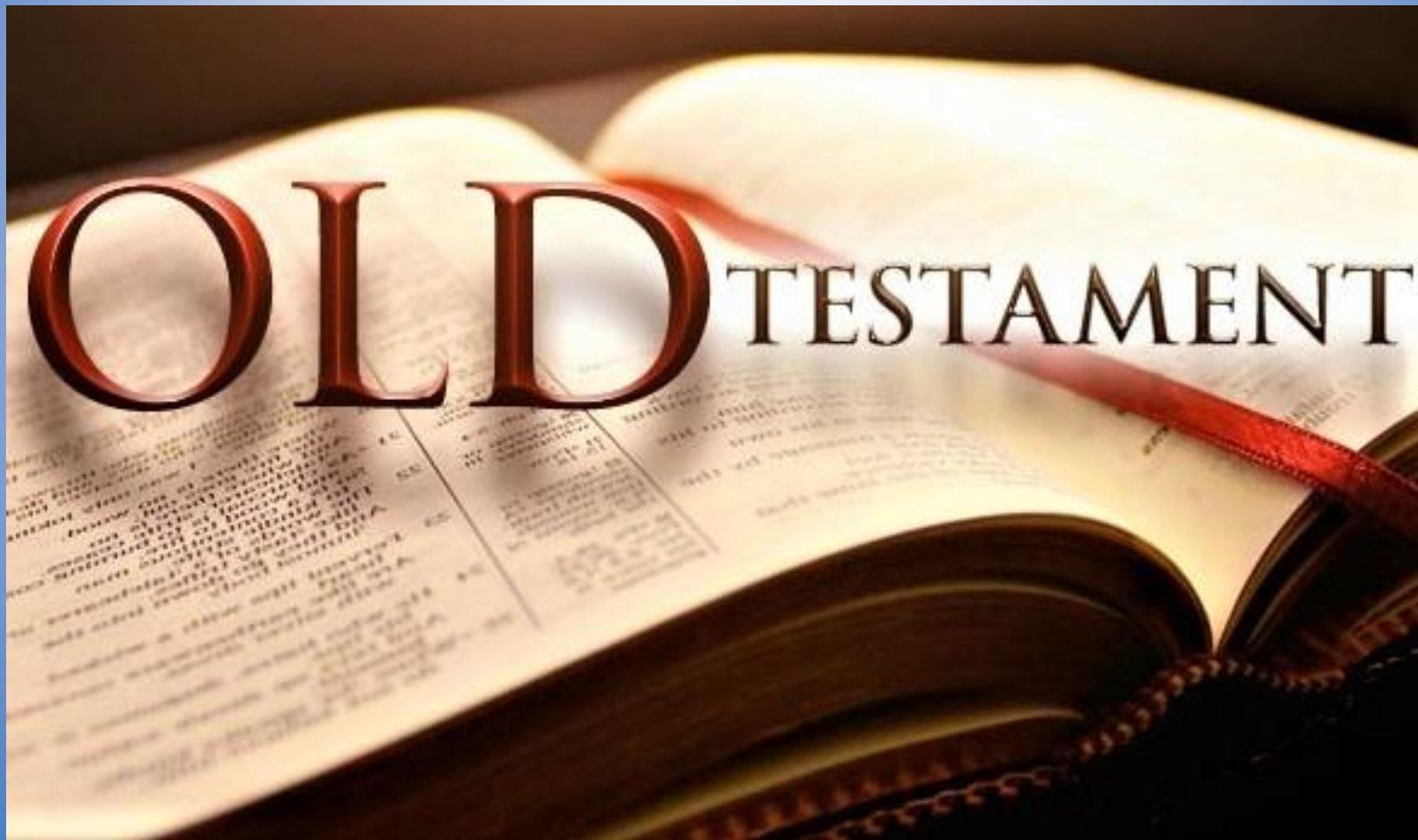
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Hebrew Scribe (Masorete)

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“Jews preserved the Old Testament as no other manuscript has ever been preserved. With their *massora*, they kept tabs on every letter, syllable, word and paragraph.”

— Bernard Ramm

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“They had special classes of men within their culture whose sole duty was to preserve and transmit these documents with practically perfect fidelity—scribes, lawyers, masoretes.”

