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What is the Bible

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Word of God

Inspired/God-breathed

living

eternal

inerrant

Instruction
manual

plan of
salvation

God's history

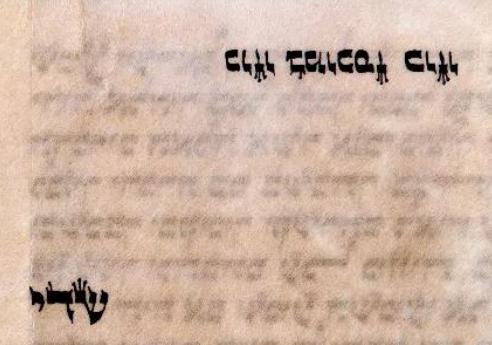
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Message of love
& forgiveness

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד וְאֶחָד תִּהְבֹּא
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךְ בְּכָל לְבָבְךְ וּבְכָל נְפָשָׁךְ וּבְכָל מְאַדְרָךְ וְהַיְוָה
הַדְּבָרִים הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצִיר הַיּוֹם עַל לְבָבְךְ וּשְׁעֻזְבָּתָם
לְבָנֶיךְ וְדִבְרָתָם בָּם בְּשַׁבְּתָךְ בְּבִתְרָךְ וּבְלִכְתָּךְ בְּדִרְךְ
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שְׁלָמִים

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy - 1978

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.

2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms: obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.

3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.

4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.

5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church.

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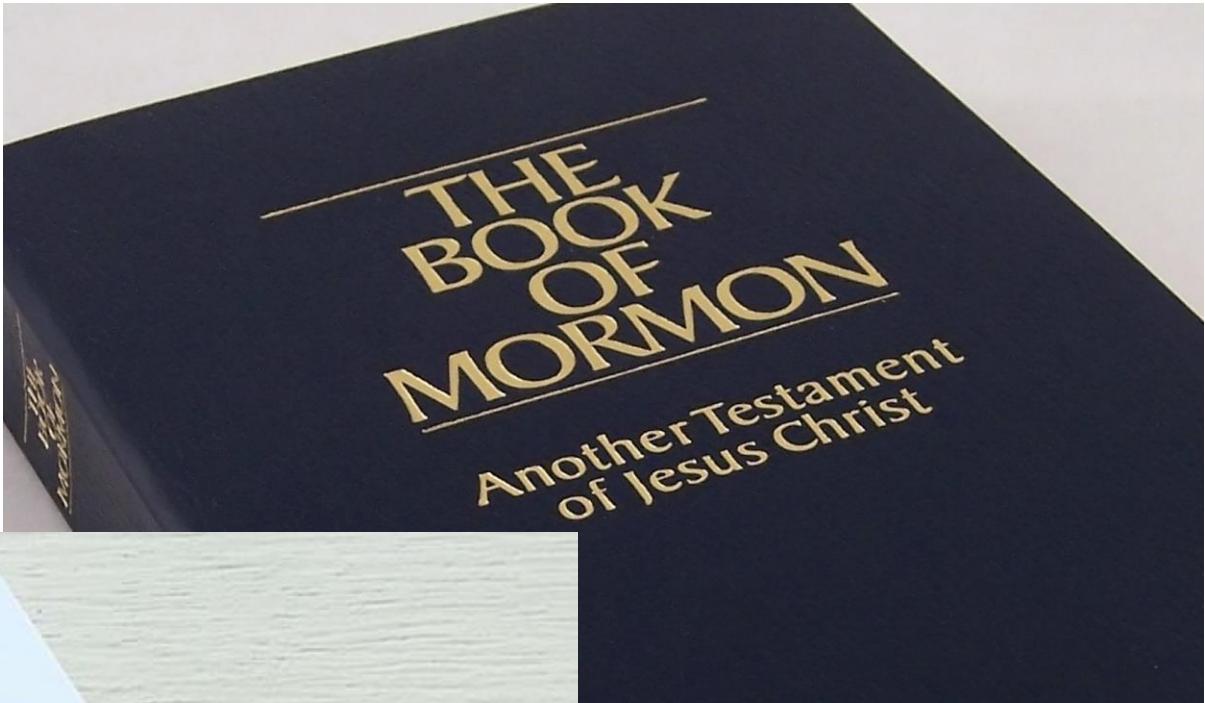
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**THE HOLY
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[QUR'AN]

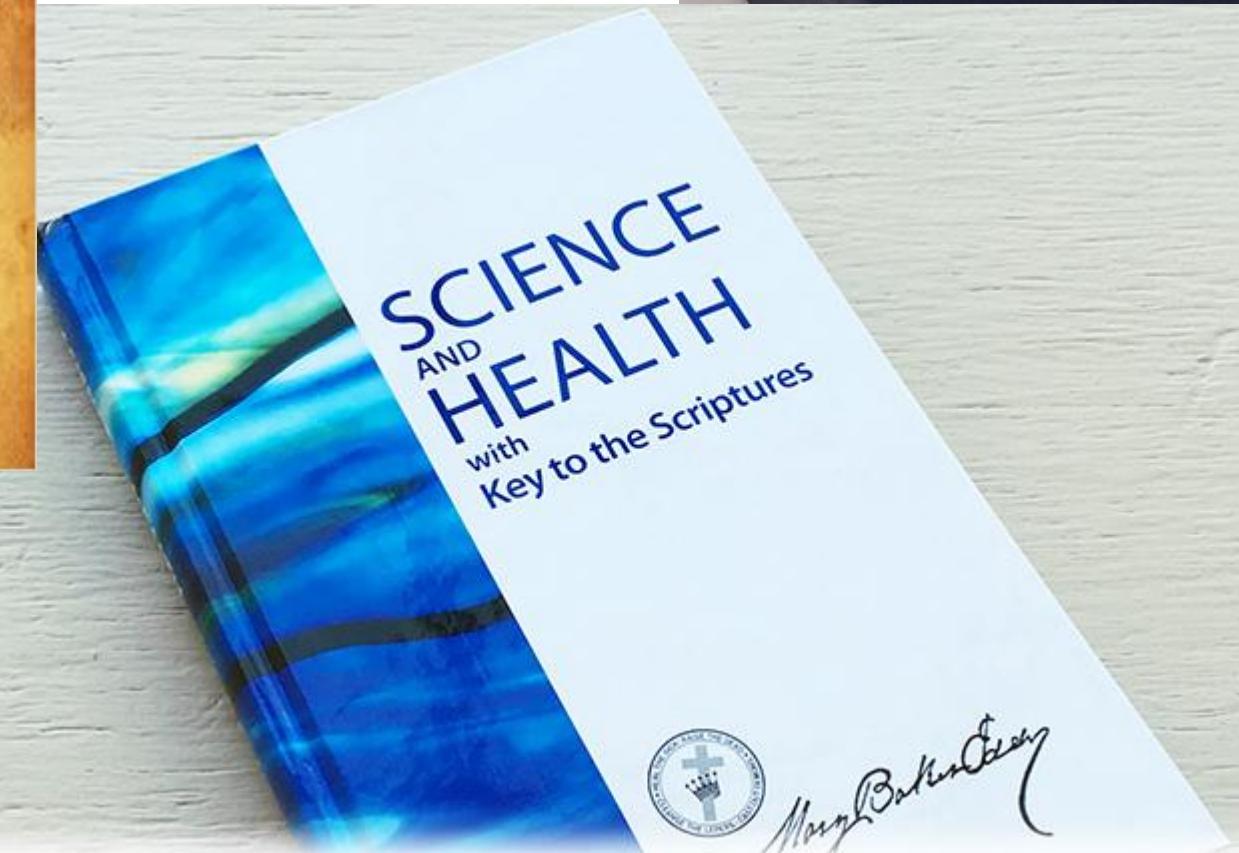
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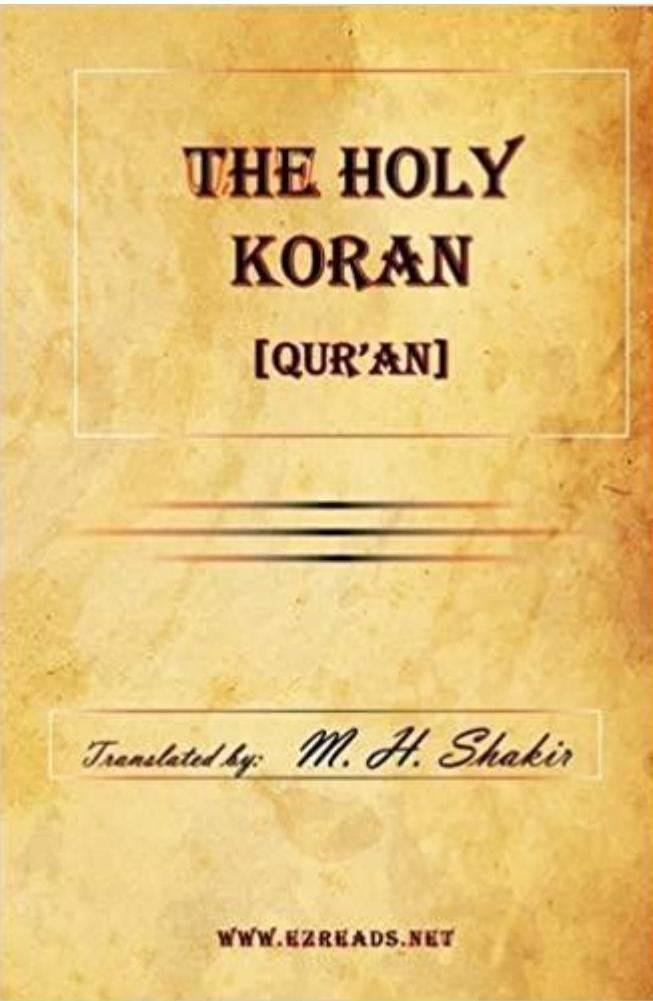
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And to you We have revealed the Book with the truth confirming the Book that was revealed before it, and a guardian over it. (5:48)

It was We that revealed the Koran, and shall Ourselves preserve it (15:8)

Whatever a Verse (revelation) do We abrogate or cause to be forgotten,
We bring a better one or similar to it.
Know you not that Allâh is able to do all things? (2:106)



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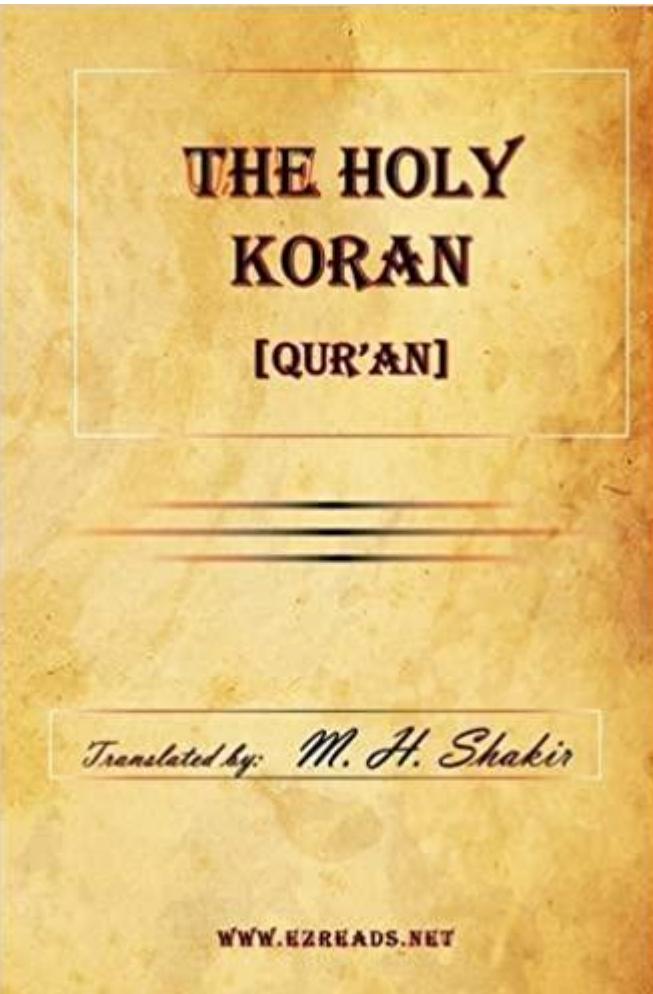
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Was Prophet Jesus given a Book like Prophets Moses and Muhammad?

Yes, but it no longer exists. The books found in the New Testament were written by either Paul or his followers. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have been proven by Biblical scholars not to be those of the disciples of Prophet Jesus but written by people who bore the same names and never met the prophet. The Book given to Prophet Jesus, together with the teachings of Prophet Jesus' disciples were destroyed by Constantine, the Emperor of Rome, at the Conference of Nicea because they preached the Oneness of the Creator who does not have a son.



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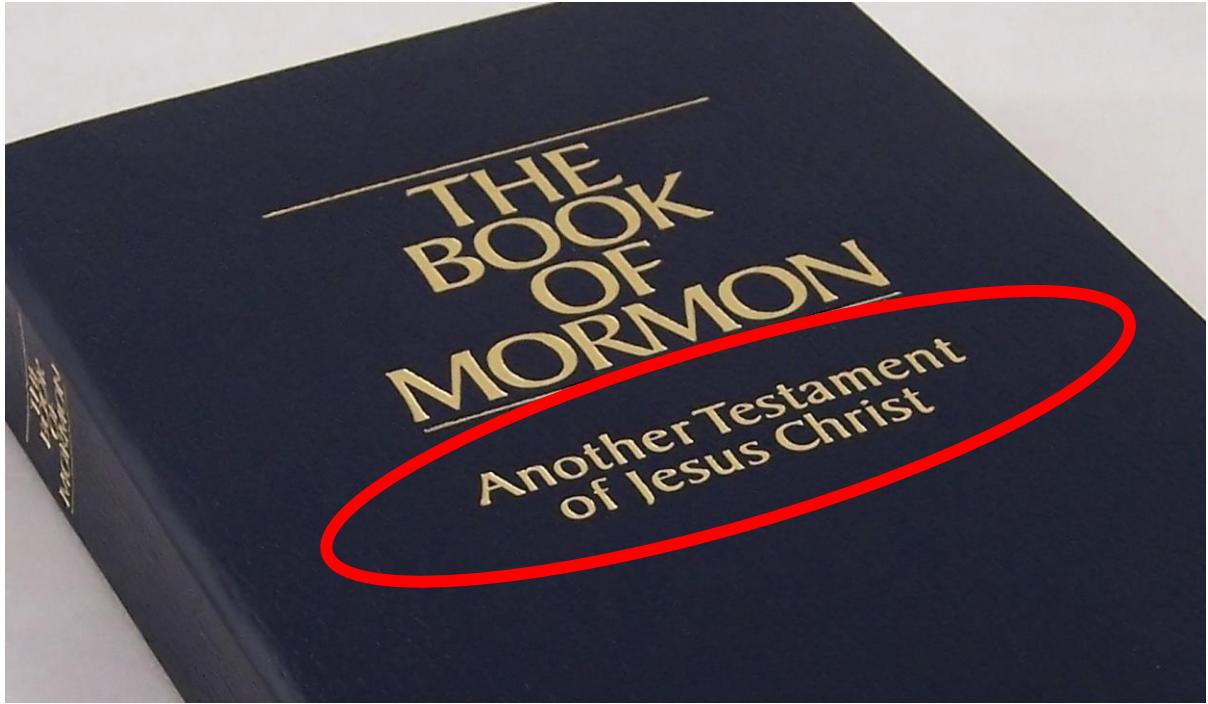
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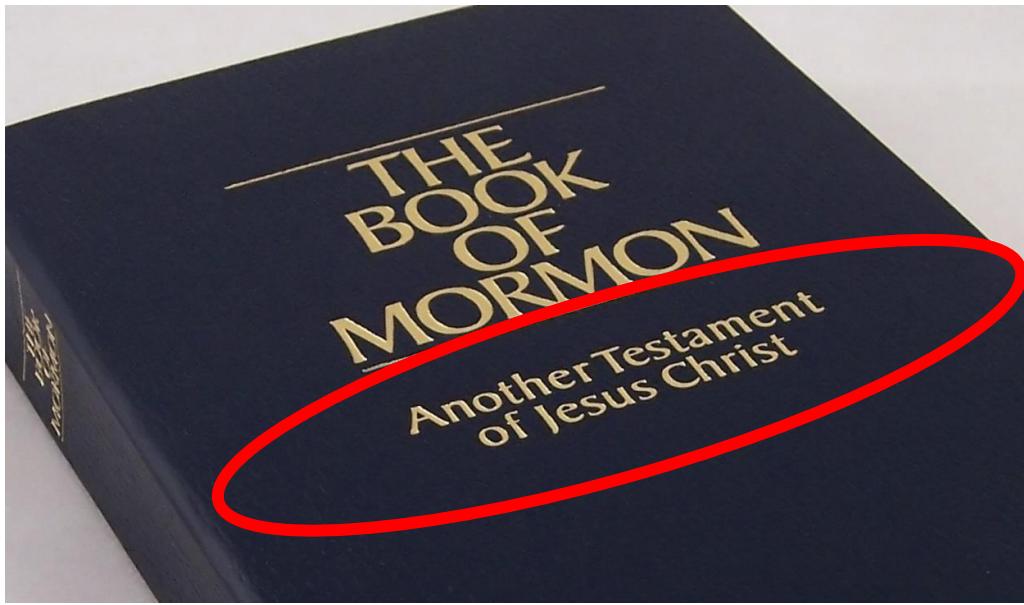
Constantine favored the concept of the Trinity, that is three gods in one, which was the innovation of Paul because it was not that different from the pagan religions of Rome. Those who believed in the Oneness of the Creator were murdered on their return home from Nicea and anyone found in possession of Books proclaiming the Oneness of the Creator was put to death and their Books destroyed.

