

IS THE BIBLE HISTORICALLY ACCURATE?  
PART 1: OLD TESTAMENT ACCURACY

- I. Selected Archeological Evidence Supporting the Old Testament
  - A. The “Black Stele” proves MOSES could have written the LAW
  - B. Hundreds of references prove the HITTITE civilization
  - C. Excavations confirm details of DAVID’S conquest of JERUSALEM (cf. 2 Sam. 5:8)
  - D. Babylonian records prove the authenticity of DANIEL
  - E. The Mari Tablets confirm details of ABRAHAM’S life
  - F. The Nuzi Tablets confirm SOCIAL customs in the era of the PATRIARCHS
    - 1. Explains Laban’s distress over the loss of his IMAGES
    - 2. Explains Jacob’s offer to EXECUTE anyone found with the images
    - 3. Shows that a BRIDE was ordinarily chosen for a SON by his FATHER
    - 4. Shows that a man had to pay a DOWRY to his father-in-law or to WORK for him if he could not afford the dowry
    - 5. Shows that a bride usually received from her father a SLAVE GIRL as a personal maid when she MARRIED
  - G. Excavation has indicated STRONG DOORS in the era of Sodom
  - H. Excavation proves early CITIES in the JORDAN VALLEY

- I. An EGYPTIAN document from 1000 BC refers to “the Field of ABRAM”
  - J. Findings confirm details supporting the historicity of JOSEPH
    - 1. Being sold as a slave for 20 SHEKELS
    - 2. Visiting EGYPT for FAMINE relief
    - 3. Being PROMOTED to HIGH RANK
    - 4. Being EMBALMED and buried in a TOMB
  - K. The Cyrus Cylinder confirms his practice of allowing captive peoples to go HOME and to rebuild their TEMPLES
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- II. The Dead Sea Scrolls Support the Old Testament
    - A. They are over 1100 years older than the oldest complete copy previously known
    - B. They show NO evidence of REVISION and have remarkably FEW instances of SCRIBAL ERRORS