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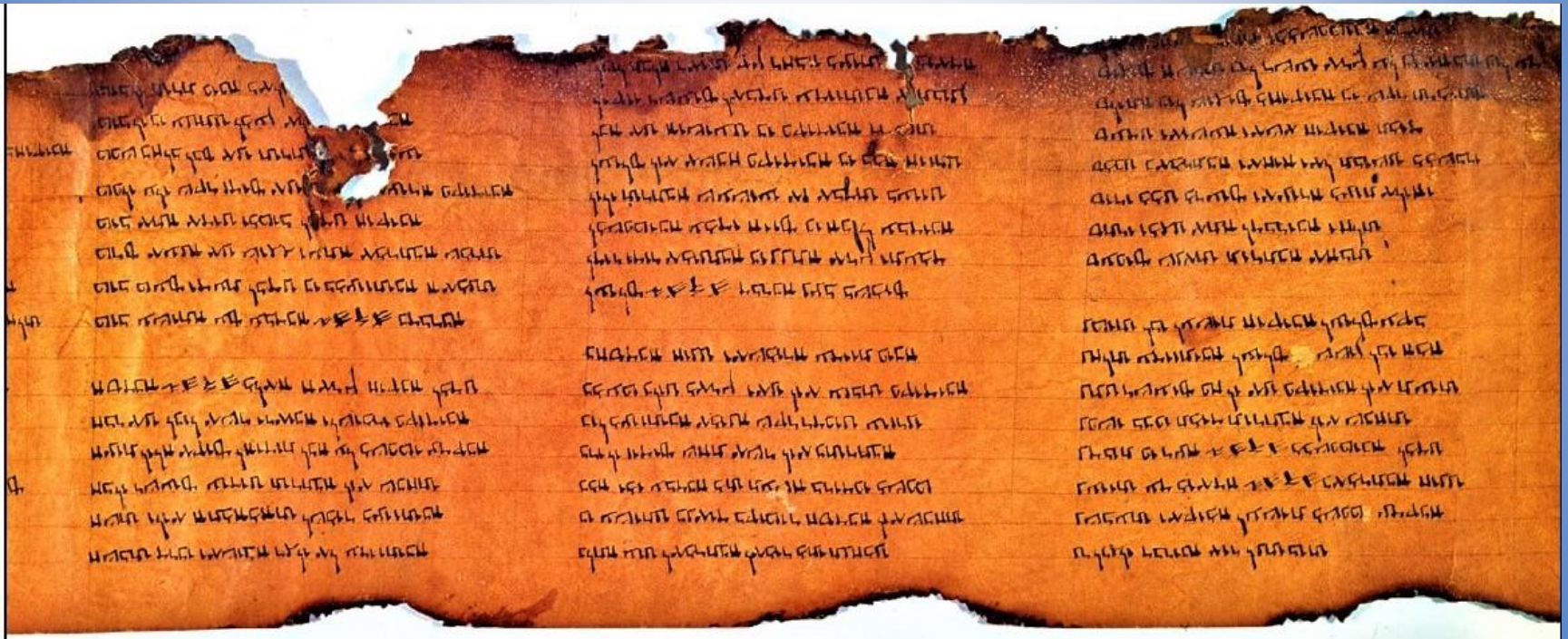
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The Dead Sea Scrolls