Appendix information from Qaribullah translation of Koran

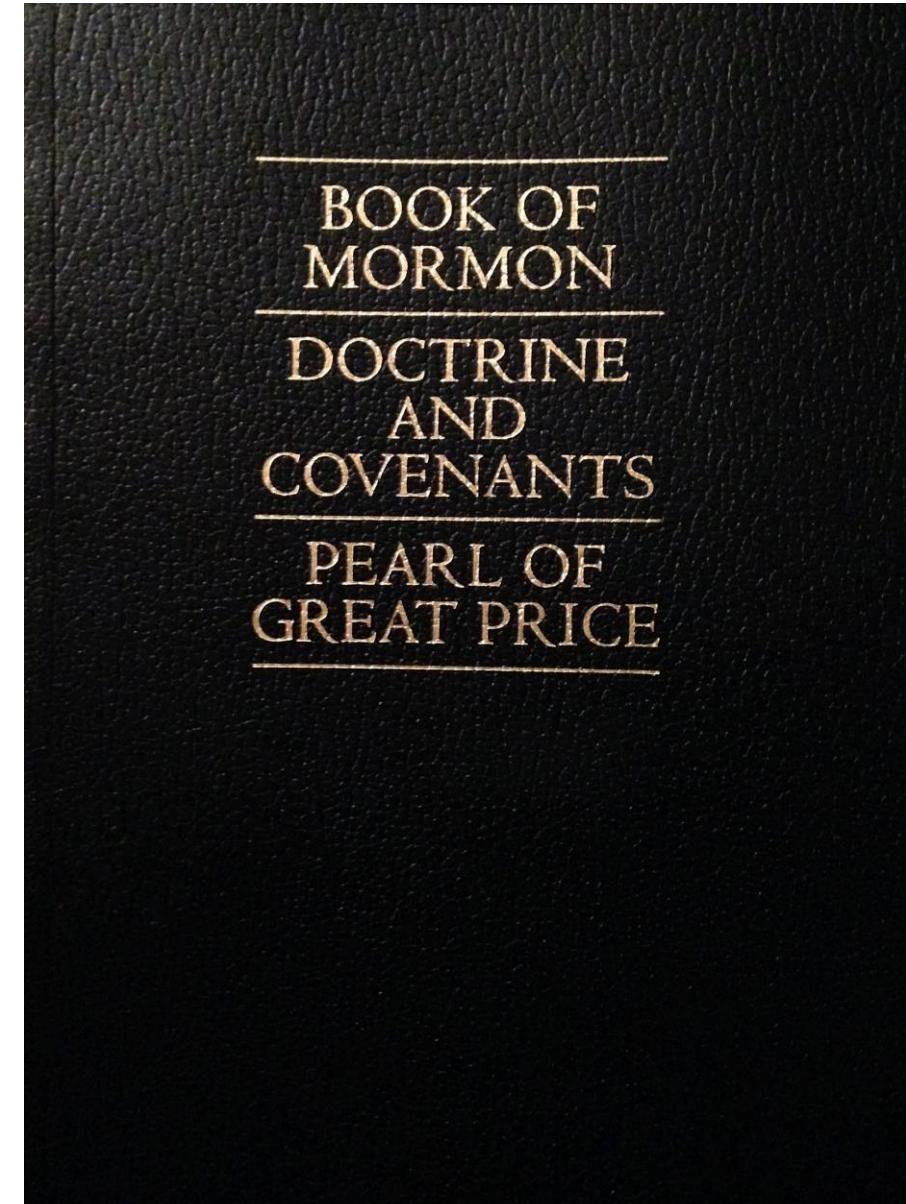


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The Book of Mormon is another witness for the truths taught in the Bible. It also restores “plain and precious” truths that have been lost from the Bible through errors in translation or “taken away” in attempts to “pervert the right ways of the Lord” (see [1 Nephi 13:24–27, 38–41](#)).



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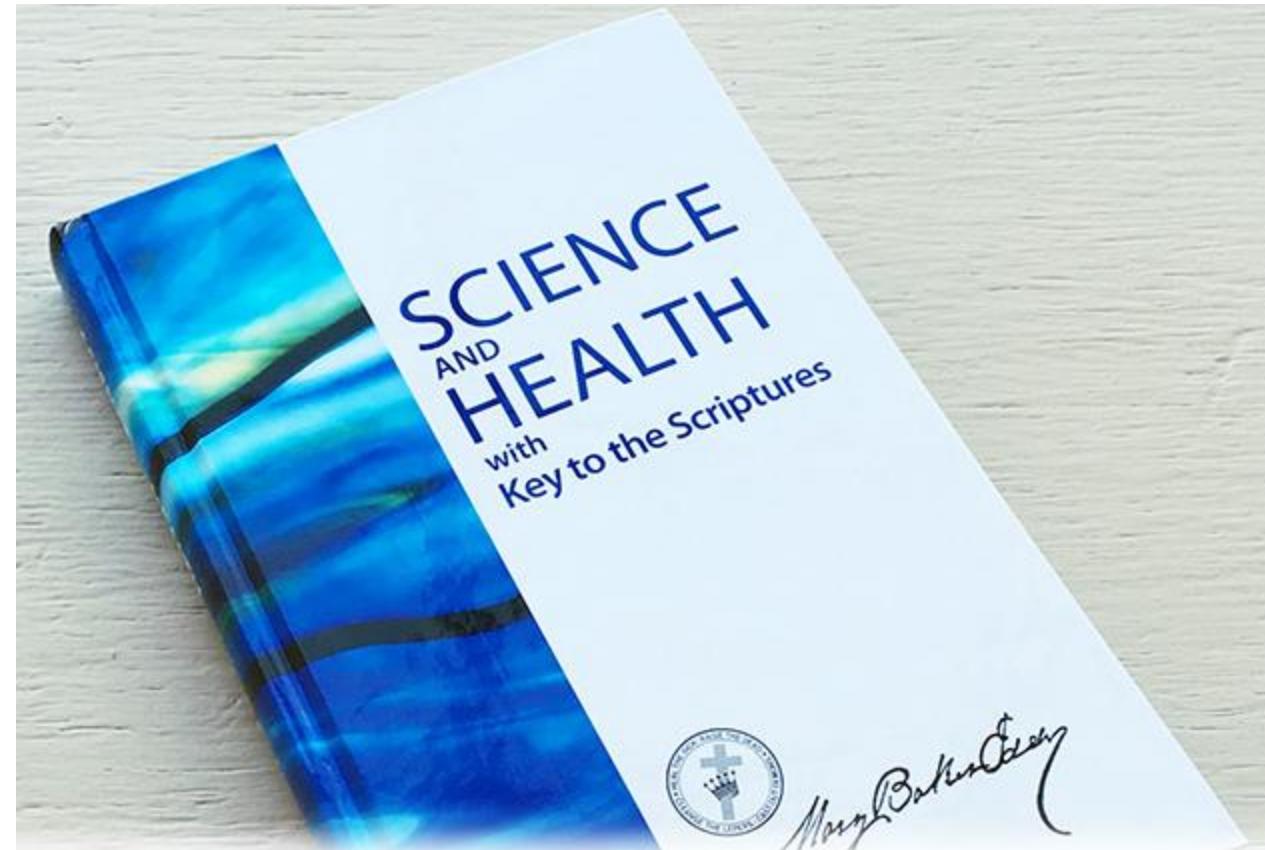
The principal purpose of scriptures is to testify of Jesus Christ and to guide the children of God so they can come unto Him and receive eternal life. The official, canonized scriptures of the Church, often called the standard works, are the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price.

God had been graciously preparing me during many years
for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute
divine Principle of scientific mental healing.

In following these leadings of scientific revelation,
the Bible was my only textbook.

A Christian Scientist requires
my work SCIENCE AND HEALTH
for his textbook

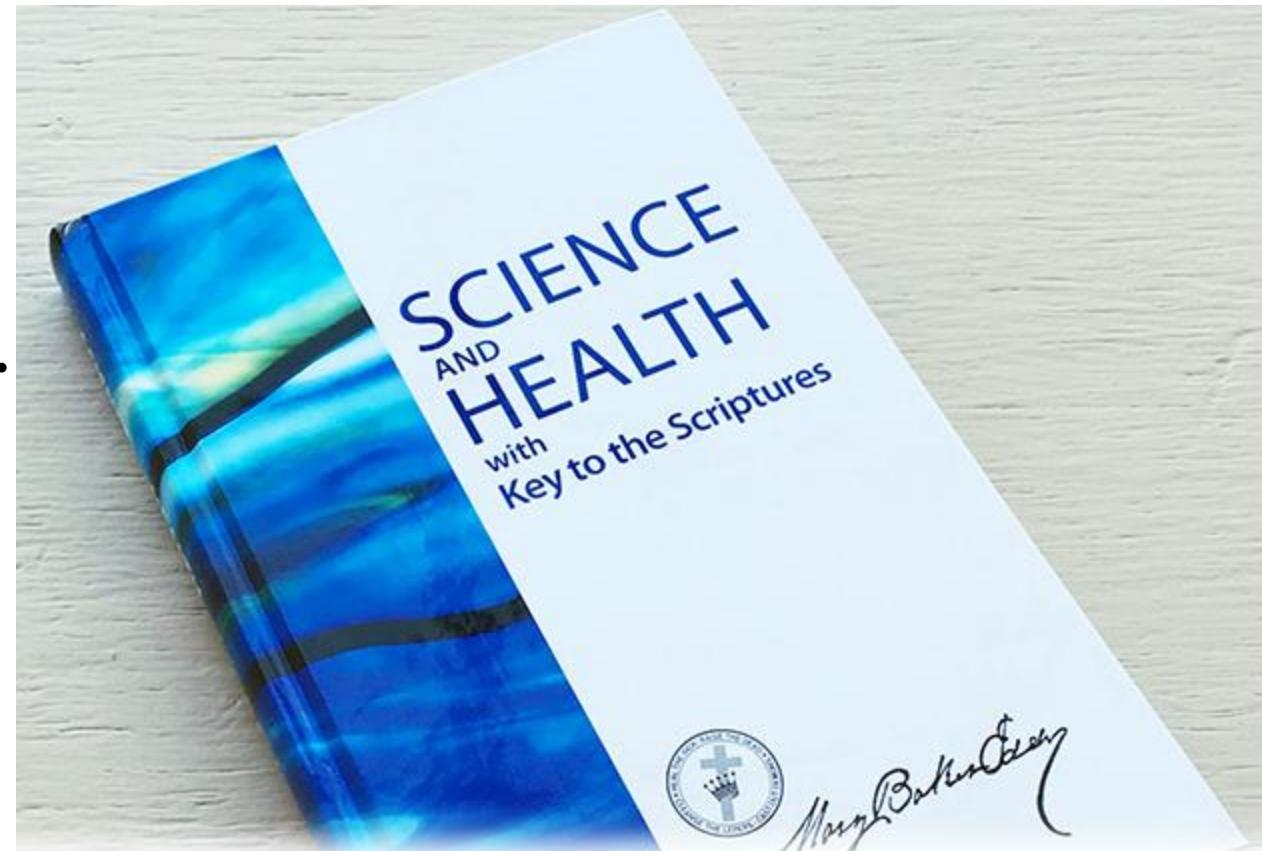
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That which when sown bears immortal fruit,
enriches mankind only when it is understood,--
hence the many readings given the Scriptures,
and the requisite revisions of Science and Health
with Key to the Scriptures.

I have revised Science and Health
only to give a clearer and fuller
expression of its original meaning.
Spiritual ideas unfold as we advance.

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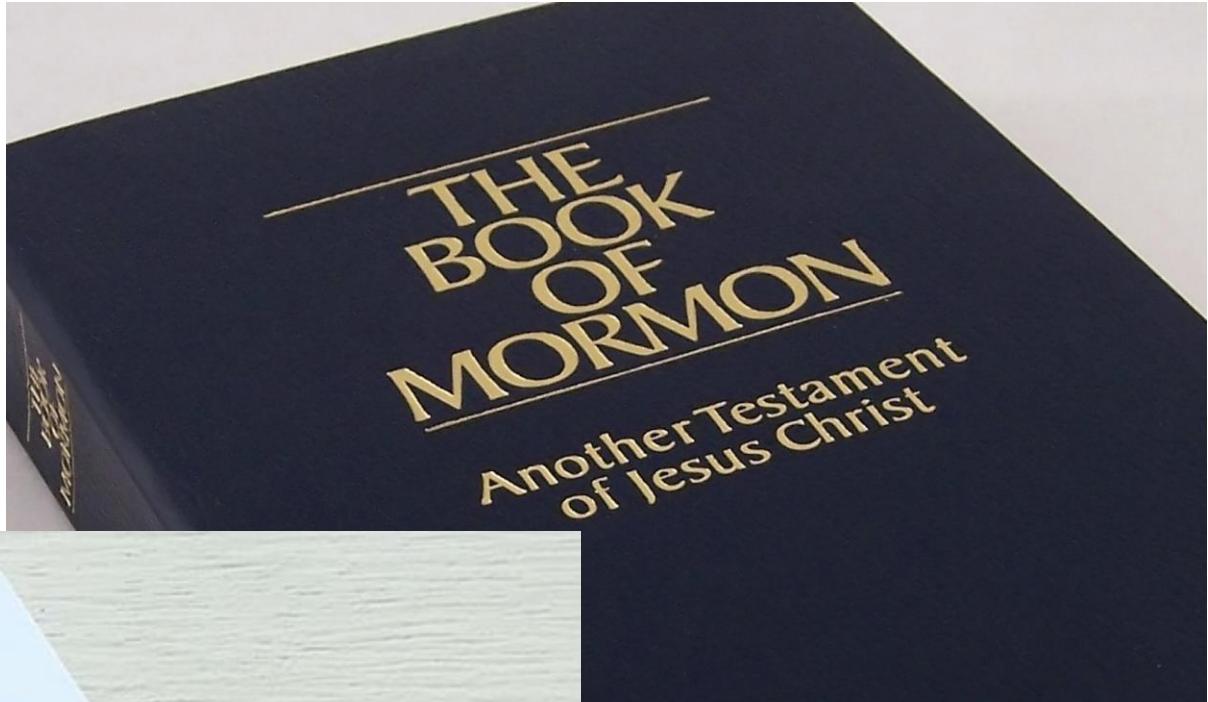


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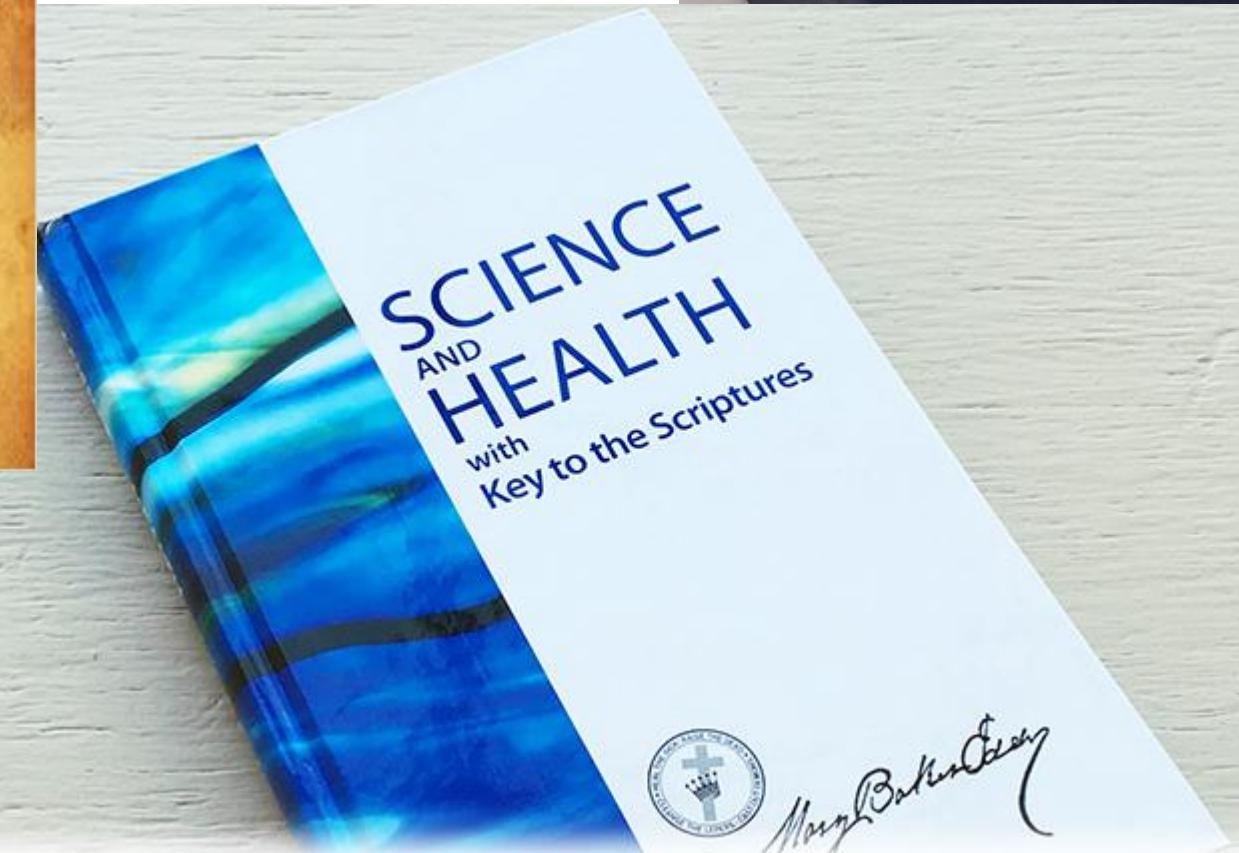
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Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, Mormon, Christian Science

- Jesus is not God
- Anti-trinitarian
- Islam, CS – Jesus not crucified, no atonement
- History inaccurate (no history in CS)
- Final revelations to correct previous
- Revisions, or ongoing revelation

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- **Koran - 4: 157-158** – “and for their saying, 'We killed the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger (and Prophet) of Allah.' They did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but to them, he (the crucified) had been given the look (of Prophet Jesus). Those who differ concerning him (Prophet Jesus) are surely in doubt regarding him, they have no knowledge of him, except the following of supposition, and (it is) a certainty they did not kill him. Rather, Allah raised him up to Him. Allah is Almighty, the Wise.”

(The Table) 5: 17 - “Unbelievers are those who declare: ‘God is the Messiah, the son of Mary.’”

5: 72-73 – “The unbelievers are those who say: 'Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary.'”
“Unbelievers are those that say:
‘God is one of three.’ There is but one God.
If they do not desist from so saying, those of them that disbelieve shall be sternly punished.”

(Women) 4: 171 - “O, People of the Book (Jews and Christians) do not go beyond the bounds in your religion and do not say about Allah anything but the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, is but a messenger of Allah and His word which he cast upon Mary, and a spirit from Him.

So believe only in Allah and of his messenger, but do not say "Three" (Trinity) and it will be better for you. Allah is only one God. Far be it from His glory that he should have a son.”

(one of inscriptions inside the Dome of the Rock)

Book of Mormon

II Nephi 25:23 - ...it is by grace we are saved, after all we can do

II Nephi 31:11-12 – And the Father said; Repent ye, repent ye,
and be baptized in the name of my Beloved Son.

Footnote: [Between 559 and 545 B.C.]

God is flesh and bones – “**As man now is, God once was;
as God now is, man may be”**

(Apostle/Prophet Lorenzo Snow, c 1843)

Book of Mormon

Creedal statement – I believe the Bible to be the word of God,
as far as it is correctly translated.

I believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God

Book of Mormon Introduction (First sentence) – The Book of Mormon is a
volume of holy scripture comparable to the Bible.

Concerning this record the Prophet Joseph Smith said: “I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book.”

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

P23 – One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin.

Such a theory is man-made.

P44 – His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hidden in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive, demonstrating within the narrow tomb the power of Spirit to overrule mortal, material sense.

P361 – The Christian who believes in the first commandment is a monotheist. Thus he virtually unites with the Jew's belief in one God, and recognizes that Jesus Christ is not God, as Jesus himself declared, but is the Son of God.

