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I. 2 Reasons Which Prove the Bible To Be Of Divine Origin



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Gen. 12:3; 49:10 (2000 BC)

Mic. 5:2 (700 BC)

Jn. 1:29; 3:16; 20:30-31 (1 AD)

AND...



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Priests, herdsman, kings, fishermen, doctor

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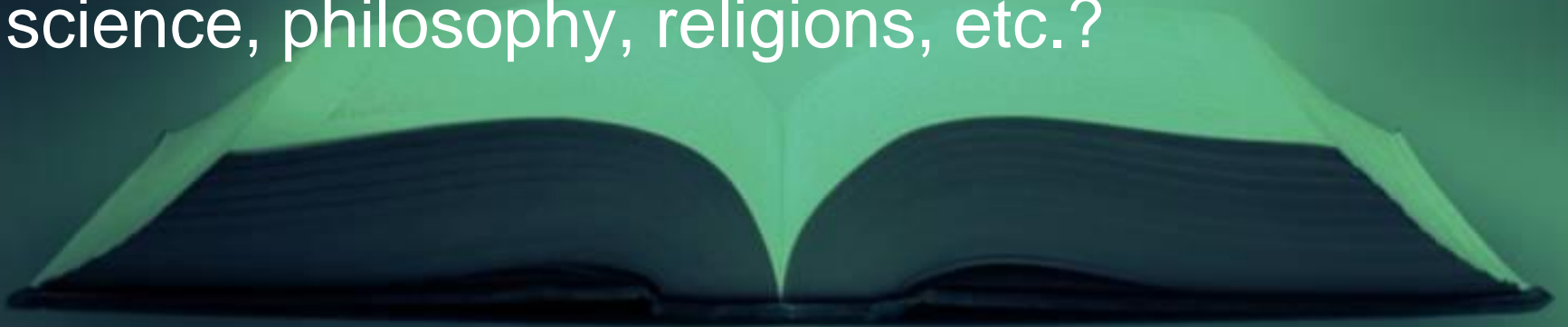
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Bible's Unparalleled Unity

Science has not done it--

“In 1995, an image from the Hubble Space Telescope suggested that star formation had reached a crescendo at roughly seven thousand million years ago. Recently, however, astronomers have thought again.” <http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0303/01stars/>

Human philosophy has not done it.

Man-made religion has not done it.

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2. Prophecy

A. Daniel 2:37-45

- * “You” Babylon

- * “Another Kingdom” 5:30-31; 6:8 =
Mede/Persia

- * “Then another” 8:5-6, 20-21 = Greece

- * “The fourth” = (Rome)

- “in the days of these kings shall the God of
heaven set up a kingdom” v44

- “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” Mt. 4:17

2. Prophecy

A. Daniel 2

B. Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."