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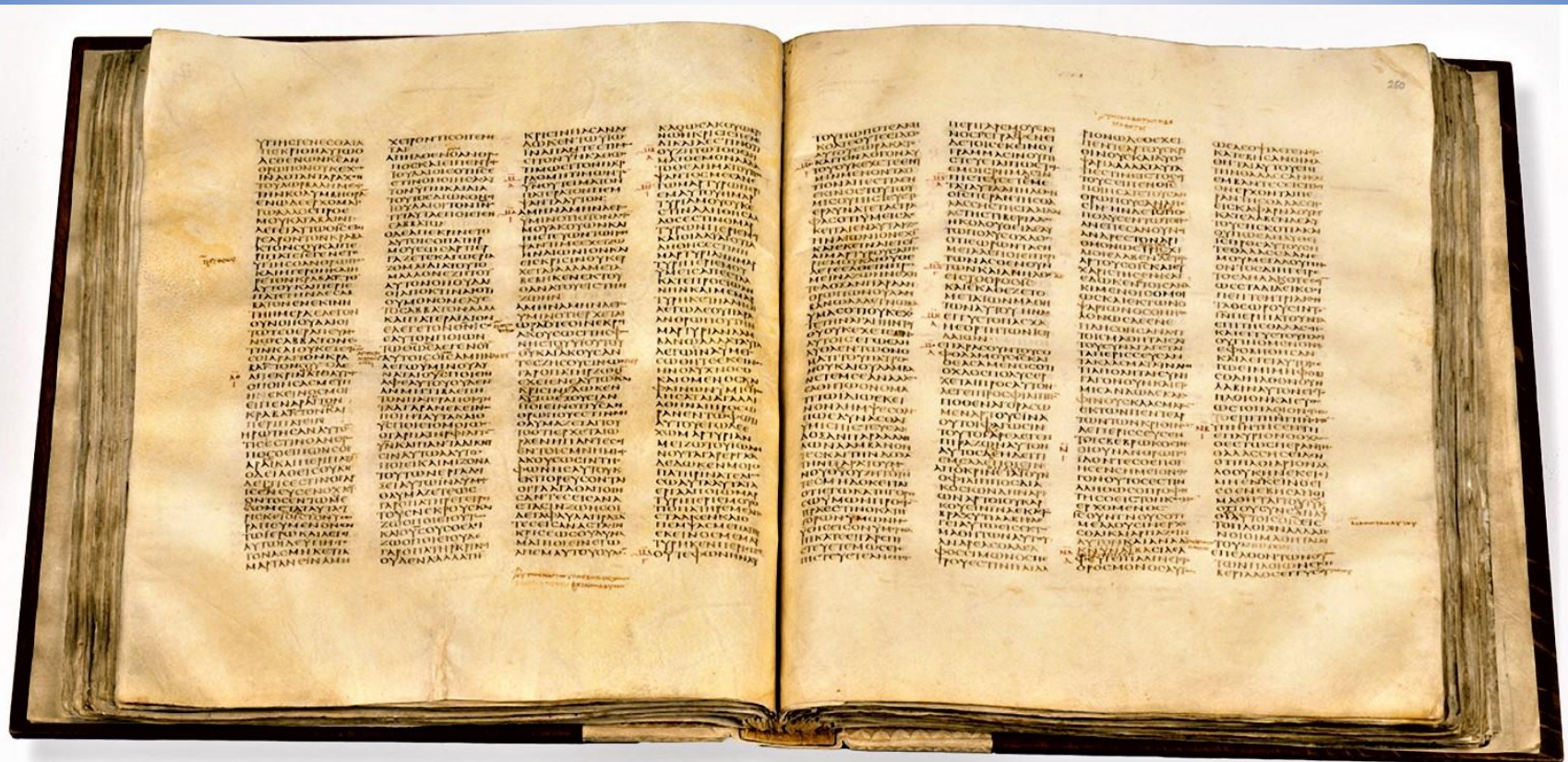
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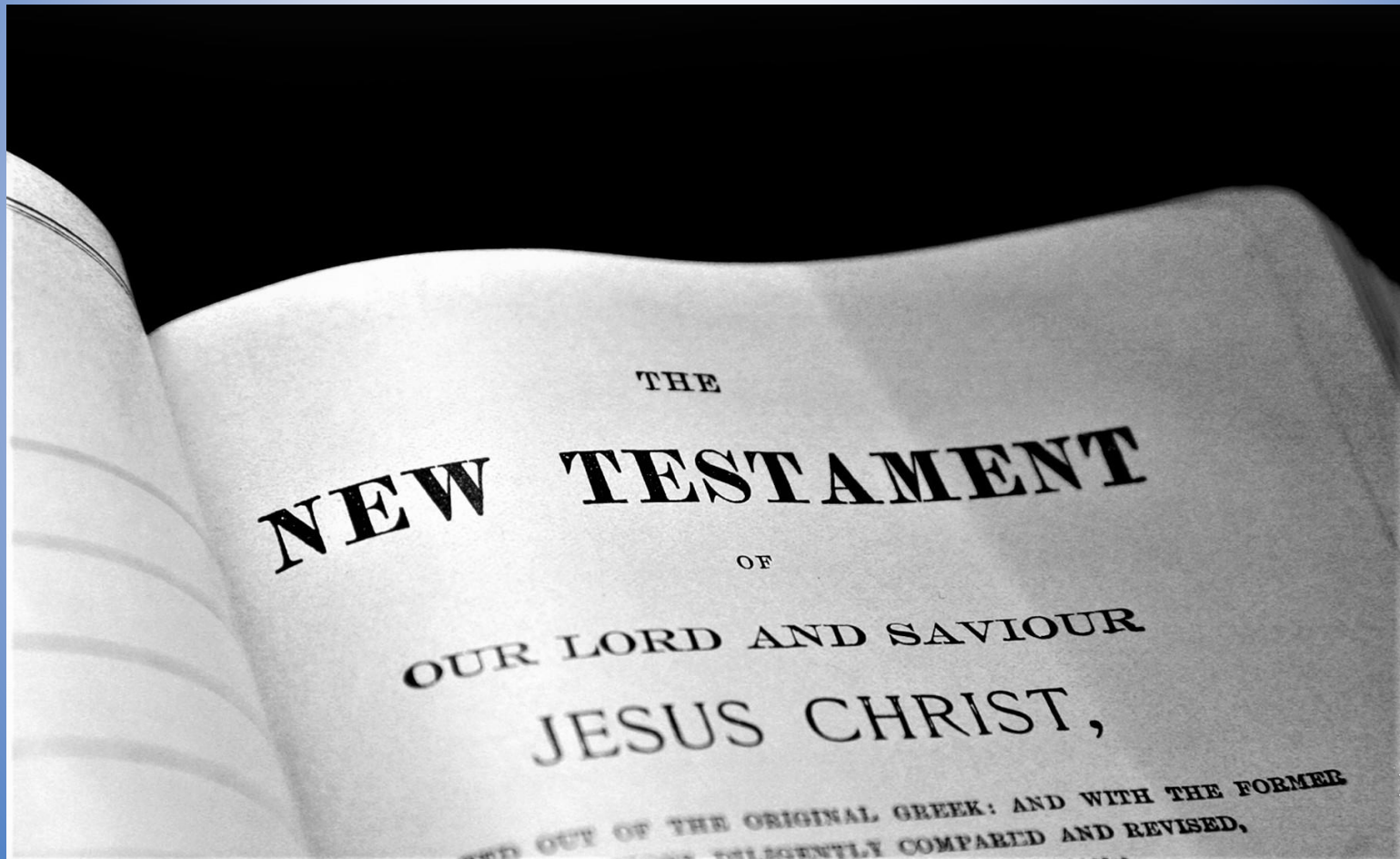
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The Septuagint (LXX)

