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Historical Evidence

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Scientific Accuracy

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around the world, people thought the world was flat! Two thousand years before Columbus, the Bible stated that the world was round.

The Bible speaks of specific design in the creation. There are scientists that acknowledge that there are at least 40 qualities of the universe that must be within certain measurements or life could not exist on earth (Austin American Statesman, October 19, 1997).

For at least 98 other examples, review Ray Comfort's book "Scientific Facts in the Bible."

Manuscript Evidence

Manuscript evidence assures us that what you read today is the same as what the author wrote. The New Testament has over 24,000 documents, partial or whole, which are dated from 100 to 300 years after the original writings. Other literature does not compare. For example, Plato, 7 copies with a 1,200 year gap, Tacitus, 20 copies with a 1,000 year gap, and Caesar, 10 copies with a 1,000 year gap (FaithFacts.org).

Archeological Evidence

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They realized the accuracy of the Scriptures so they began to reverse the process. Archeologists would read the Bible, figure out where a place should be which was described in various passages, determine where to dig and start sampling. More often than not, they would find what they were looking for.

Prophetic Accuracy

Lastly, the evidence for accurate prophecies in the Bible abound. Just the number of prophecies concerning Jesus and His first coming number over 300! So, what is prophecy? The most common sense of the word prophecy is the foretelling of a future event. Some prophecies are very blatant while others are somewhat cryptic and others fall between the two.

It Will Stand

The Bible is a unique book that will stand on

it's own. It has stood the test of time and will continue to do so. We can trust what it says is true.

Finally

Whether you believe in God or not, you will stand before God and be judged because God is righteous and cannot let anything unholy enter His kingdom. God's standard is the Ten Commandments. Have you ever lied, stolen anything (even a penny), used God's name in a way other than to honor Him? God sees you as a liar, a blasphemer and a thief.

God is a perfect judge and will judge perfectly. You will be accountable for all you have done in your life. You will either gain entrance to heaven to be with Him, or be sentenced to judgment for the rest of eternity.

What do you need to do? If you do not care and are willing to be responsible for all your sins against God, you do not have to do anything. Keep living your life as you please. If you want something better, keep reading.

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God Does Care

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If you want the shed blood of Christ who suffered and died on the cross to pay for your sins, you need to repent, change your mind about who Jesus Christ is. He is God, but, is He your God?

A New Creation

With repentance, you become a new creation! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things become new." (2 Cor. 5:17)

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Personal Bible Study. Get a Bible, study it and obey what you read. I prefer the New King James Version. It is an easier to read version than the King James Version. Pick a book within the Bible like Romans, John, or Revelation and study it. Listen to what God has to say to you!

Prayer. As Bible study is listening to God speak to you, prayer is you talking to God. Spend time thanking God for what He has done, time praying His will to be done in your life, for others and their needs, then for your own needs.

Fellowship. Find a church that takes the Bible serious, studying verse by verse, chapter by chapter, book by book. This may take some time. You may need to find a small group that does this if a local church does not.

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How can one be assured that he is saved, going to Heaven? Look up the following verses. Periodically test yourself and see if your life lines up with them, if you are in Him (Galatians).

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