* Marriage of Boaz – Ruth Ruth 4:11

* Home of David 1 Sam. 16:4; 17:12

* Birthplace of Jesus Mt. 2:1

3. How Men View The Bible

A. It is mythical Is. 41:21-23

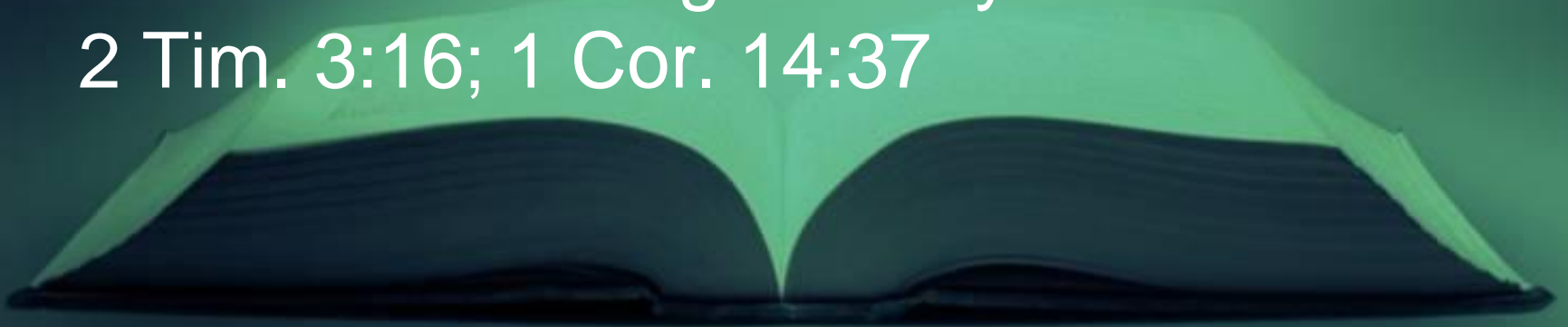


False Religions Exist

- Shinto: “That lady, the resplendent Sun Goddess, was born out of the left eye of the august Father creator, and her brother, the powerful Storm God, was born out of his nostrils.”
- Scientology: Scientology proposes a “technological” solution to human problems... past negative experiences... may be purged ultimately only by the skill of an “auditor,” who employs an “E-meter” (electro-psycho-meter)...

3. How Men View The Bible

- A. It is mythical
- B. Its authors were liars
- C. Its authors were deceived
- D. Its authors were mistaken
- E. Its authors were guided by God
2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:37



4. Is It Understandable?

A. Often asked by those who:

- * have not read it.
- * have read it and been confused.

B. May be understood by:

- * following rules of language
- * careful thought Gen. 2:15-17; Deut. 6:1;
Eph. 3:3-4



5. Is It Reliable?

A. Historically correct

“Over thirty names (emperors, high priests, Roman governors, princes, etc.) are mentioned in the New Testament, and all but a handful have been verified. In every way the Bible accounts have been found accurate (though vigorously challenged). . . (1993, p. 129).” <http://www.apologeticspress.org/articles/2222>



DEDICATORY INSCRIPTION

“(פו)נטיוס פילטוס, נציב יודיאה, (הקים)
את (המבנה המקודש) ל(קיסר) טיבריוס”.

העתק. הכתובת המקורית נחשפה במהלך החפירות בתיאטרון, כשהיתה
בשימוש משני.
האבן המקורית מוצגת במוזיאון ישראל, ירושלים.

“(Po)ntius Pilatus, the prefect of
Judaea, (erected) a (building dedicated)
to (the emperor) Tiberius”.

Replica. The original inscription, found in secondary
use during the excavations of the theater, is on display
at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

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*Minted by Antonius Felix, Roman
Procurator of Judaea. 52 - 60 A.D.*