Koran – revealed through angel Gabriel

Book of Mormon – revealed through angel Moroni

Jehovah's Witnesses – Jesus is archangel Michael

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel
other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

Galatians 1: 8

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The Bible
written over a period
of almost 1500 years
from Moses (~1400BC)
to John (almost 100AD)
about 40 different writers
One Message
from One Author

**Is the Bible true because we
find enough evidence to
declare it to be true?**

Now faith is
the substance (assurance)
of things hoped for,
the evidence (certainty)
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11: 1

NKJV

God's invisible qualities have
been clearly seen...

Romans 1: 19-20

The Bible

- NT – over 5,800 Greek MSS*
- Almost 24,000 MSS in Greek,
Syriac, Latin
- More evidence than any other
book in history
(and dated closer to actual event)

*MSS – manuscripts – copies of originals

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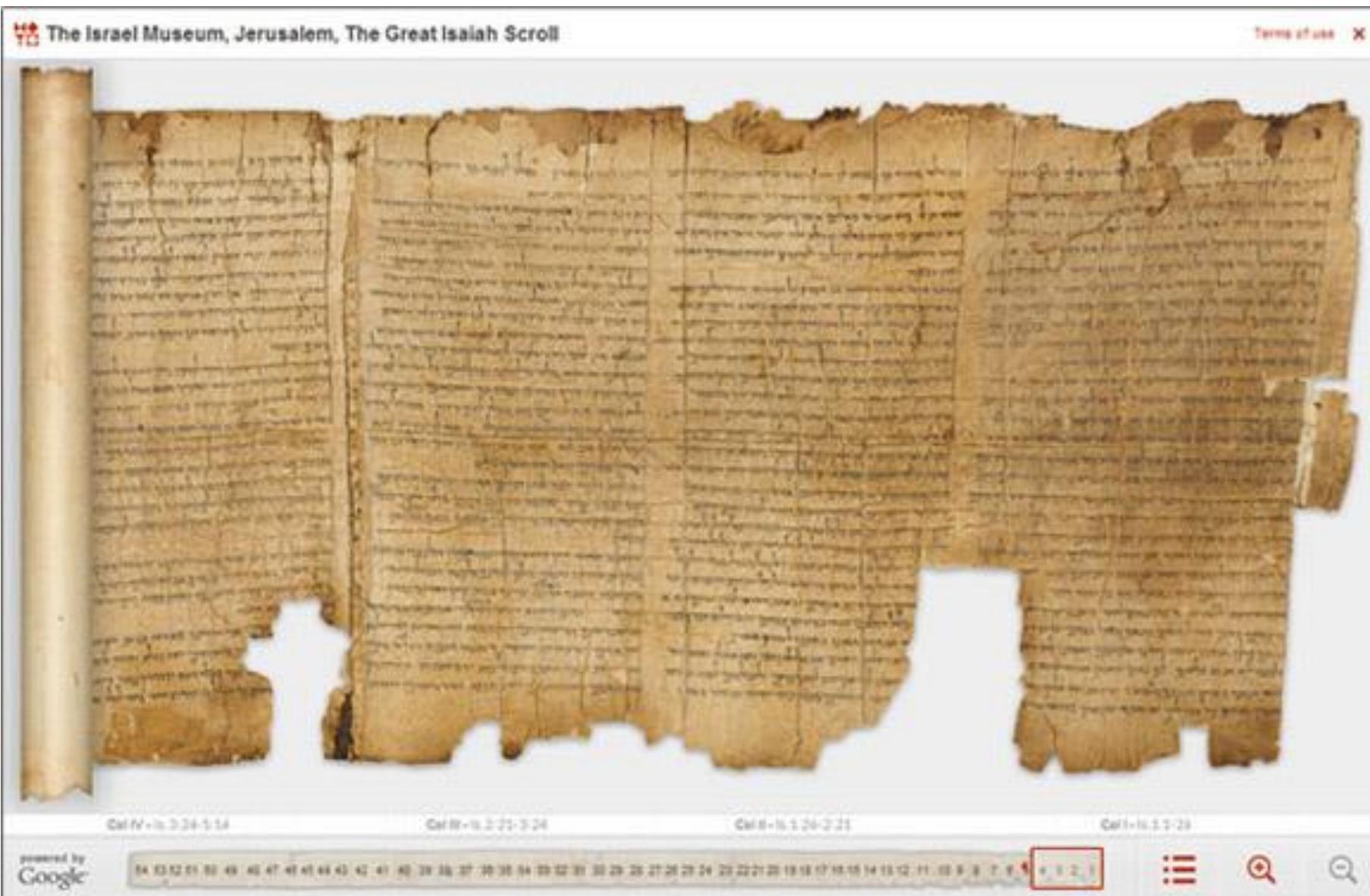
Papyrus – flattened reeds (papyrus plant)

Parchment – processed sheepskin

Vellum – processed calfskin

Scroll

(Isaiah
c. 125BC)

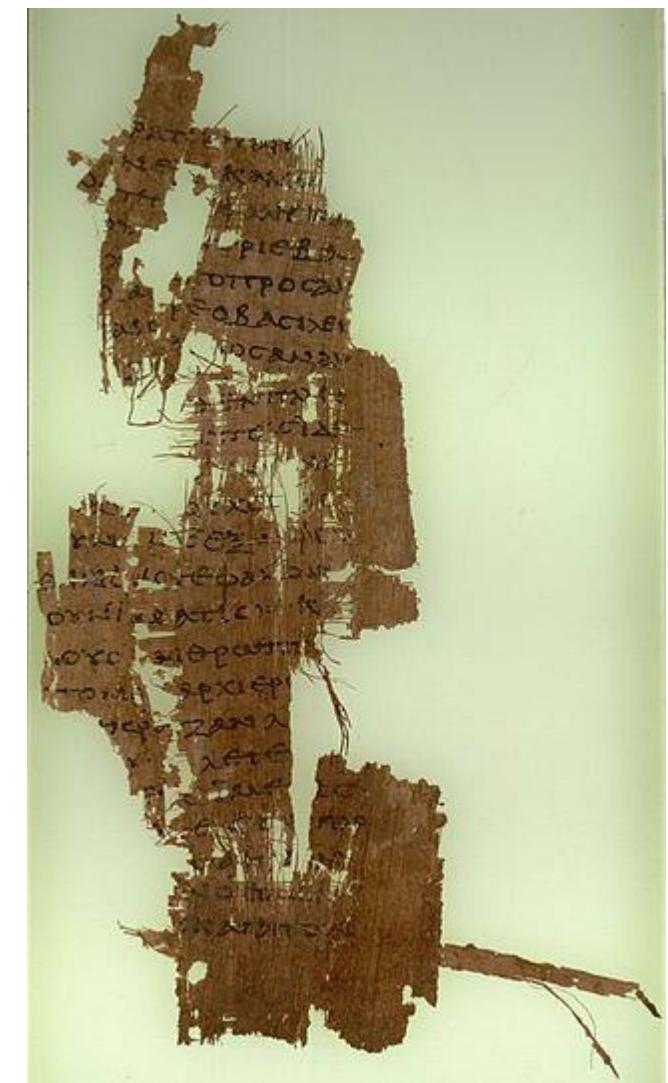


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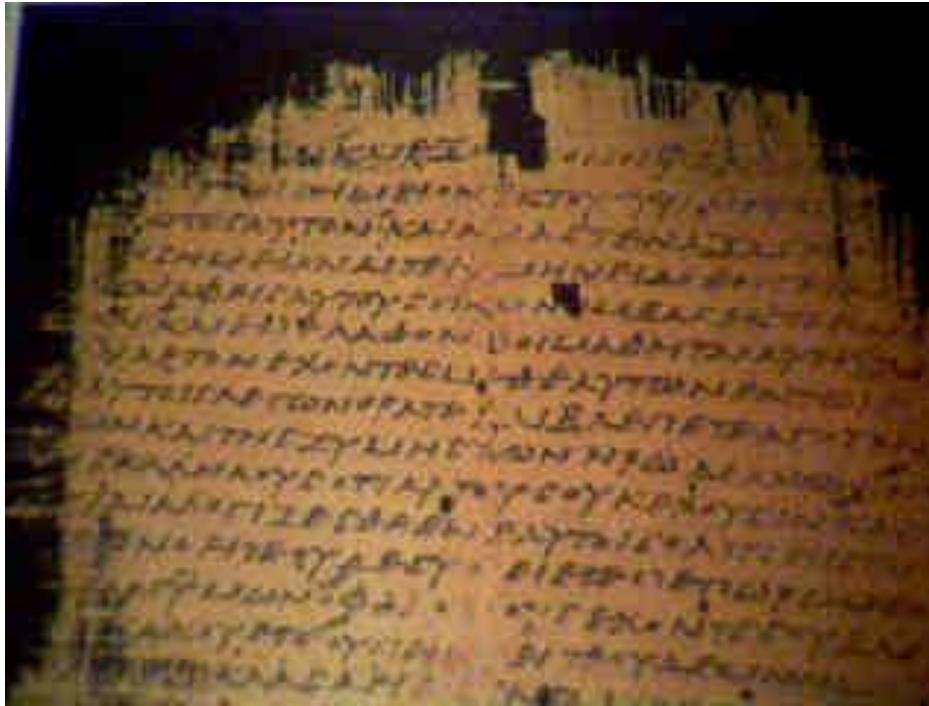
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(Sinaiticus
c. 350AD)





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Gospel of John
2nd Century AD



Fragments



Ryland Fragment
John 18 verses
100-150AD

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Papyrus P66	Gospel of John	Greek	2 nd -3 rd Century
Papyrus P77	Gospel of Matthew	Greek	2 nd -3 rd Century
Papyrus P103	Gospel of Matthew	Greek	2 nd -3 rd Century
Majuscule GA0189	Acts of the Apostles	Greek	2 nd -3 rd Century

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away,
one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Matthew 5: 18

...to whom the word of God came — and the Scripture cannot be broken—...

John 10: 35

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.**

Isaiah 40:8



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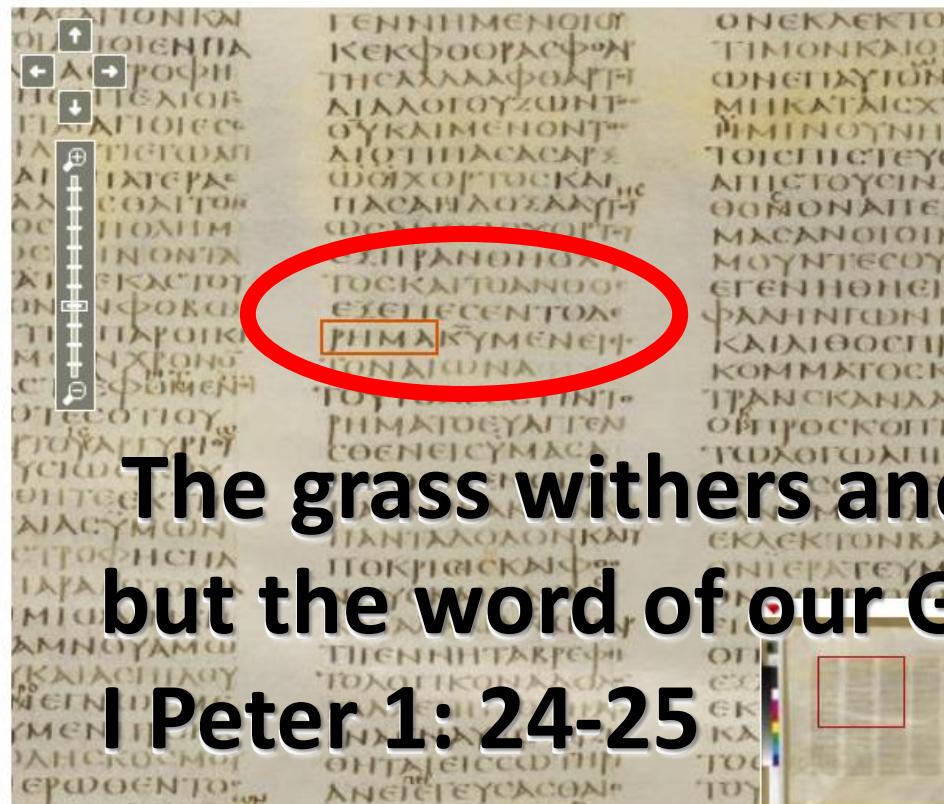


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1 Peter 1: 24-25

flower of grass; the grass withers, and the flower of it falls;
24 But the word of our God stands forever, because it is the Word which is Jesus Christ, whom please to , you.

2:1 Having, then, laid aside all malice, and all guile, and
hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 as babes just born, earnestly desire the spiritual
unadulterated milk, that by it you may grow to salvation,

The Bible

Septuagint (LXX) (300BC)

Hebrew, Aramaic into Greek

Dead Sea Scrolls (200BC)

Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek

NT Greek Text (200AD)

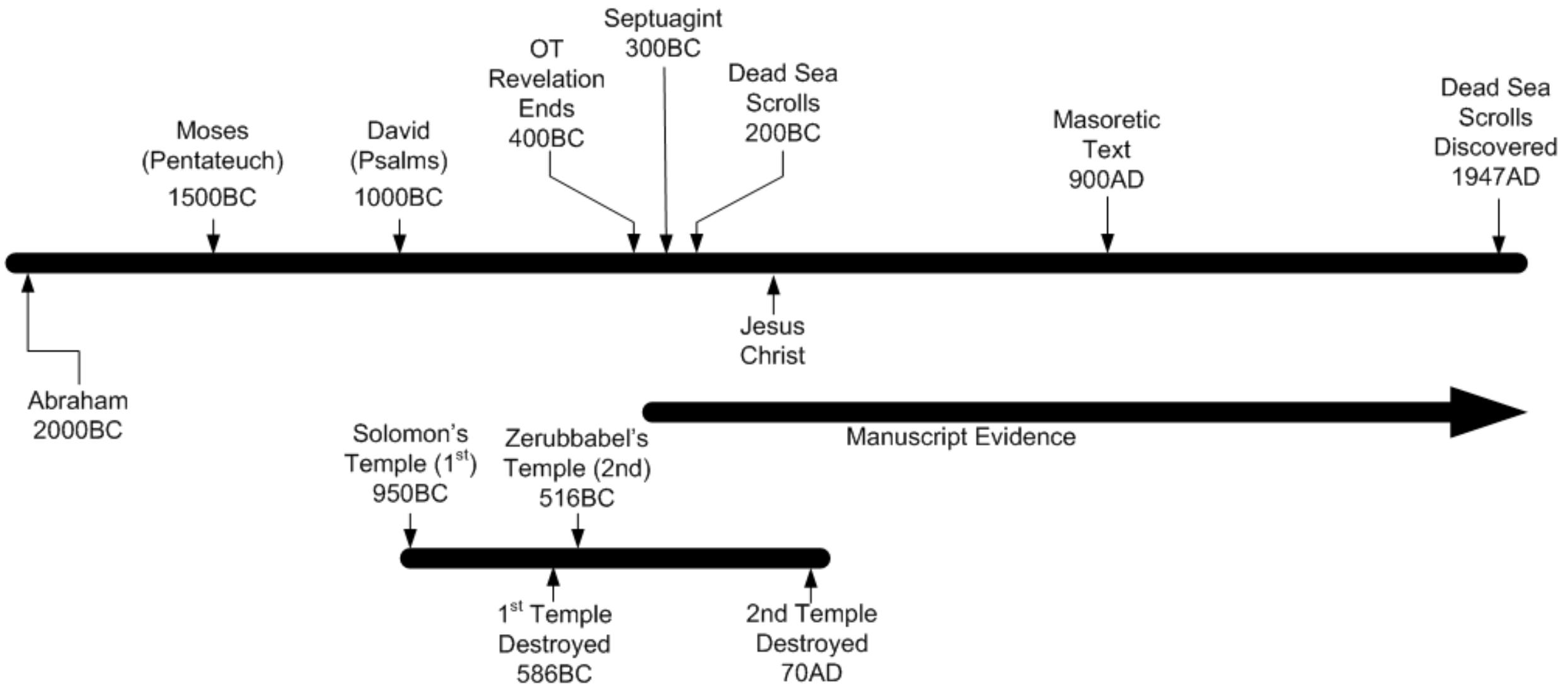
Vulgate (400AD)

Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek into Latin

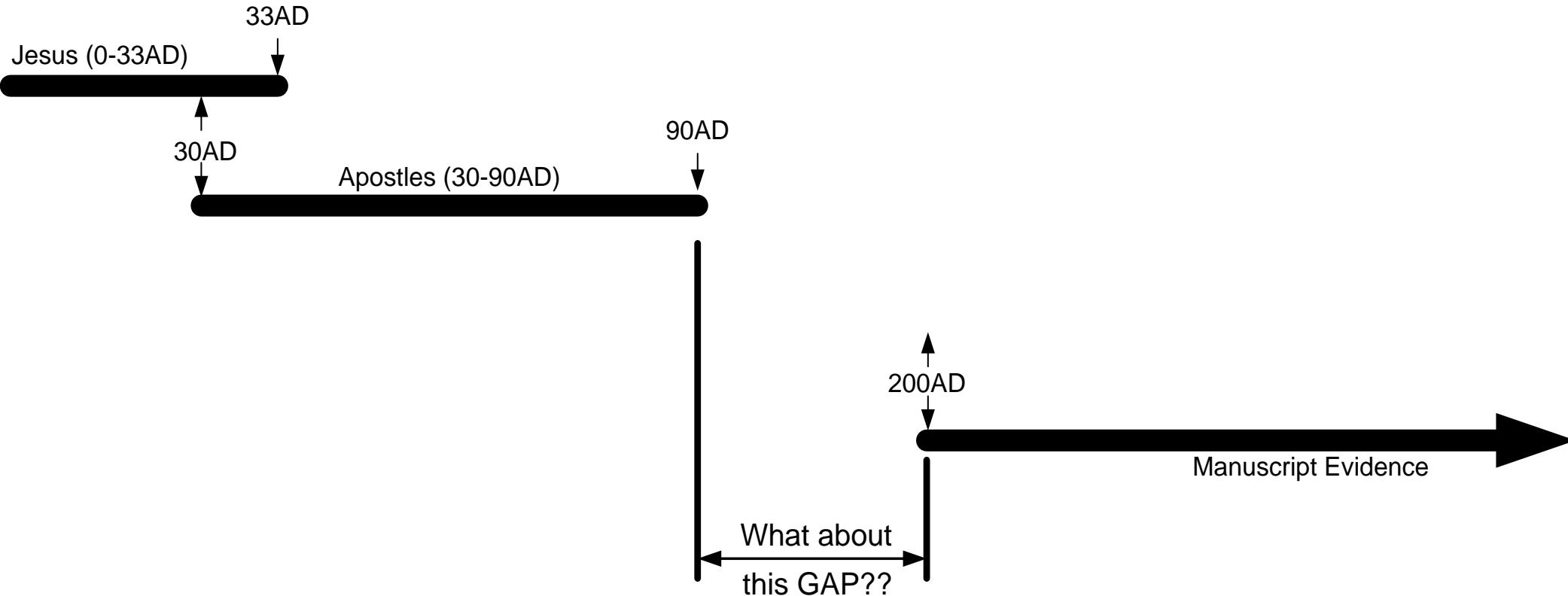
Masoretic Text, Biblia Hebraica (900AD)