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“There is more evidence for the reliability of the text of the New Testament as an accurate reflection of what was initially written than there is for any ten pieces of classical literature put together.”

— Josh McDowell

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“It is also in better textual shape than the thirty-seven plays of William Shakespeare written in the 17th century, after the invention of printing.”

— Josh McDowell

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Textual Transmission

The numbers don't lie:

- 5,686 known Greek manuscripts
- 10,000 Latin translations
- 9,300 Syriac, Coptic, and Aramaic translations
- Almost 25,000 ancient copies of the NT.

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Textual Transmission

Text	Written	Earliest Co.	Time Span	No. Copies
Caesar	100-44 BC	900 AD	1,000 yrs.	10
Plato	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,200 yrs.	7
Tacitus	100 AD	1,100 AD	1,000 yrs.	20
Herodotus	480-425 BC	900 AD	1,300 yrs.	8
Sophocles	496-406 BC	1,550 AD	1,400 yrs.	193
Euripides	480-406 BC	1,100 AD	1,500 yrs.	9
Aristotle	384-322 BC	900 AD	1,400 yrs.	49
Demosthenes	383-322 BC	1,100 AD	1,300 yrs.	200

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Textual Transmission

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Homer	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs.	643

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p52 (John 18:31-33; 37-38), 125 A.D.

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Homer	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs.	643
<i>p52</i>	96 AD	125 AD	29 yrs.	
New Test.	40-100 AD	400 AD	300 yrs.	24,986

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Textual Transmission

Beliefs about New Testament textual transmission:

- The preservationist view.
 - The Textus Receptus & Majority Texts
 - *KJV, Tyndale, YLT*
- The restorationist view.
 - Critical/Eclectic Text (Nestle-Aland)
 - *ESV, NASB, NIV, etc.*

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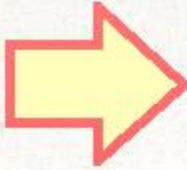
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 E 1,20-22. Ph2,9. Ap12,10. 19 ἐξουσία ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ [τῆς] γῆς^T. Ἔπορευθέντες
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Other Evidence

- **Non-Christian Historians**
- **Church Fathers**
- **Archeology**
- **Prophecies Fulfilled**

Preservation and Restoration



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“[Jesus said], *‘He who has ears, let him hear.’*”

“This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.”