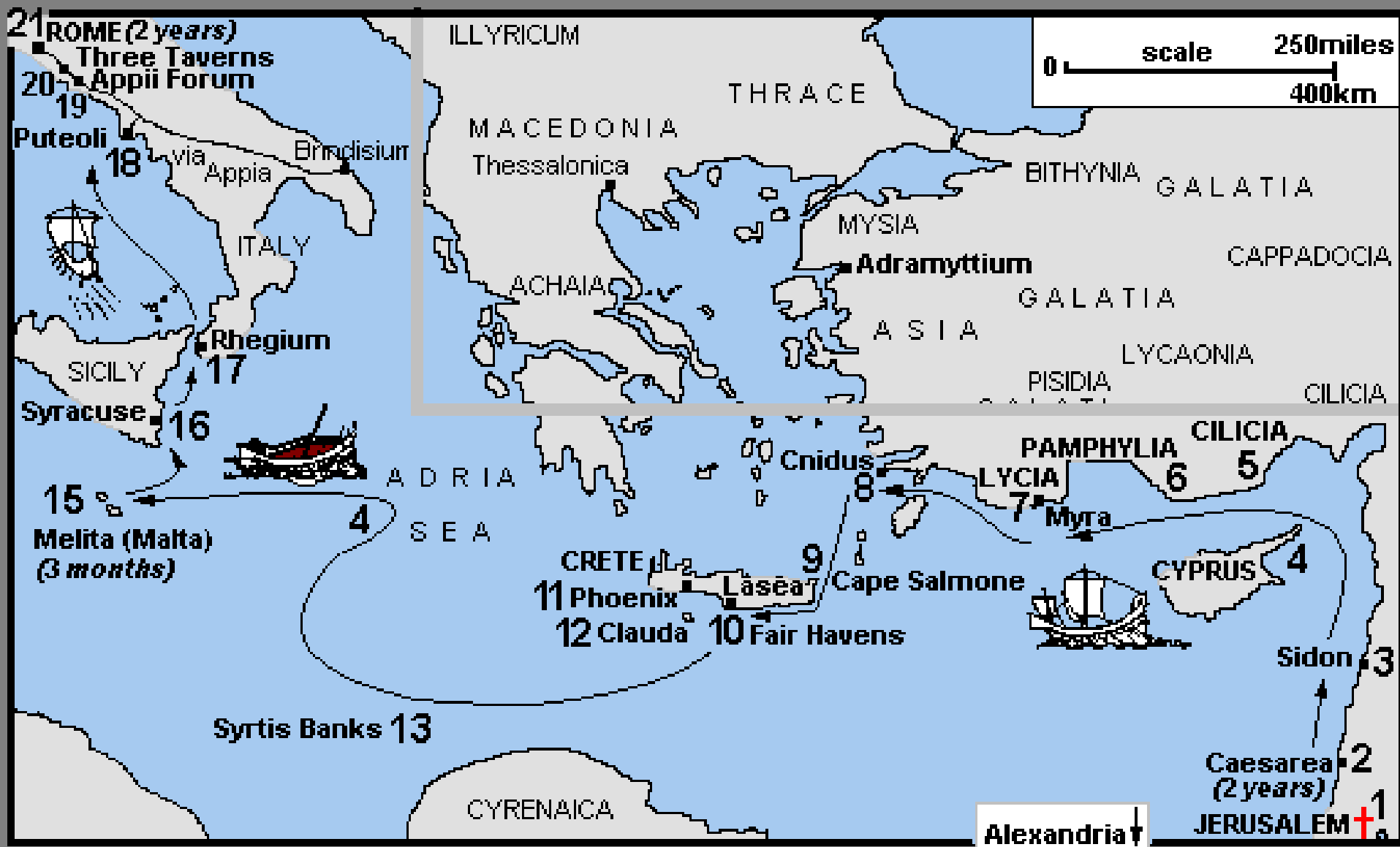


*...and provide mounts to set Paul on, and
bring him safely to Felix the governor...
when Felix came with his wife Drusilla,
who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and
heard him concerning the faith in Christ.
(Acts 23:24; 24:24)*

5. Is It Reliable?

B. Geographically correct

“In no single case does the Bible let us down in geographical accuracy. Without one mistake, the Bible lists around forty-five countries. Each is accurately placed and named. About the same number of cities are named and not one mistake can be listed. Further, about thirty-six towns are mentioned, and most have been identified. Wherever accuracy can be checked, minute detail has been found correct—every time! (1993, p. 129).”



Acts 27

www.ccel.org/bible/phillips/CN250ACTSPaultoRome.htm

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C. Scientifically correct Gen. 17:12

“But why day eight? In humans, blood clotting is dependent upon three factors: (a) platelets; (b) vitamin K; and (c) prothrombin. . . On the eighth day, the amount of prothrombin present **actually is elevated above 100 percent of normal.** In fact, day eight is the only day in the male’s life in which this will be the case under normal conditions.” <http://www.apologeticspress.com/articles/2467>

- Also, Gen. 9:4; Job 26:7

5. Is It Reliable?

D. Internally consistent (see Unparalleled unity)



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E. Morally & doctrinally sound

“The attempts to found a morality apart from religion are like the attempts of children who, wishing to transplant a flower that pleases them, pluck it from the roots that seem to them unpleasing and superfluous, and stick it rootless into the ground. Without religion there can be no real, sincere morality, just as without roots there can be no real flower (1964, pp. 31-32).”

<http://www.apologeticspress.org/rr/reprints/Foundations-of-Morality.pdf> {Tolstoy, Leo (1964), “Religion and Morality,” *Selected Essays*, trans. Aylmer Maude (New York: Random House).}

What Other Book Is:

Historically, Geographically, Scientifically,
Internally, & Morally consistent and correct?
Could man accomplish such if he tried?



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Have you obeyed it?

**“the word that I have spoken
will judge him in the last day”**

Jn. 12:48