Hebrew, Aramaic

Old Testament Message & Canon Historical Overlap



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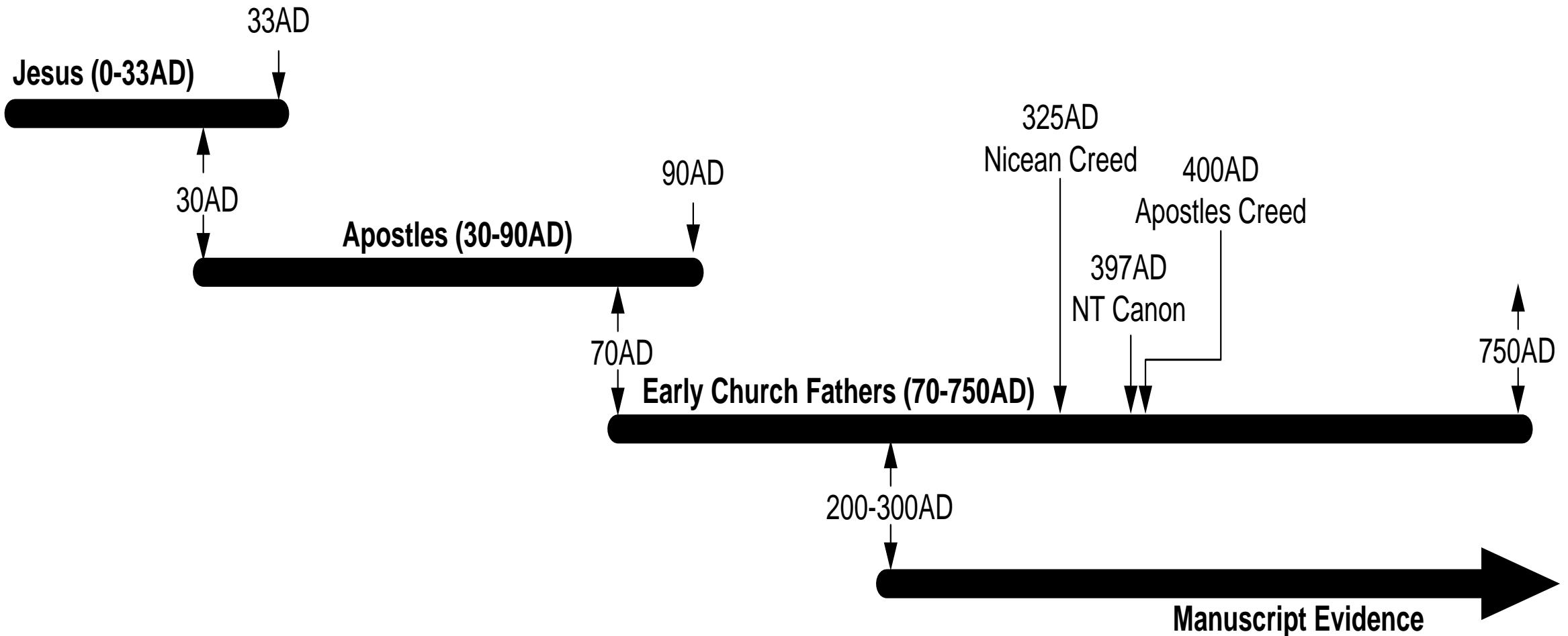
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The Apostolic Fathers
with Justin Martyr
and Irenaeus

By
PHILIP SCHAFF

Beginning in 70AD
Spanning 7 centuries

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The Witnesses Testify

“Suppose that the New Testament had been destroyed, and every copy of it lost by the end of the third century...?”

The Witnesses Testify

*“That question aroused my curiosity,
and as I possessed all the existing
works of the Fathers of the second
and third centuries, I commenced
to search, and up to this time I
have found the entire New Testament,
except eleven verses.”*

Sir David Dalrymple ca 1770

Father, and the Father in me:
or else believe me for the very
works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto
you, He that believeth on me,
the works that I do shall he do
also; and greater works than
these shall he do; because I go
into my Father.

13 ¶ And whatsoever ye shall
ask in my name, that will I do,
that the Father may be glorified
in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in
my name, I will do it.

15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my
commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another
Comforter, that he may abide
with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth;
whom the world cannot re-
ceive, because it seeth him not,
neither knoweth him: but ye
know him; for he dwelleth with
you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you com-

on about with him.

24 He that loveth me not
keepeth not my sayings: and
the word which ye hear is not
mine, but the Father's which
sent me.

25 These things have I spoken
unto you, being yet present with
you.

26 But the Comforter, which
is the Holy Ghost, whom the
Father will send in my name,
he shall teach you all things,
and bring all things to your
remembrance, whatsoever I
have said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I
unto you. Let not your heart
be troubled, neither let it be
afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said
unto you, I go away, and come
again unto you. If ye loved me,
ye would rejoice, because I said,
I go unto the Father: for my
Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you

f ch. 6. 56.
g Ro. 6. 5.
Eph. 4. 15.
16
& 5. 30.
Col. 2. 19.

h ver. 16.

i Lk. 24. 49.
ver. 16.
ch. 15. 26.
Ac. 2. 33.

j Or,
severed
from me.
j ch. 2. 22
& 12. 16
& 16. 13.
l Jn. 2. 20,
27.

k Mt. 13.
40-42.

l Lk. 24. 36.
ch. 20. 19,
26.

m ch. 16. 33.
Phil. 4. 7.
Col. 3. 15.
n ch. 14. 13.
ver. 16.

o ver. 12.
p ch. 10. 30.
Phil. 2. 6.

unto you.

4 Abide in me,

As the branch can-

not itself, except it

wine; no more can

abide in me.

I am the vine,
branches: He t

me, and I in

bringeth forth

without me ye

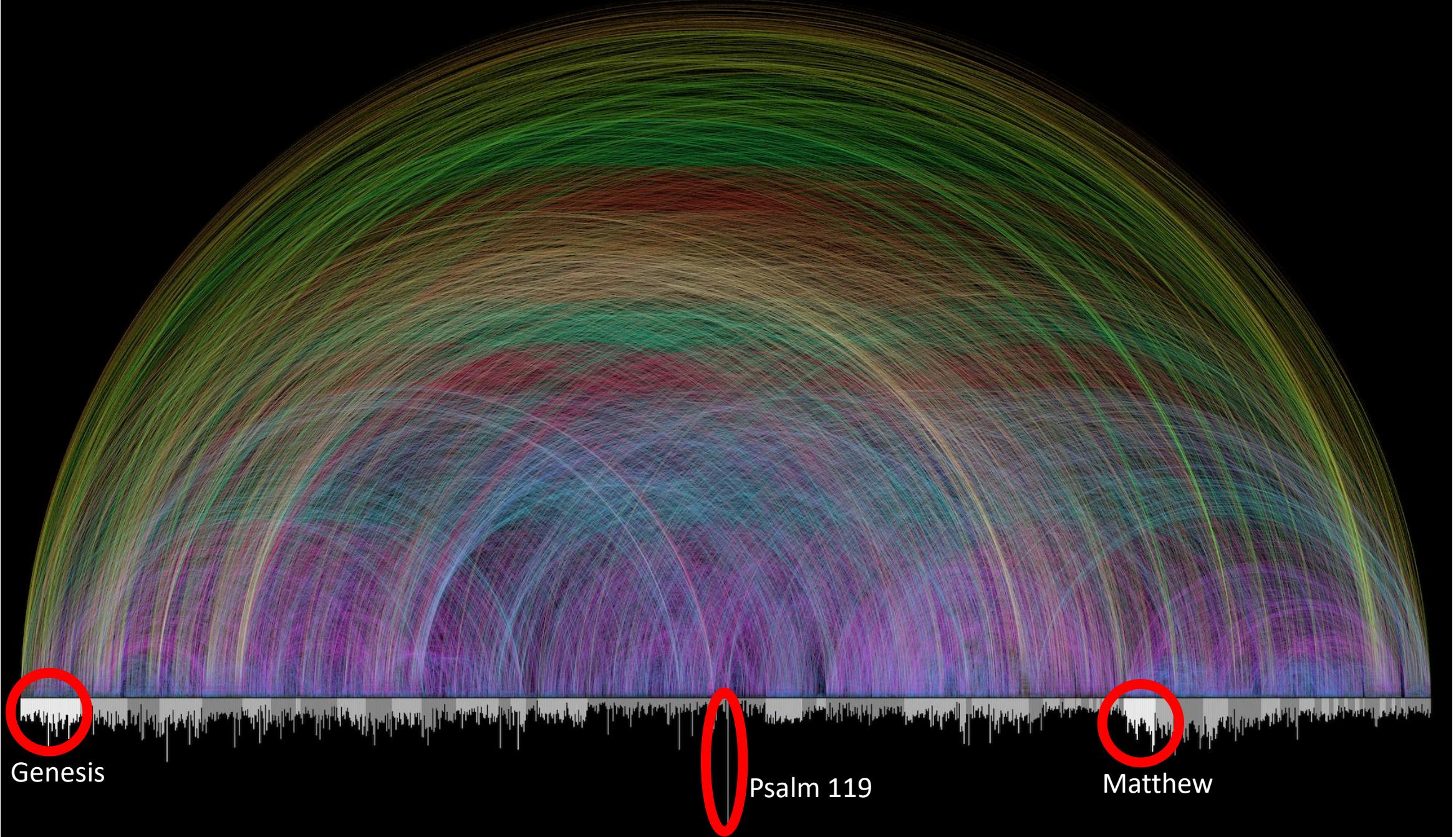
6 If a man abide
is cast forth as
is withered; an
them, and cast
fire, and they a

7 If ye abide
words abide in
ask what ye w
be done unto y

8 Herein is r
fied, that ye b
so shall ye be

9 As the Fa
me, so have I
tinue ye in m

10 If ye kee
ments, ye sh
love; even as



Genesis

Psalm 119

Matthew

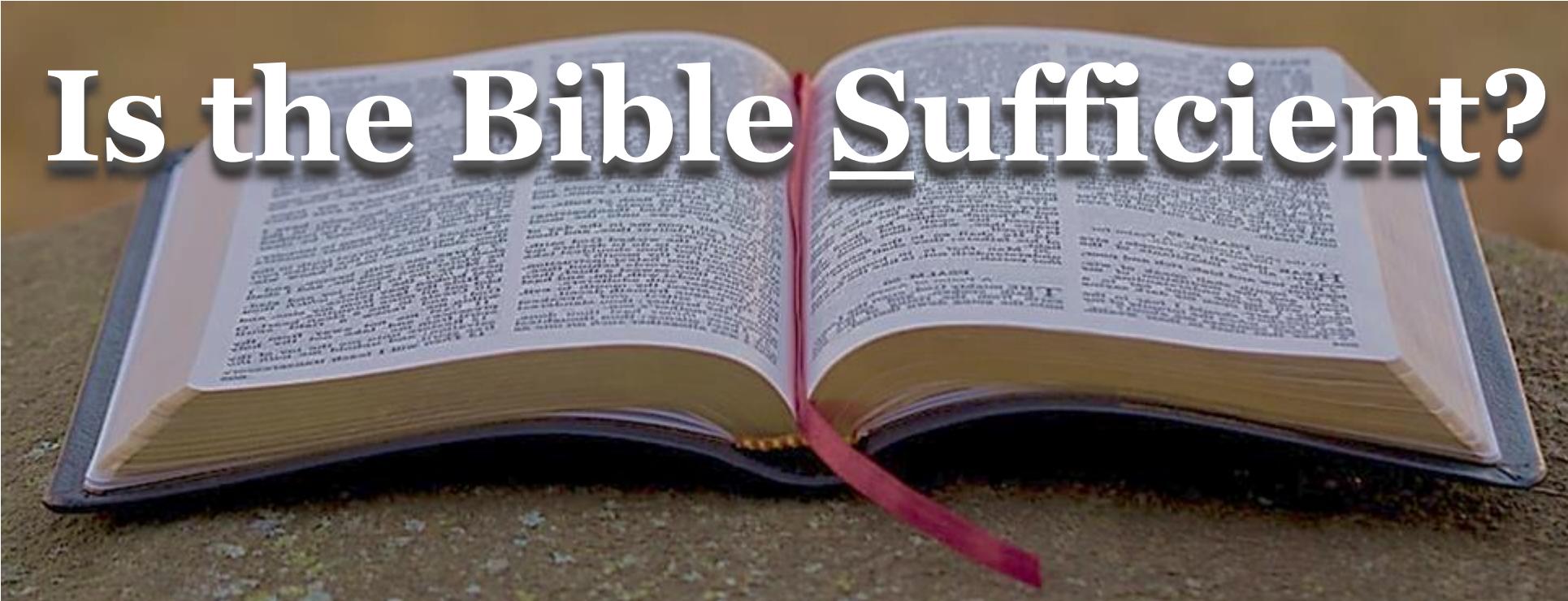
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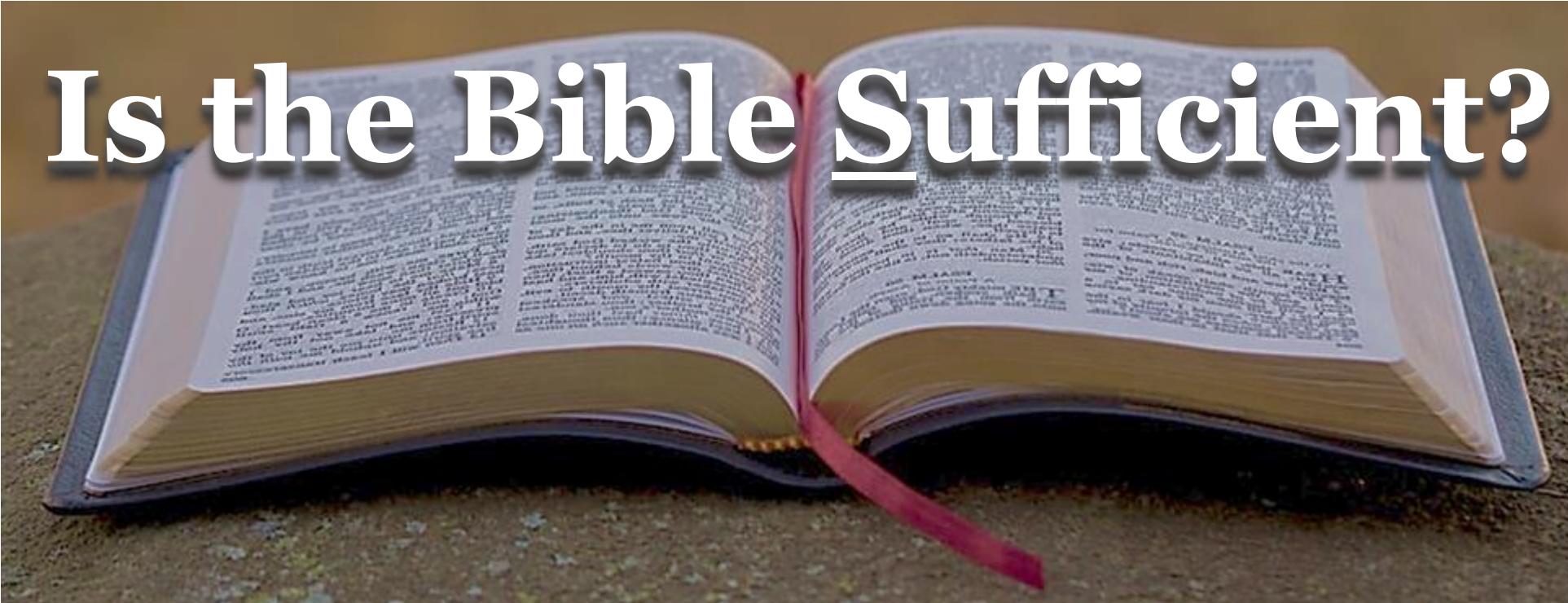
God is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to repentance.

II Peter 3: 16

...how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures,
which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

II Timothy 3: 14-16

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...in all the Scriptures concerning Himself...

...opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures...

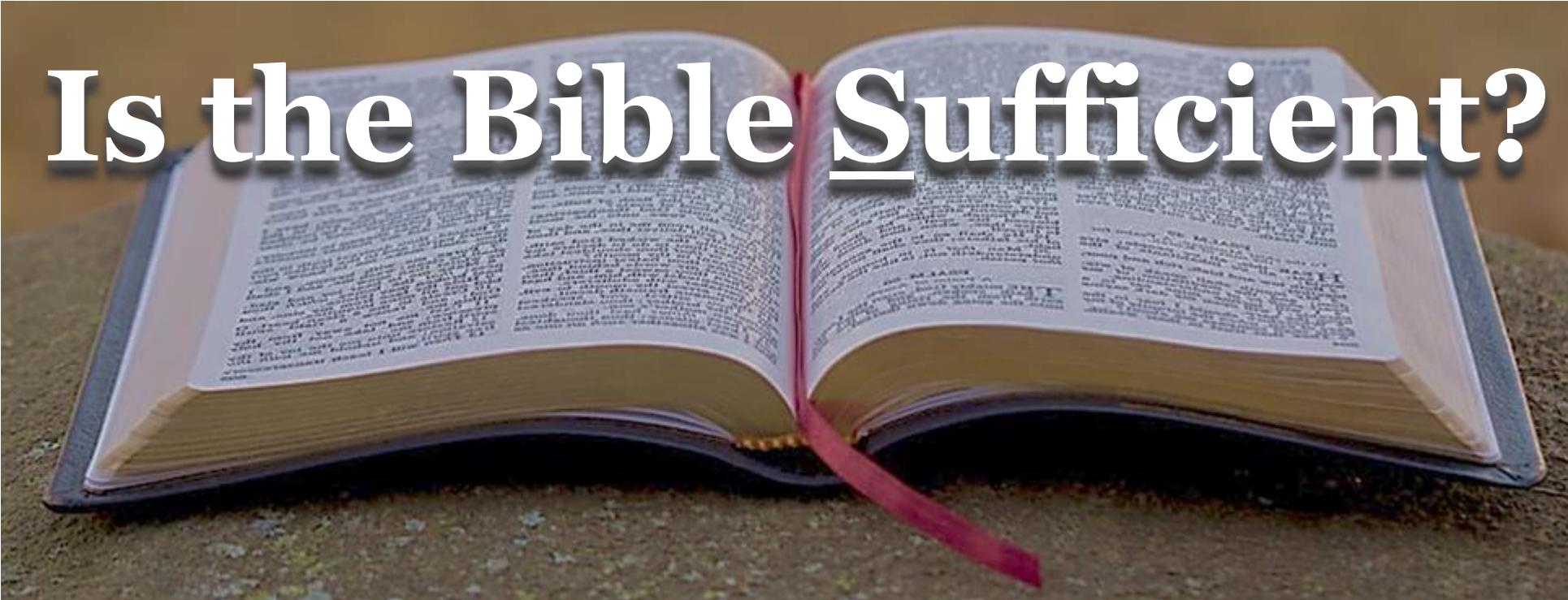
Luke 24: 25-27, 44-49

I received, I passed on...

