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Is the Bible Authentic? Part 1: Old Testament Authenticity

- I. The ATTACK of "Higher Criticism"
 - A. Assumes EVOLUTIONARY development of LANGUAGE and CULTURE
 - B. Assumes a NATURALISTIC universe
- II. The Old Testament CANON
 - A. ATTESTED by the Apocrypha
 - B. ILLUMINATED by the "Dead Sea Scrolls"
 - C. DISCUSSED by the Synod of Jamnia/Jabneh
 - D. SUPPORTED by the New Testament
 - E. CONFIRMED in the early lists
- III. The RELIBILITY of the Text
 - A. DEMONSTRATED by comparing the HEBREW Masoretic text with the DEAD SEA SCROLLS
 - B. CONFIRMED by comparison with the GREEK Septuagint, the LATIN Vulgate, and the SYRIAC version

- 1. No VARIATION changes any DOCTRINE or EVENT
- 2. No other ancient text can COMPARE
- IV. The ACCURACY of Its History and Geography
 - A. No discovery has DISPROVED a single biblical reference
 - B. Much has been proved in EXACT DETAIL
 - C. Treating the Bible as accurate has led to many DISCOVERIES
- V. The TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ and the NT
 - A. Treats the OT as HISTORICALLY AUTHENTIC
 - B. Treats the OT as DIVINELY INSPIRED