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How can we know the Bible is Real?

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# **AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY'S STATE OF THE BIBLE 2014**

**POWERED BY BARNA GROUP**

**What do Americans believe about the Bible? What role does it play in their lives?**

**On behalf of American Bible Society, the Barna Group studied the beliefs  
and behaviors of U.S. adults. Here are the findings.**

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## BIBLE LOVERS AND SKEPTICS



**19%**  
**ENGAGED\***

**19%**  
**SKEPTICS†**

\*Bible engaged are those who:  
1. Believe the Bible is the actual or inspired Word of God with no factual errors, or believe the Bible is the inspired word of God with some factual errors; and  
2. Read the Bible daily or at least four times per week.

†Bible skeptics are those who selected the most negative or non-sacred view of the Bible from five options, saying they believe the Bible is just another book of teachings written by men, containing stories and advice.

**BIBLE OWNERSHIP REMAINS STRONG,  
BUT READERSHIP REMAINS WEAK.**



**88%**  
of households own  
a Bible.



**4.7**  
Average number of Bibles  
per household



**37%**  
of Americans read  
it once a week or more.

**MILLENNIALS\* ARE  
LEADING THE SHIFT  
TOWARD SKEPTICISM**

\*Ages 18-29

**WHILE 50% OF ALL ADULTS  
BELIEVE THE BIBLE HAS TOO  
LITTLE INFLUENCE IN SOCIETY,  
ONLY 30% OF MILLENNIALS\*  
BELIEVE THIS. \*Ages 18-29**

19% OF MILLENNIALS BELIEVE  
NO LITERATURE IS SACRED

13% OF ALL ADULTS BELIEVE  
NO LITERATURE IS SACRED

**“THE BIBLE CONTAINS EVERYTHING  
A PERSON NEEDS TO KNOW TO LIVE  
A MEANINGFUL LIFE.”**

**35%** OF MILLENNIALS  
AGREE

**50%** OF ALL ADULTS  
AGREE



## **NON-READERS**

**39%** OF MILLENNIALS  
NEVER READ THE BIBLE

**26%** OF ALL AMERICAN ADULTS  
NEVER READ THE BIBLE

# LOGOS 315

# Biblical Evidence

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

**“Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.”**

**John Adams**

**M**ANUSCRIPTS

**A**RCHAEOLOGY

**P**ROPHECY

**S**TATISTICS

# MANUSCRIPTS

**I Love Car**

**I Love Card**

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# MANUSCRIPTS

Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	Number of Copies	Accuracy of Copies
<b>Plato</b>	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	7	----
<b>Caesar</b>	100-44 B.C.	900 A. D.	1000	10	----
<b>Aristotle</b>	384-322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1400	49	----
<b>Homer (Iliad)</b>	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
<b>New Testament</b>	1st Cent. A.D. (A.D. 50-100)	2nd Cent. A.D. (c. A.D. 130 f.)	less than 100 years	5600	99.5%

# Archaeology

Genesis 14:8-9

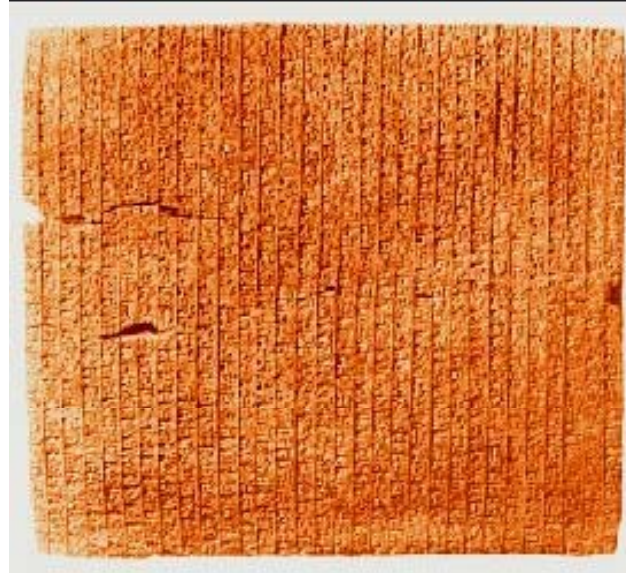
- 5 Cities of the plains
- 1974 The Elba Tablets proved their existence



The archive of the Ebla tablets



# Archaeology



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Many places in the Bible

- Israelites in Egypt
- Merneptah Stele
- 1896 Proof that the Egyptians knew of the Israelites



# Archaeology

## Joshua 1:1-4

- Hittites mentioned
- Believed to have never existed
- 1906 Hugo Winckler found proof in Turkey



# Prophecy

Over 2000 fulfilled prophecies

- Over 300 are Messianic

Daniel 2 – Daniel tells about the next 4 kingdoms

- Babylon
- Medo-Persian
- Greek
- Roman

# Prophecy

## Isaiah 44

- Isaiah wrote between 740 and 690 BC
- Tells of King Cyrus
- Cyrus lived in 536 BC

# Prophecy

Ezekiel 44:1-2

- Tells of the East gate being closed
- 1543 the gate is sealed up...still sealed today



# Statistics

Daniel's prophecy about 483 years from Jerusalem  
restored to Messiah Ministry

Statistical Probability

1 in  $10^5$

100,000

# Statistics

Zechariah 11 tells of the 30 pieces of Silver

Statistical Probability

1 in  $10^{11}$

**100,000,000,000**



# Statistics

David and Zechariah described crucifixion on the  
cross

Statistical Probability

1 in  $10^{13}$

10,000,000,000,000

# Statistics

Only 8 Messianic Prophecies fulfilled by Jesus Christ

Statistical Probability

1 in  $10^{17}$

100,000,000,000,000,000