Christ died, Christ was raised..according to the Scriptures..

I Corinthians 15: 3-5

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...he reasoned with them from the Scriptures – Jesus is the Christ...

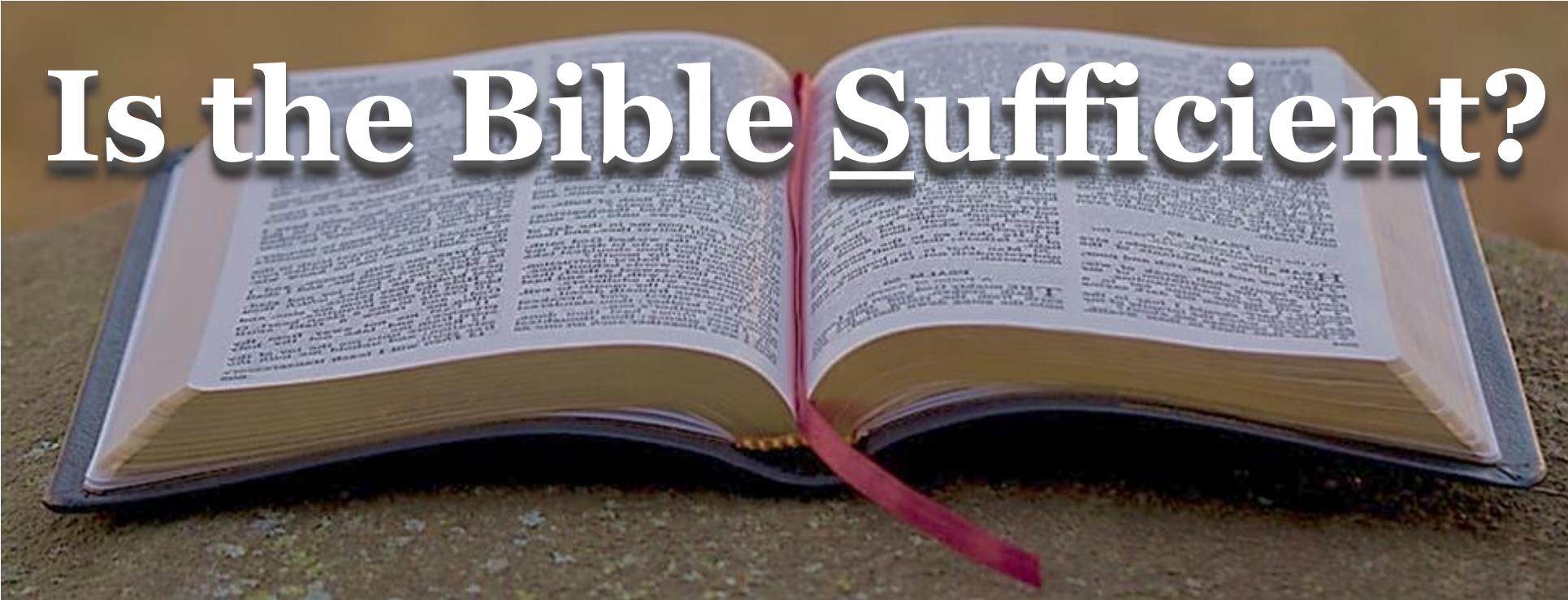
...he vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate,
proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 17: 2-3; Acts 18: 28

...Bereans...examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17: 11

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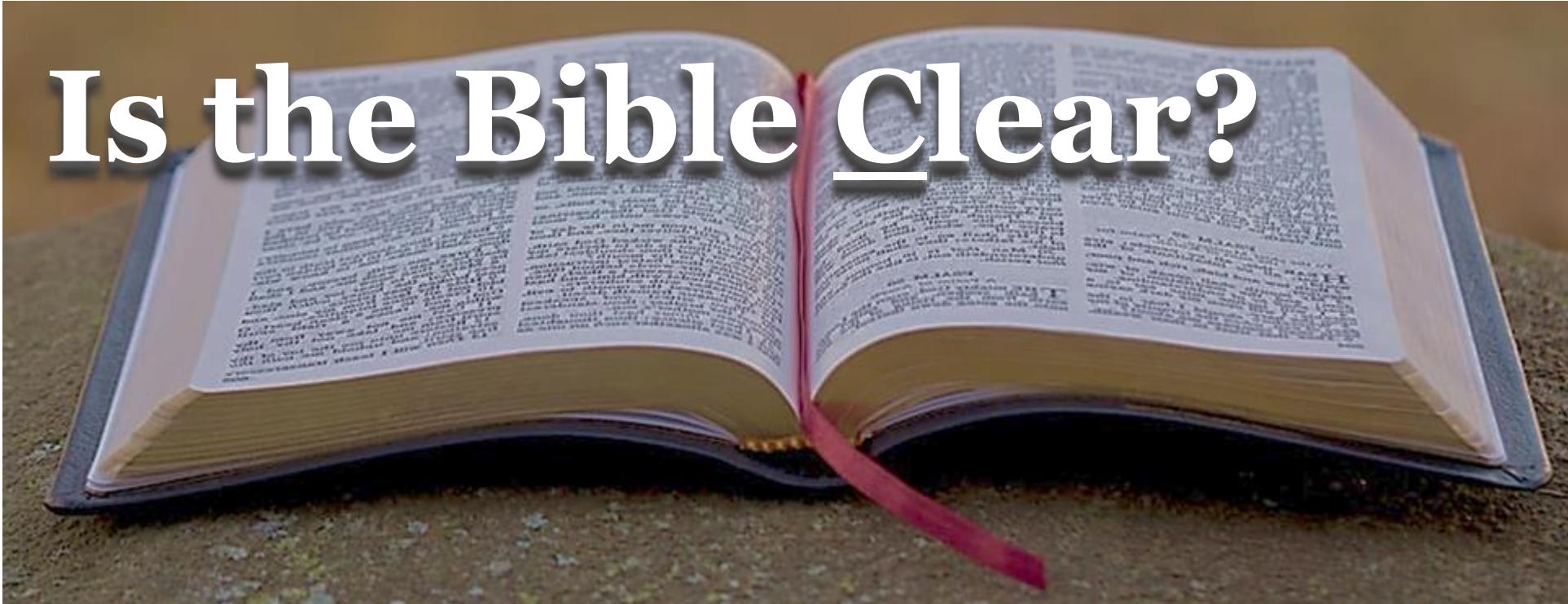


**Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples,
which are not recorded in this book.**

**But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

John 20: 30-31

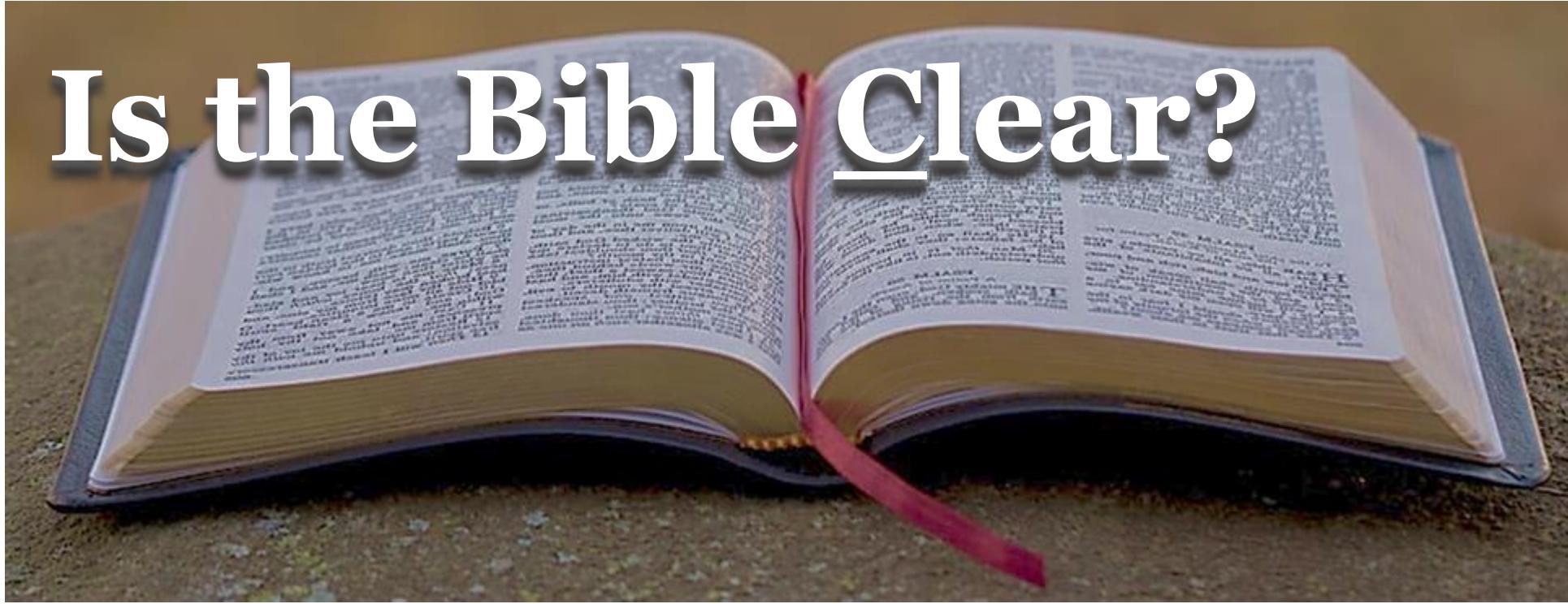
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For what?

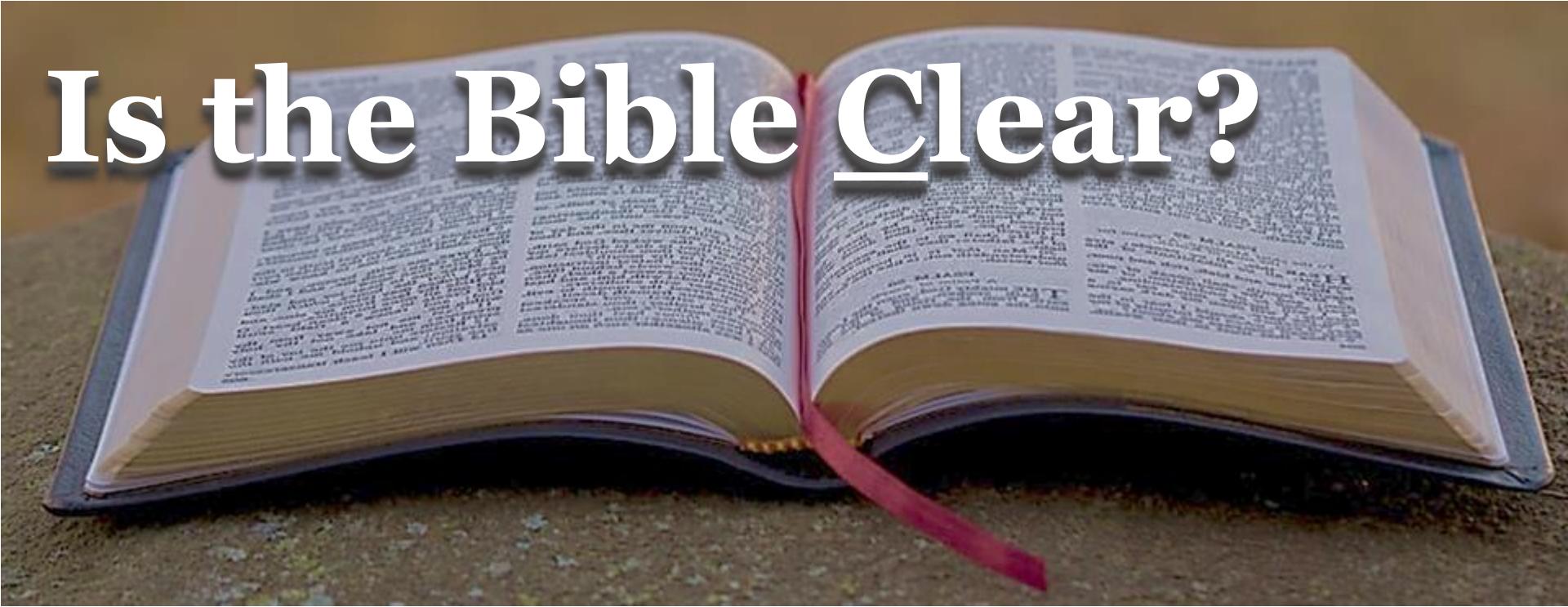
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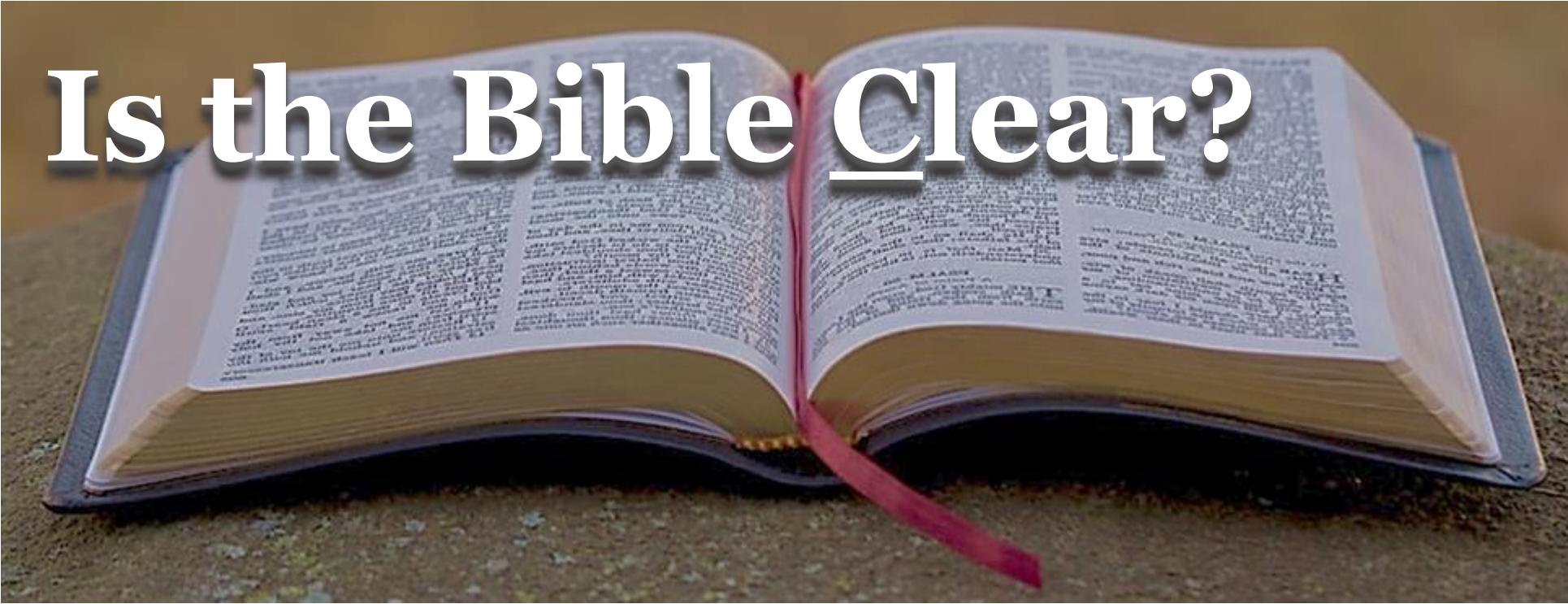


Meta-narrative

Genesis 1:1

Revelation 22:21

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Poor Uzzah – he was just trying to do good..

II Samuel 6:1-8

Demons & snakes & poison, oh my!

Mark 16:15-18

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Literal??

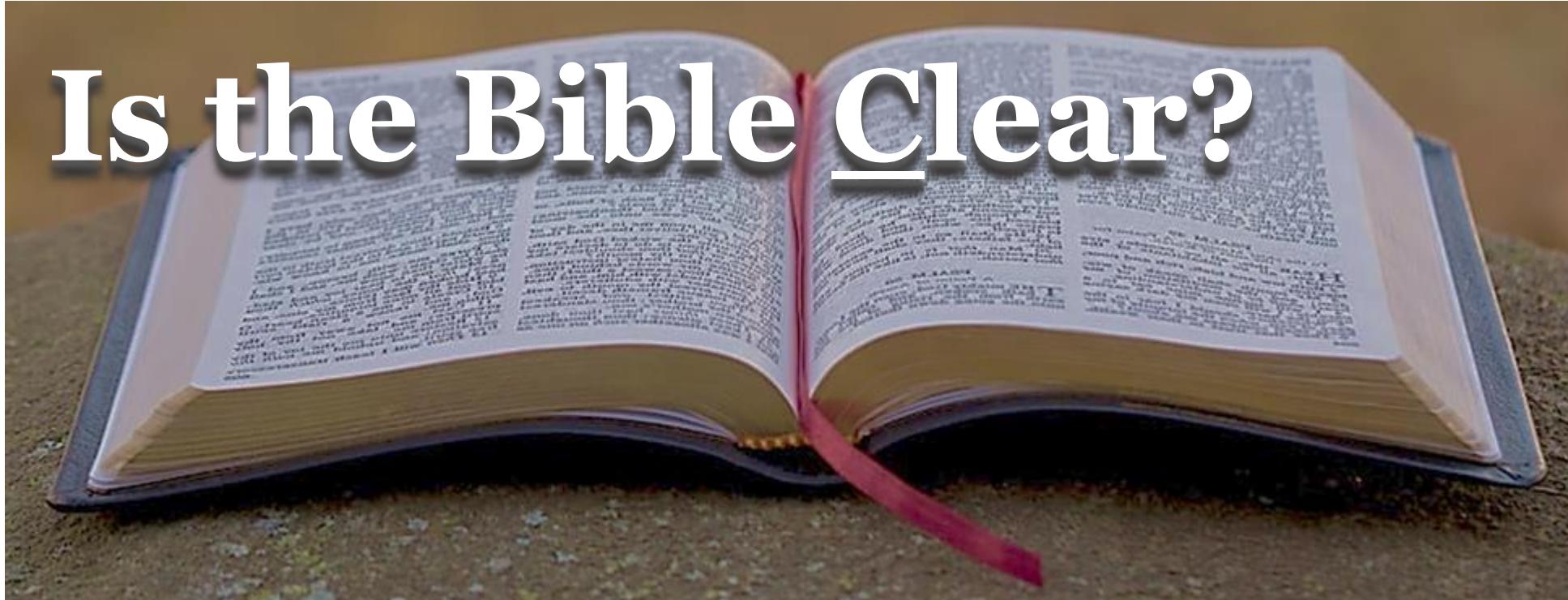
Symbolic??

Genesis 1:1 – Literal? Symbolic?

Revelation – Literal? Symbolic?

Matthew 5:29-30 – Literal? Symbolic?