‘But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.’”

(Matthew 13:9, 13, 16)

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1. The Bible is **INFALLIBLE** in its totality—it is unfailing in its purpose.
2. The Bible is **INERRANT** in its parts—it is free from error in all it affirms.
3. The Bible is **AUTHORITATIVE**—it has the right to prescribe all our beliefs and actions.

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4. The Bible is **SUFFICIENT**—it contains all needed information for living.
5. The Bible is **LIFE-GIVING**—it provides access to and assurance of salvation.
6. The Bible is **TRUSTWORTHY**—it accomplishes what it promises.

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“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever.” (Isaiah 40:8)

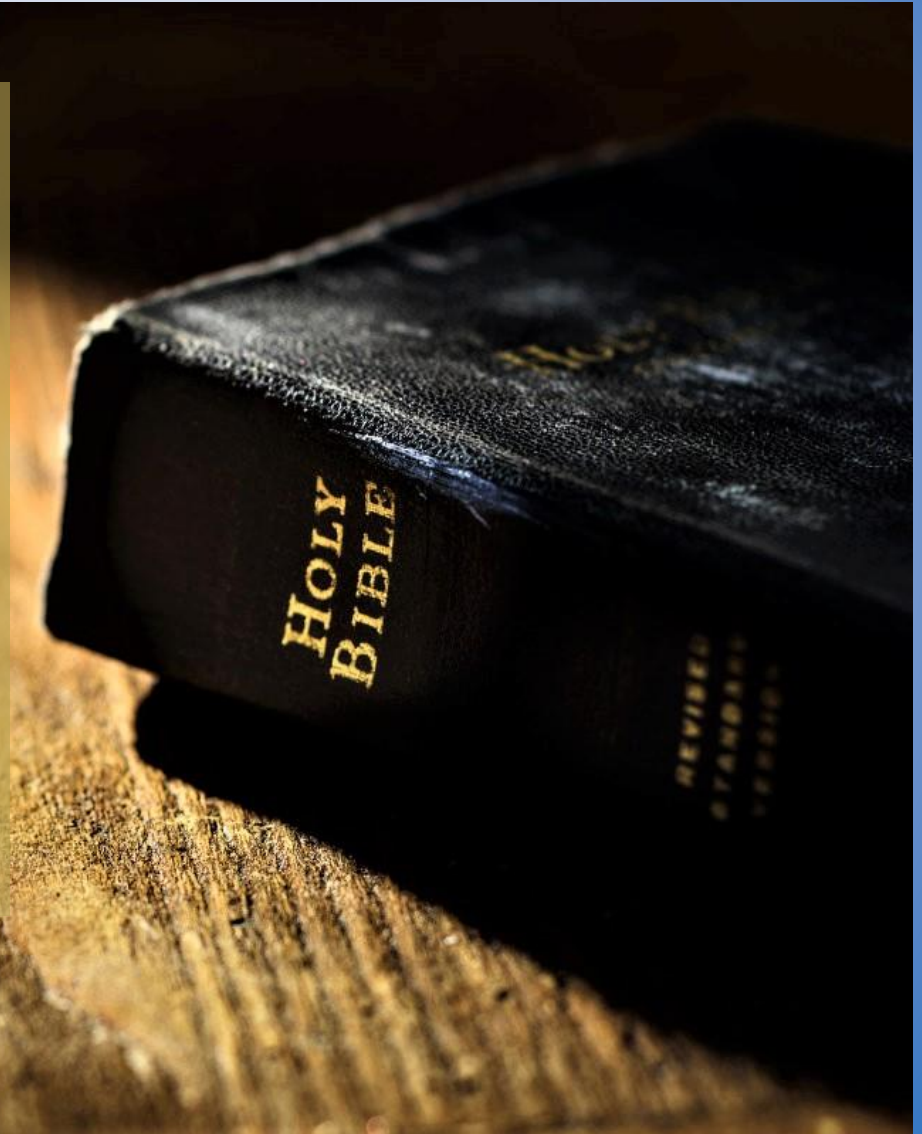
“Scripture cannot be broken.” (John 10:35)

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” (Luke 21:33)

“Truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” (Matthew 5:18)

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“We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”
(2 Peter 1:16)



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