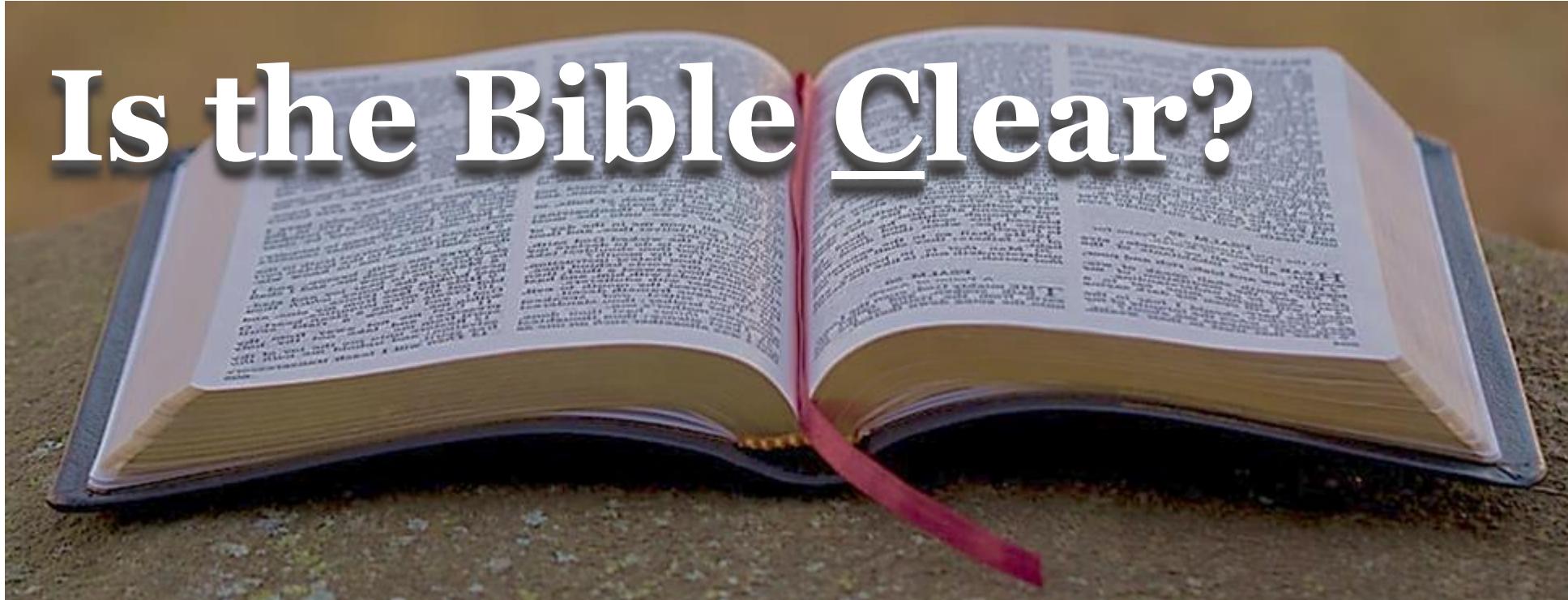
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Hs letters contain some things that are *hard to understand*,
which ignorant and unstable people distort,
as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

II Peter 3:15-16

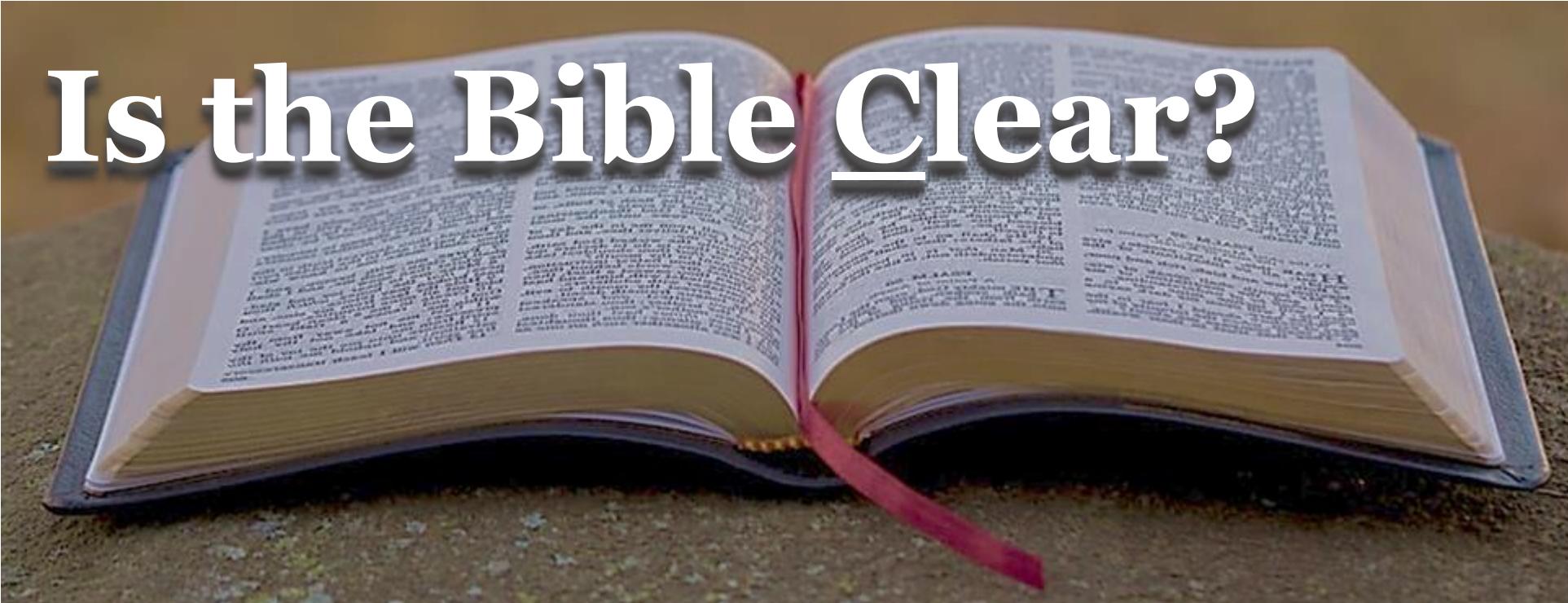
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They read from the Book of the Law of God,
making it clear and giving the meaning
so that the *people could understand* what was being read.

Nehemiah 8:8

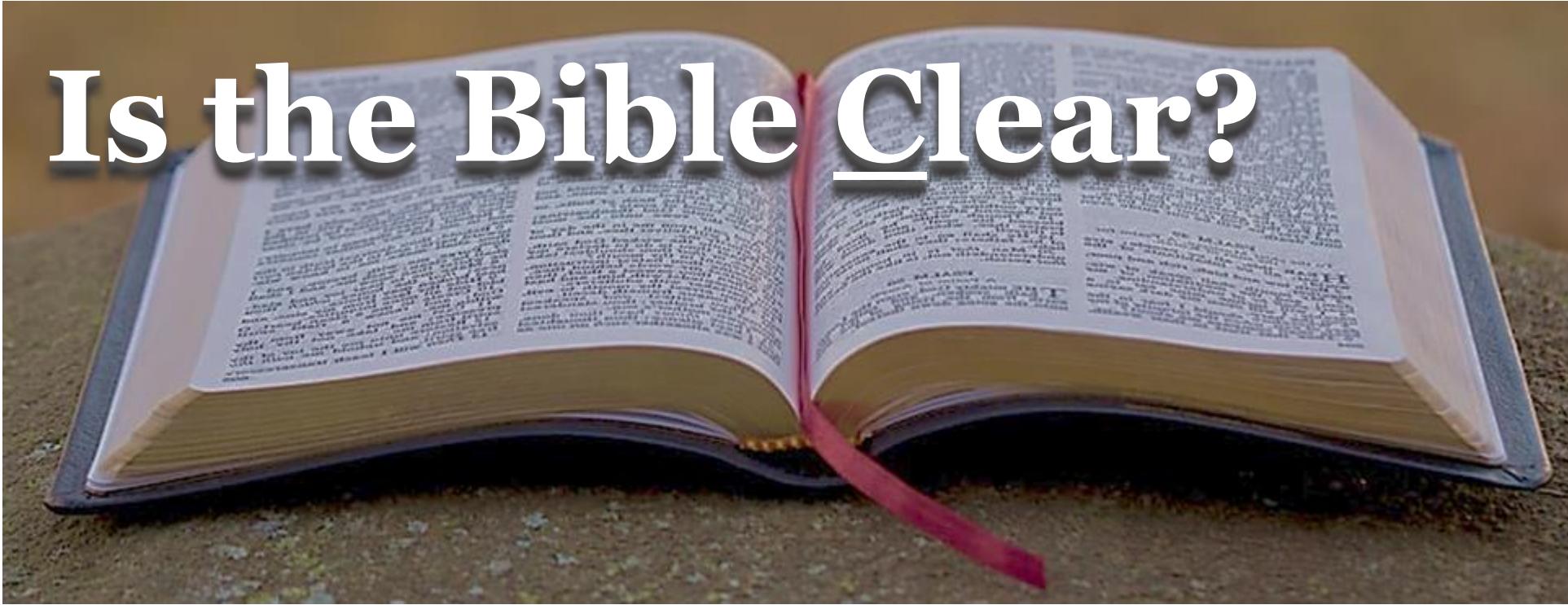
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**Why is my *language* not clear to you?
Because you are *unable to hear* what I say.
You belong to your father, the devil,**

John 8:42-45

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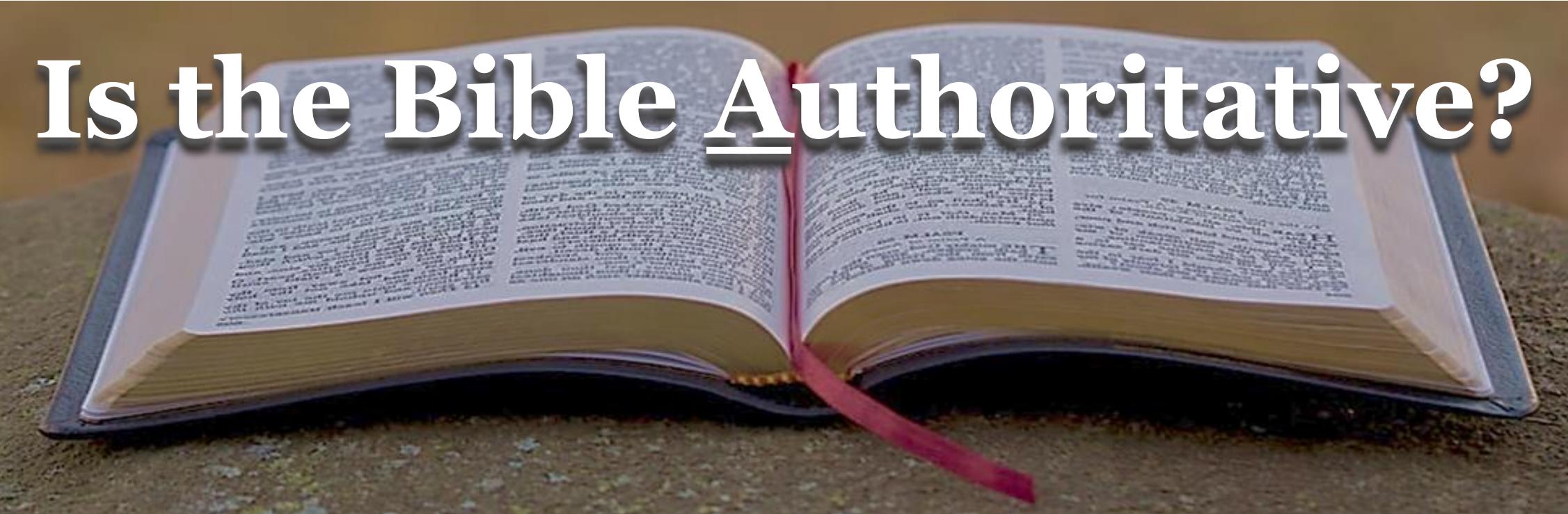


We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,
that we may understand what God has freely given us.

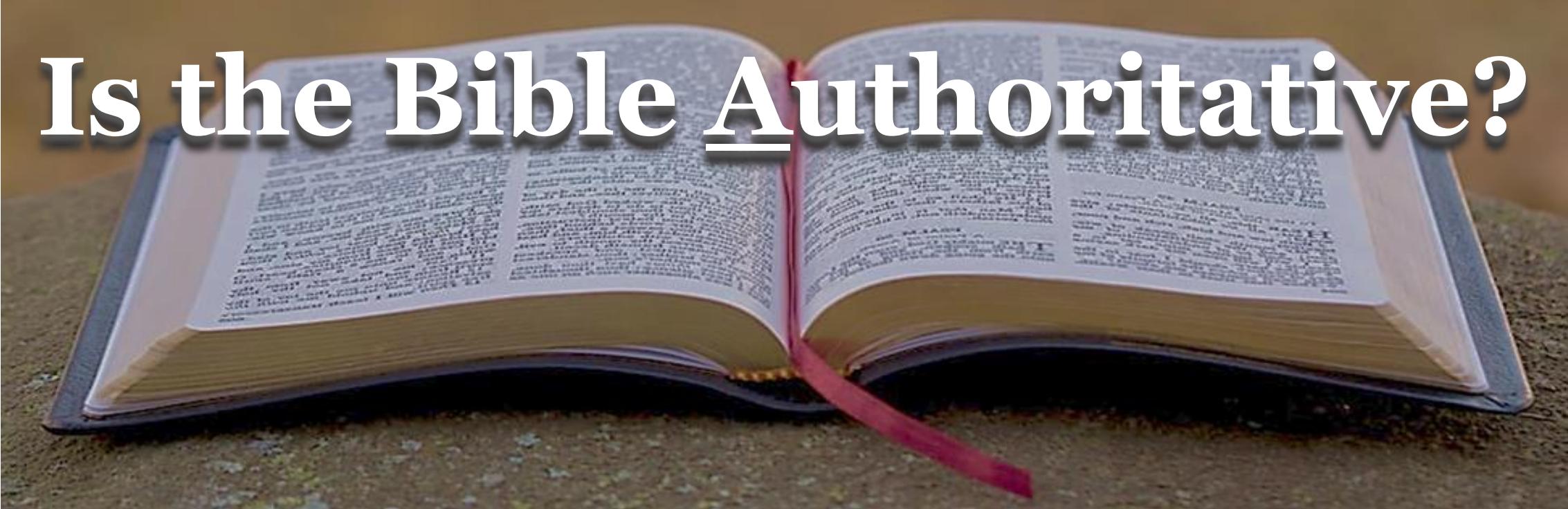
The man without the Spirit does not accept the things
that come from the Spirit of God,
for they are foolishness to him and *he cannot understand them*

I Corinthians 2:9-14

Is the Bible Authoritative?



Is the Bible Authoritative?



**Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so**

During the Methodist Conference that has taken place this week, the Methodist Church in the UK approved by 254 votes in favour, and 46 against, a resolution that “consents in principle to the marriage of same-sex couples on Methodist premises by its ministers”.

Furthermore, the Conference **affirmed cohabitation**, recognising that “the love of God is present within the love of human beings who enter freely into some form of life-enhancing committed relationship, whether that be through informal cohabitation or a more formal commitment entered into publicly”.

Authority:

“The idea that all the words in Scripture are God’s words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God.”

“...the authority of God as He speaks through Scripture.”

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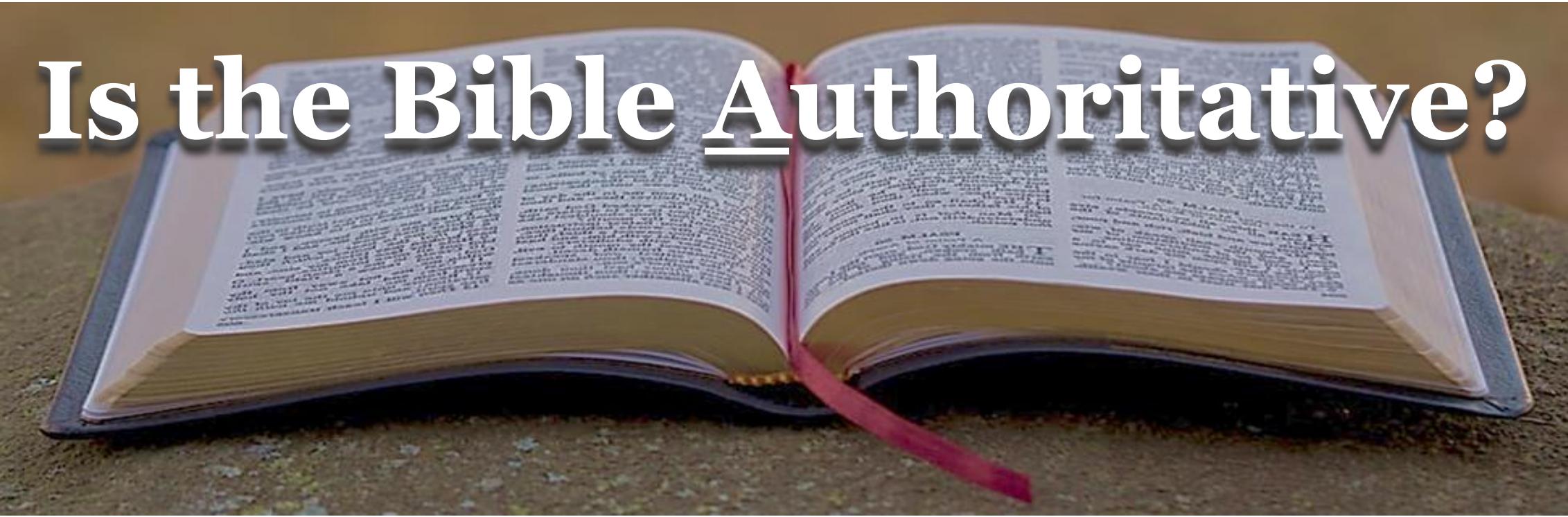
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Your Word O LORD...

Eternal, firm, faithful, endure, delight,
preserve life, boundless perfection, right,
righteous, trustworthy, tested, true, forever

Psalm 119:89-96; 137-144

Is the Bible Authoritative?



Scripture cannot be broken
John 10:35

He taught as one who had authority
Matthew 7:28-29

Original authority
Borrowed/delegated authority

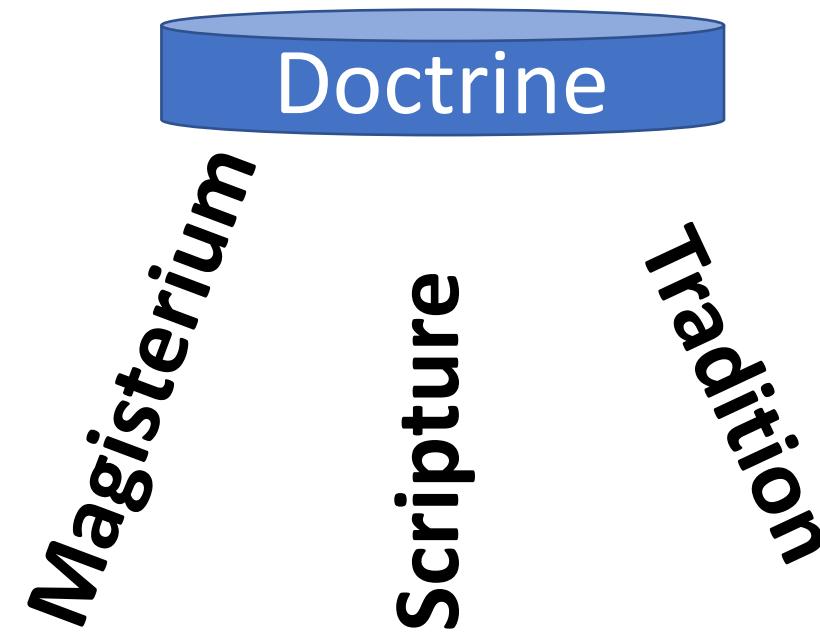
Cyril of Jerusalem (c 350AD): “Even to me, who tell you these things, do not give ready belief, unless you receive from the Holy Scriptures the proof of the things I announce.

The salvation in which we believe is proved not from clever reasoning, but from the Holy Scriptures.”

Augustine to Jerome (c 400AD): “If any error, even the smallest, be admitted in the Scripture, the whole authority of scripture is presently invalidated and destroyed.”

Doctrinal sources of authority in the Holy Roman Catholic Church

- Scripture
- Tradition
- Magisterium (teaching authority)



Scriptural:

Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Tradition:

According to Church tradition, Veronica was moved with sympathy seeing Jesus carrying the cross to Calvary and gave him her veil so that he could wipe his forehead. Jesus accepted the offer, and when he returned the veil the image of his face was miraculously captured on it. The resulting relic became known as the Veil of Veronica.

Magisterium:

The four dogmas of Mary – (year of dogma)

Mother of God (431)

Perpetual virginity (649) see Matt 1:25

Immaculate Conception (1854)

Assumption (1950)

“Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason—
I do not accept the authority of popes and councils,
for they have contradicted each other—
my conscience is captive to the Word of God.”

Martin Luther answer to charges – 1521

Sola Scriptura

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OT Apocrypha (Gr. - secret or hidden)

The Catholic OT Canon includes:

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Judith

Wisdom

Sirach

Baruch

I and II Maccabees

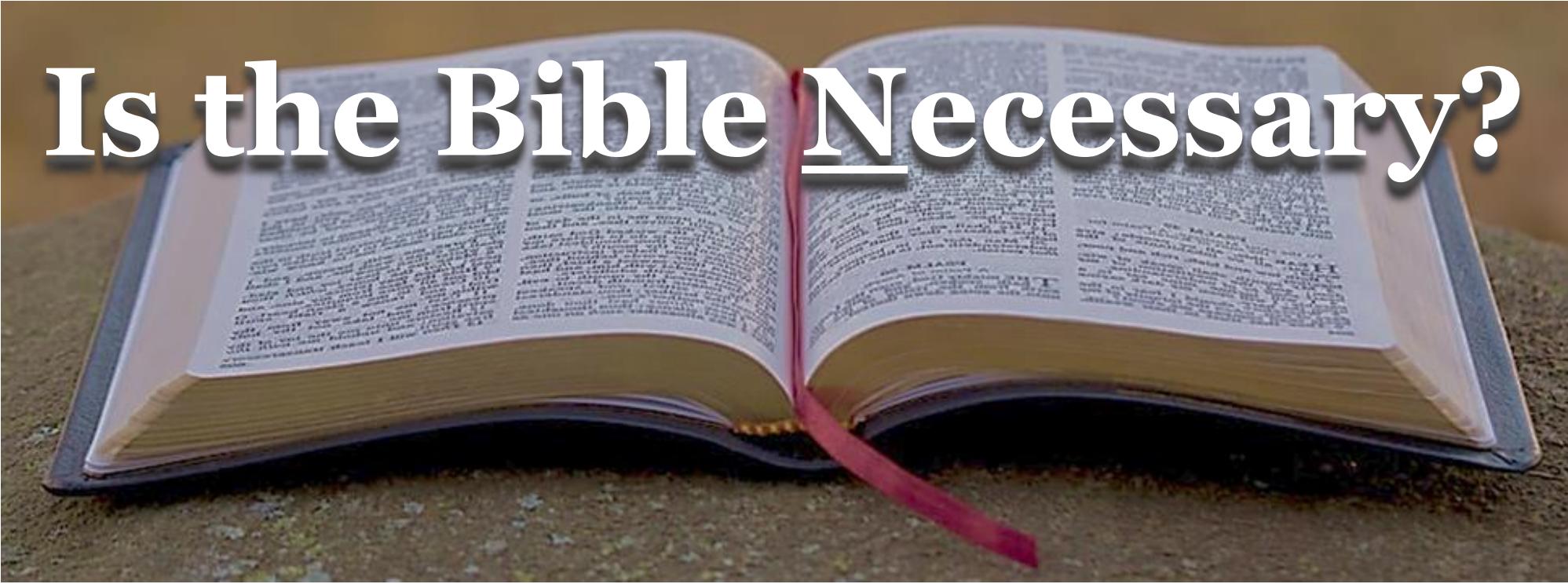
plus sections of Esther and Daniel

which are absent from the Protestant OT

NT Apocrypha

- The Gospel of Thomas
- The Gospel of Peter
- The Gospel of the Hebrews
- The Apocalypse of Peter
- The Gospel of Mary
- The Infancy Gospel of James
- The Infancy Gospel of Thomas
- The Acts of Peter
- The Acts of John
- The Acts of Paul
- The Acts of Andrew
- The Acts of Peter and the Twelve
- Didache – The teaching of the Twelve Apostles

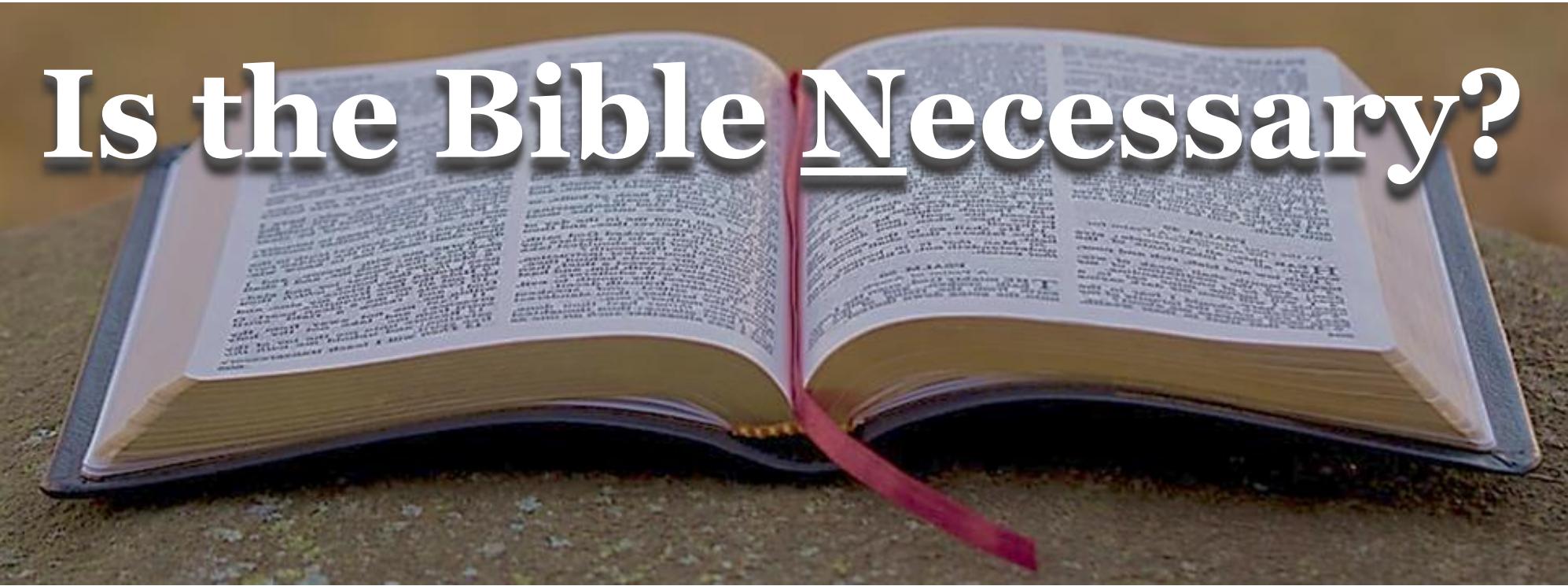
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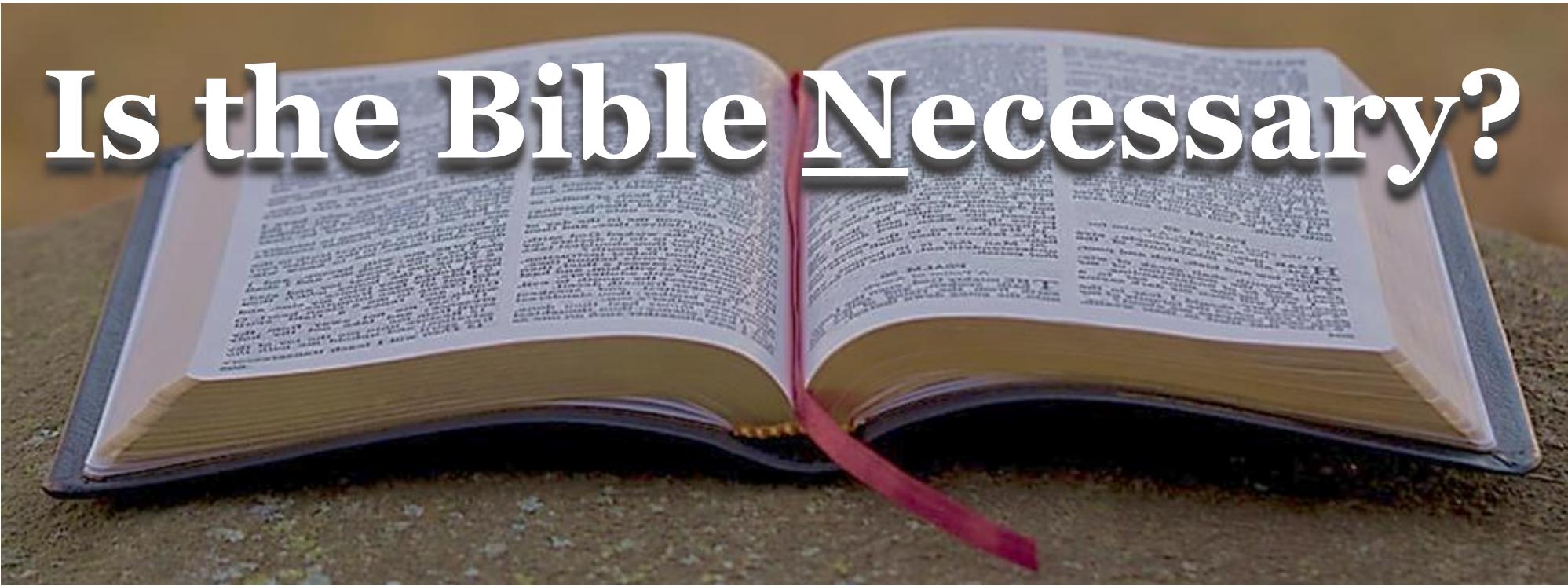
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For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-20

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The heavens declare the glory of God..
speech, knowledge, languages, voices, words
all the earth, ends of the world

Law perfect

Statutes trustworthy

Precepts right

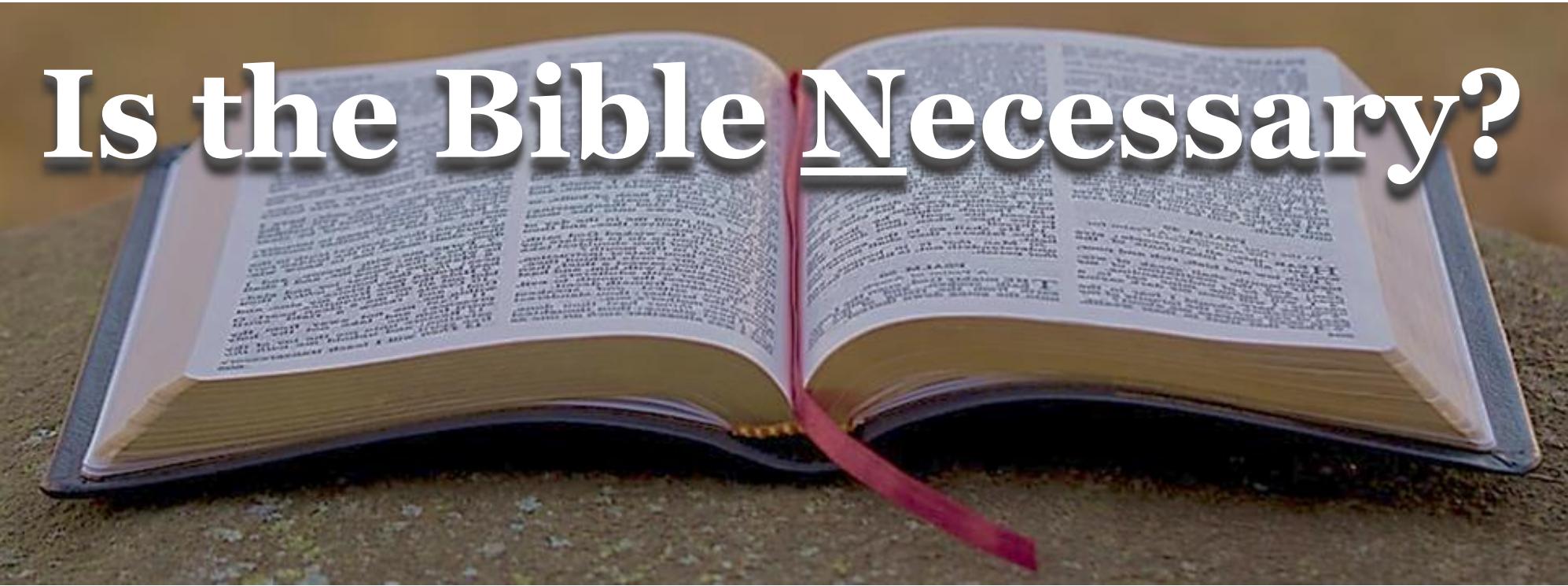
Commands radiant

Fear pure

Ordinances righteous

Psalm 19

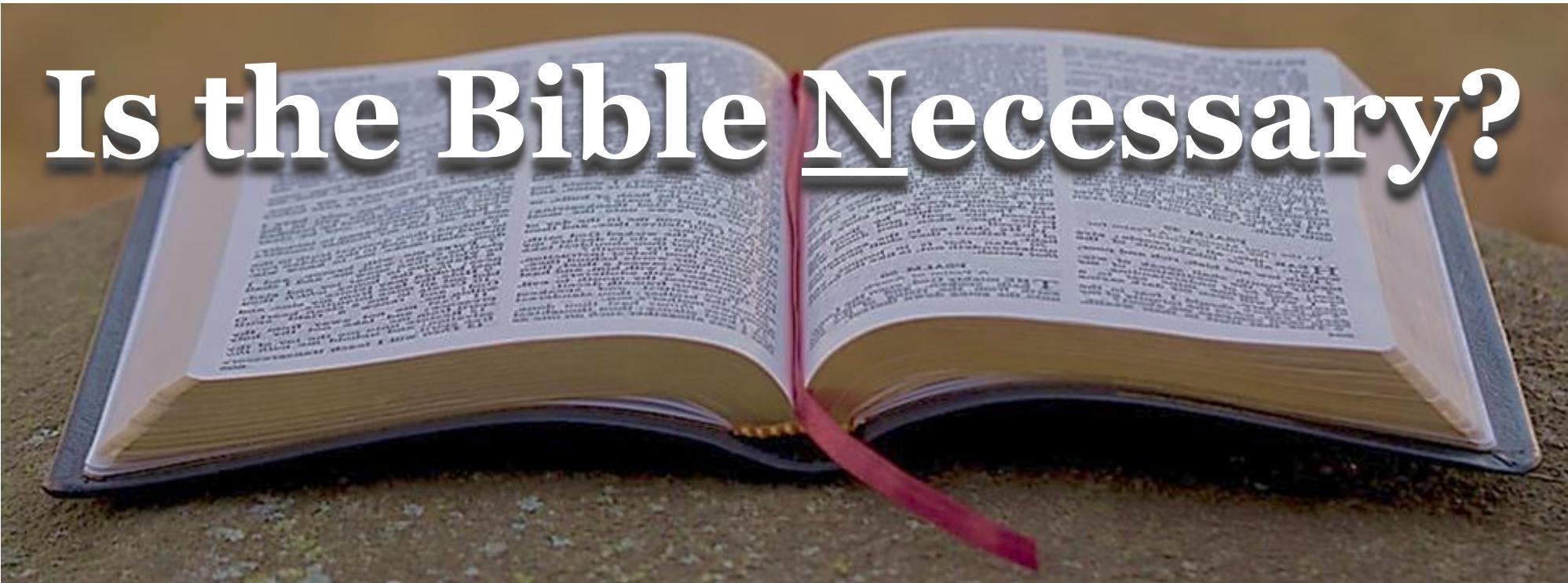
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(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law,
do by nature things required by the law,
they are a law for themselves,
even though they do not have the law,
since they show that the requirements of the law
are written on their hearts..)

Romans 2:12-16

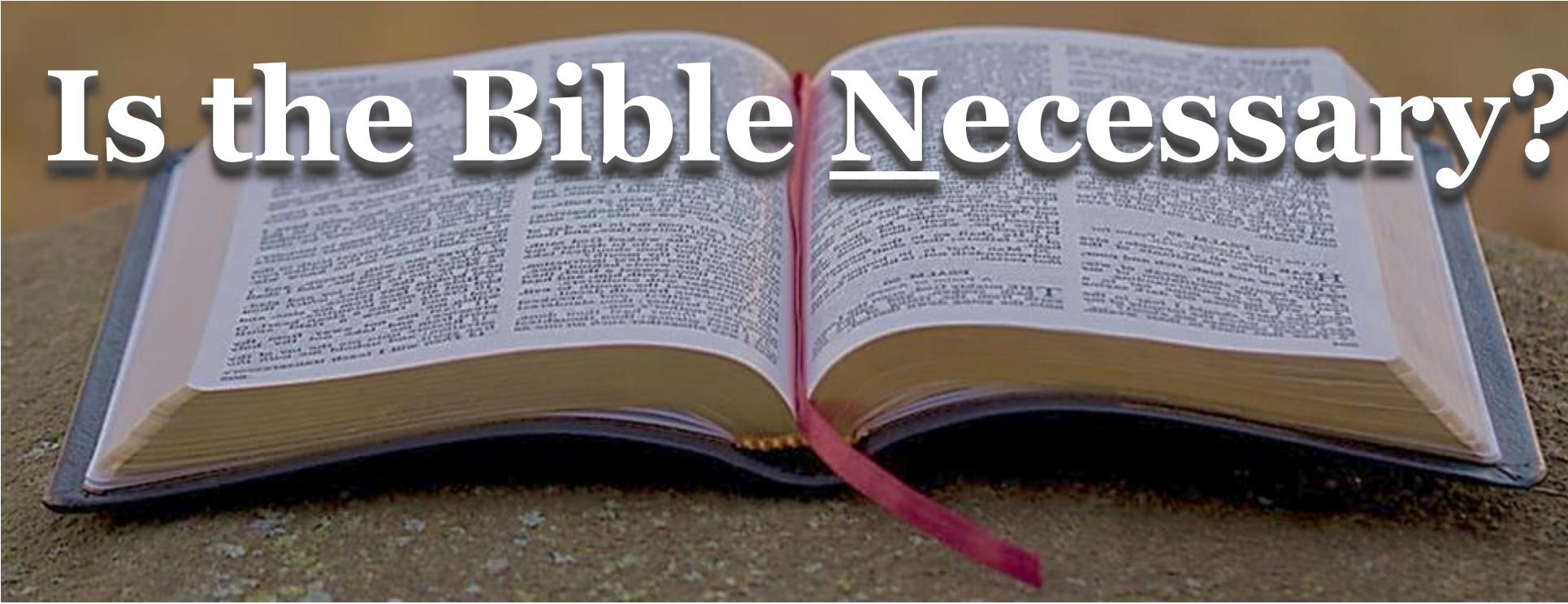
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Through Creation, we can know there is a God
even deduce His eternal power, divine nature & His glory

But, just through Creation, are there things that we cannot know about God?

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Meta-narrative

Genesis 1:1

Where have I come from?

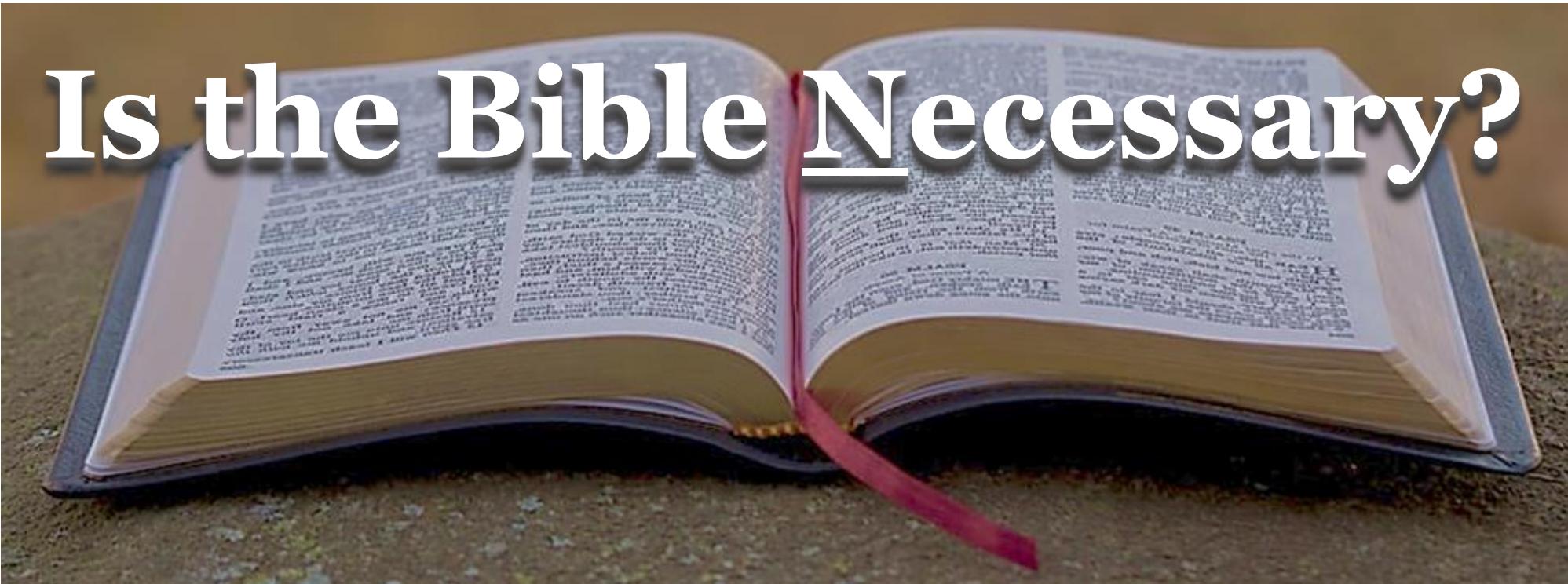
What am I doing here?

Revelation 22:21

Where am I going?

How much can we know apart from Scripture?

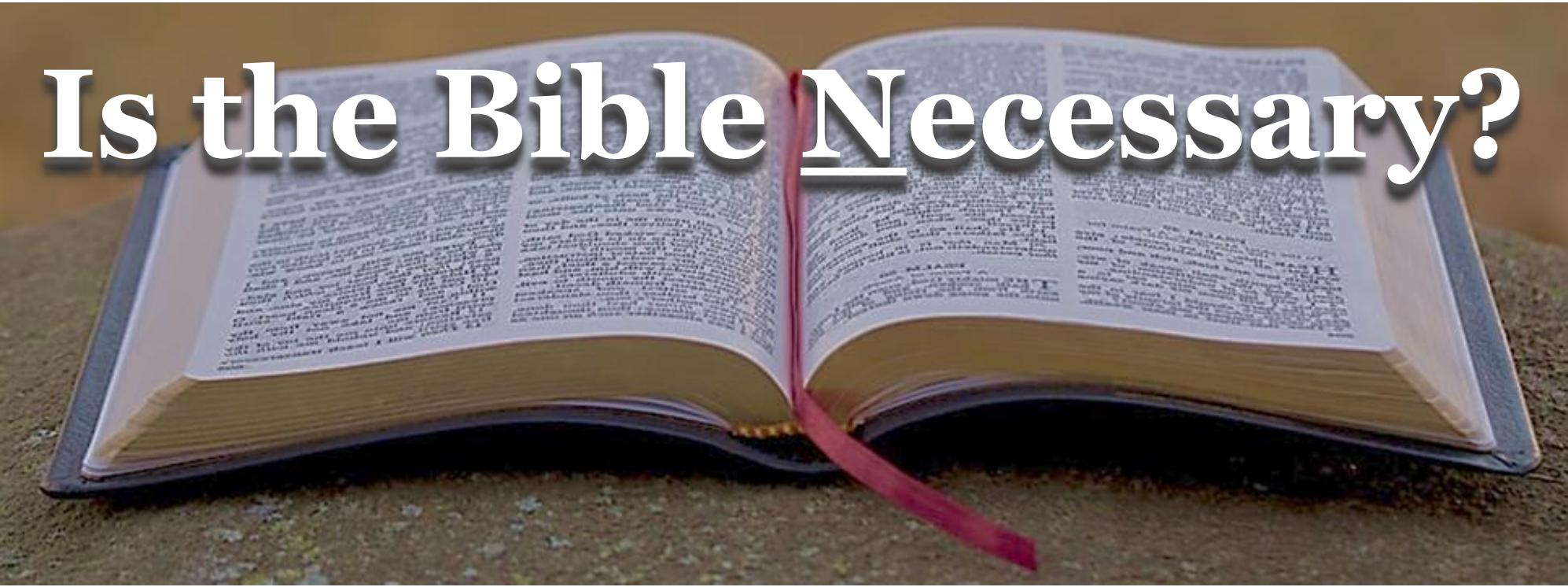
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Necessary for a relationship with God

Know God's Word to know God to know God's Word

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Necessary for protection

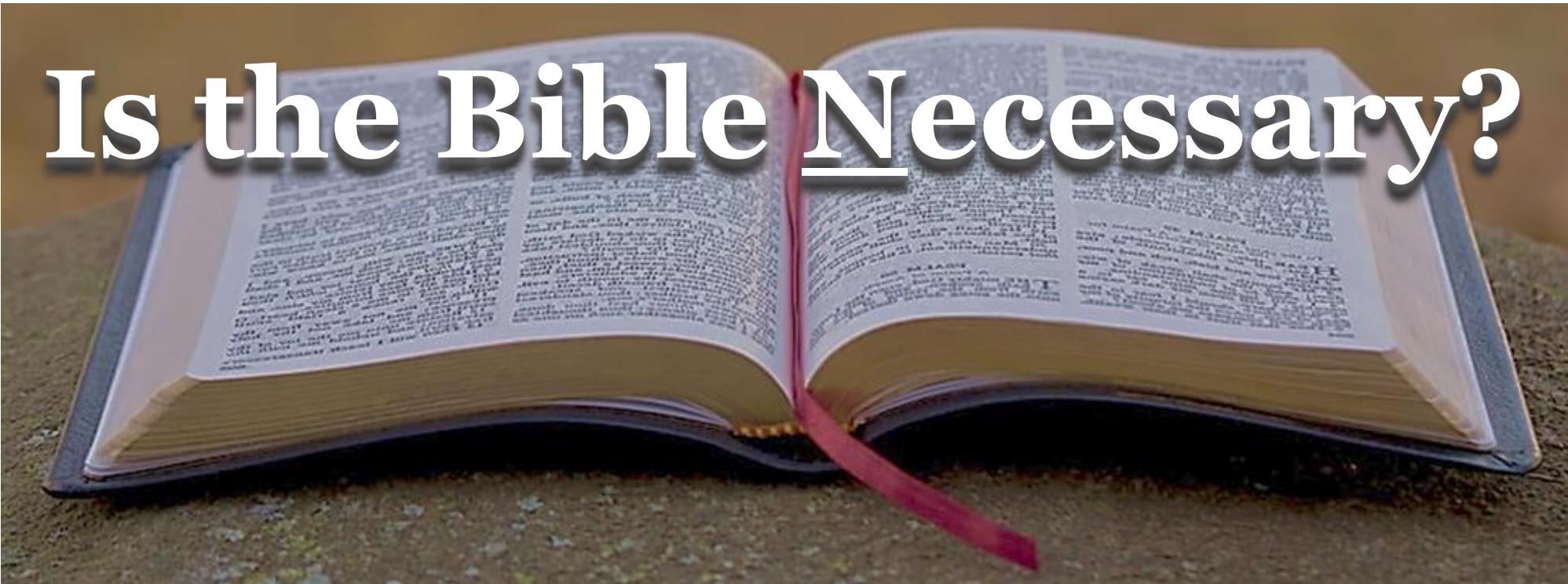
Take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God

Ephesians 6:17

I have hidden your Word in my heart
that I might not sin against you

Psalm 119:11

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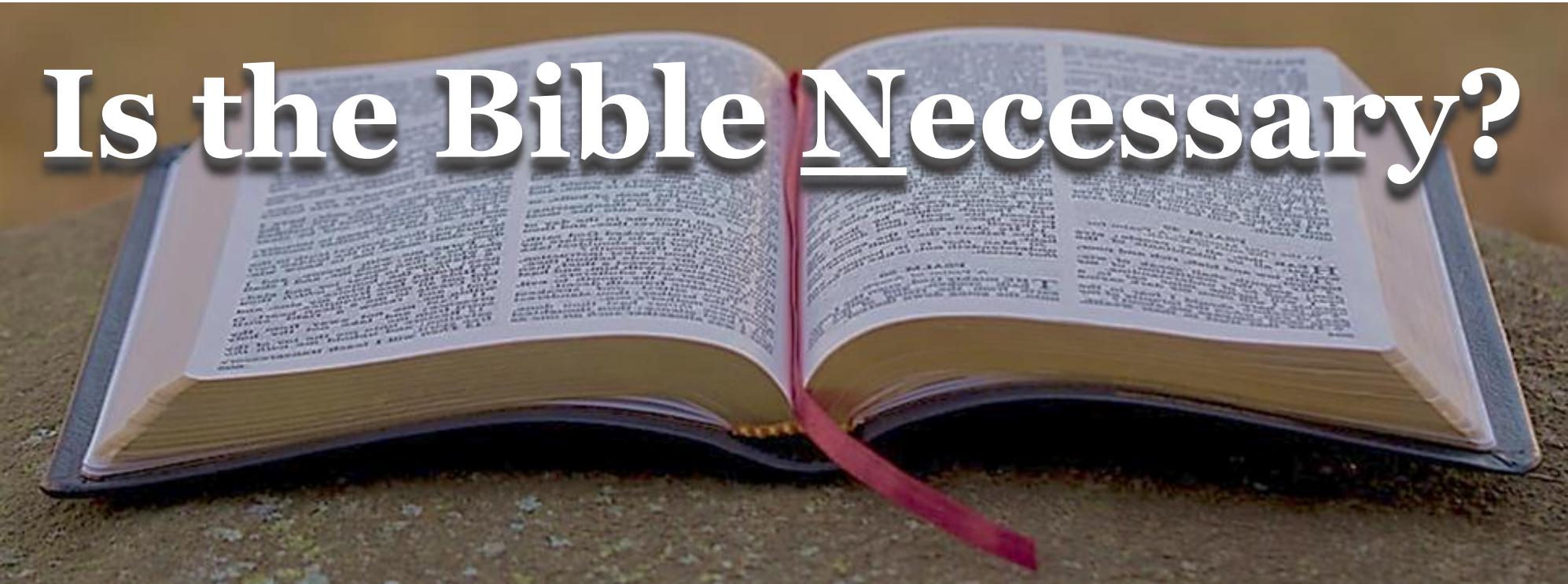


Necessary food for growth, discernment

But solid food is for the mature,
who by constant use have trained themselves
to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:11-14

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Necessary to sustain us

The Son is the radiance of God's glory
and the exact representation of his being,
sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:3 (Colossians 1:17)

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Jerome – Latin Vulgate ~400AD

John Wycliffe – 1328-1384

“No man is to be credited for his mere authority’s sake, unless he can show Scripture for the maintenance of his opinion.”

John Wycliffe – 1300's

“It is certain that the truth of the Christian faith becomes more evident the more the faith itself is known. Therefore, the doctrine should not only be in Latin but also in the common tongue, and as the faith of the Church is contained in the Scriptures, the more these are known in the true sense, the better.”

Translated Bible from Vulgate (Latin) into English

1428- excommunicated, remains exhumed, burned

Jan Hus – 1400's

People should obey the Church only
when the Church agrees with the Bible

Johannes Gutenberg – 1453

the printing press

A Bible in every hand?

William Tyndale – 1525

Translated NT from Greek into English &
published (1st from printing press)
- burned at the stake 1536

Council of Trent – 1545

Indulgences, Latin, faith & works,
and our (HRCC) own Bible

King James Bible - 1611

NIV Translation Process

- Original texts
 - transdenominational
- international members
 - independent teams
- Biblical scholars/linguists
 - multiple critiques/reviews
- noted differences/discrepancies
 - accuracy and readability

Literal (word for word) vs functional (readability)

John 3:16 (Interlinear (NA27))

John 3:16

16	Οὗτως	γὰρ	ἠγάπησεν	ό	θεὸς	τὸν	κόσμον,	ώστε	τὸν	υἱὸν	τὸν	μονογενῆ	ἔδωκεν,	ίνα
	so	For	loved	ó	God	the	world,	that	the	Son,	his	only begotten	he gave	that
	3779	1063	25	3588	2316	3588	2889	5620	3588	5207	3588	3439	1325	2443
	Ōhútōs	gár	ēgápēsen	ho	theós	tón	kósmon,	hóstē	tón	huión	tón	monogenē	édōken,	hína
	πᾶς	ό	πιστεύων	εἰς	αὐτὸν	μὴ	ἀπόληται	ἄλλ'	ἔχῃ	ζωὴν	αἰώνιον.			
	whosoever		believeth	in	him	not	should perish,	but	have	life.	everlasting			
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	pás	ho	pisteúon	eis	autón	mé	apólētai	all'	échē	zōén	aiōnion.			

for God did so love the world, that His Son — the only begotten — He gave,
that every one who is believing in him may not perish,
but may have life age-during.
(Young's Literal Translation - 1862)

For God so loveth the worlde that he hath geven his only sonne
that none that believe in him shuld perisshe: but shuld have everlastinge lyfe.

Tyndale c.1530

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. KJV

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. NKJV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. NV

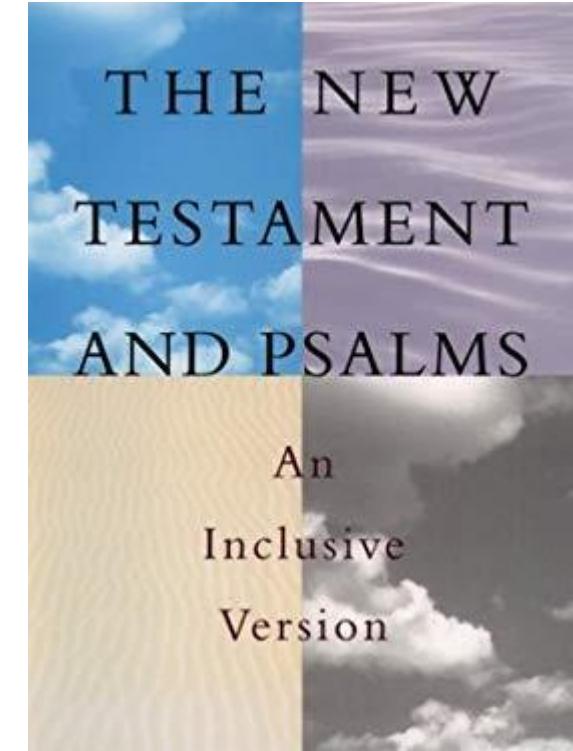
For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. TEV

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son
so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. NCV

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his unique Son
so that everyone who believes in him might not be lost but have eternal life. ISV

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son.
And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed;
by believing in him anyone can have a whole and lasting life. Message

“For God so loved the world
that God gave God’s only Child,
so that everyone who believes
in that Child may not perish
but may have eternal life.”



The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version

Very truly, I tell you, the Child can do nothing alone, but only what the Child sees the Father-Mother doing; for whatever that one does, the Child does likewise.

The Father-Mother loves the Child and shows the Child all that the Father-Mother is doing ...

John 5:19-20a

Queen James Bible - 2012

The editors of the ‘Gay Bible’ have stated the following:

"Most English Bible translations that actively condemn homosexuality have based themselves on the King James Version and have erroneously adapted its words to support their own agenda.

We wanted to return to the clean source and start there."



It says on page one of the QJV:

"The Queen James Bible is based on The King James Bible, edited to prevent homophobic misinterpretation."

Queen James Bible - 2012

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind:
it is abomination" (Leviticus 18:22, KJV).

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind ***in the temple of Molech;***
it is an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22, QJV, emphasis added).

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?
Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers
nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders (1 Cor 6:9, NIV).

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?
Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers,
nor ***morally weak, nor promiscuous***" (1 Cor 6:9, QJV, emphasis added).

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The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe

It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior

Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin

Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation

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