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What if the Bible Is Not True
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Good afternoon, everyone. It's good to be here again in Kawartha Lakes,

Lindsay, whatever.

I'm going to try to sow some seeds of doubt in your minds for a short time,

just to test you,

which means I'm going to come with some information that may have you thinking.

Exercise the brain.

What if the Bible is not true?

And that's the title of the sermon today.

What if the Bible you have before you is just fiction,

just a group of men coming together to write history or to write a story that has no bearing on

what all of us aspire to, and that is eternal life. And it's a reasonable question.

And this question has been posed for ages, and the debate still happens.

on.

Because the Holy Bible forms the basis of our belief system.

We do not aspire or use another text to guide us. Everything is in the Old and the New Testaments.

Because what we believe is that the Bible or the writings in the Bible are going to do two things

for humanity.

It provides advice.

on whether we're going to be condemned and die and remain dead or we're going to be freed forever

and enter a new phase of life called eternal life.

The Holy Bible, a little background, is composed of at least 40 writers across a geographical area,

including shepherds and kings and priests and scholars and fishermen and prophets.

And that spans over a period of 1500 years.

And it has been described as God's instruction manual.

It's like you buy a car and you get a manual. God's instruction manual for humanity,

how to live our lives, and also what the future holds for us.

It gives us also an idea. How we came here.

And it even goes to the extent of telling us why we're here. The purpose of humanity on this small

speck in the universe known as planet Earth. And when you think of the billions of galaxies over in

the universe, well, even, or I was just, last week I was just going to,

as I do sometimes, go to the NASA. website and just look at this new telescope that is out there

sending back some awesome pictures. If you have some time, just go there and look. And it goes way

back into, before, well, when you talk about time,

time is a subject I'm fascinated with too, but that's another thing. And I was just reading about

the latest development regarding one of those probes,

those space probes that went some from 1979 and still beaming back some images,

which is beyond the imagination. But I look at that and I realize that planet Earth,

a little speck in this vast universe where life exists,

and as far as we know, Life in a human form doesn't exist anywhere else but this little speck

called Earth. We realize and we probably can see why a carnal mind would be against what we believe

that there's a designer behind it. I said a carnal mind, not a converted mind, a carnal mind.

Because even the scientists are at odds with the Bible. Although there are a group of them calling

themselves Christian scientists, which have a little slight variation. So we can agree that the

humans who wrote the Bible,

they wrote it as we are told in the scriptures, according to instruction from this entity or being,

this intelligent personality known as the Elohim or God.

Or in our case, Yahweh.

So we take it on faith. That's what we do. That God inspired these men to write.

That's what we have to do. We have to take it on faith. We read the Bible, but who says these men

wrote it?

How can we prove that these men wrote it? That they were inspired.

That God's word is God-breathed, as we are told in the New Testament. What if,

though, brethren, all of this is false? Because if the Bible is not true,

I think we can all go home right now,

unless we're having a little social club here, a little gathering where we just talk.

If the Bible is not true,

why are we here?

All right.

If the humanist view of the Bible is correct,

then millions of us are wasting our time. Thousands of us are wasting our time.

Are you aware,

and I'm going to give you a few inconsistencies, a few perceived inconsistencies in the Bible that

are real.

Are you aware that the creation accounts in Genesis describe the earth and the cosmos in ways that

contradict modern cosmology?

If you look at the subject close, you can see that. And also evolutionary biology.

So oftentimes we dismiss evolution as nonsense.

It's a theory, but the adherence of that theory, they have strong beliefs and strong reasons why

they do that.

Evolutionary biology establishes that the Earth is approximately 4.5 billion years,

although that varies. Sometimes it goes up even up to 14 billion. And that the first life that was

placed on the earth began about 3.8 billion years ago. But a literal interpretation...

Genesis, if we follow the genealogy concept, places the earth of just over 6,000 years.

So you have a theory called young earth, where some people, and some of you here might believe that

too, that the earth is 6,000 years old. But match that with science,

it's way out.

Way out.

Are you aware that Genesis 1 and Genesis 2 describe different timelines for the creation of man and

woman.

Some traditions reconcile that by viewing chapter 2 as a detailed zooming on the events of day 6

from chapter 1, there are still divergent sequences when read literally.

Let me give you an example.

In Genesis 1, the timeline, and this is a cosmological overview, the order of creation.

Genesis 1. Light and day into night, the first day one,

light and day created. Number two, sky and waters, day two.

Land and vegetation and plants, day three. The sun, moon, and stars,

day four. Sea creatures and birds, day five. Land animals,

followed simultaneously by man and woman, created together in the image of God on day six.

But the timeline in day two, and this is from the anthropological focus in the order of creation,

in a dry barren land, the man Adam is formed first from the dust of the ground.

The garden of Eden is planted. Animals and birds are formed and brought to the man to be named.

And the woman, Eve, is later created from man's side I know in the bible it says rib but it's a

mistranslation it's really the side when you look at the Hebrew it's not a rib that god took out

and formed a woman it's a side a part of the side here I've looked at that and I realized that

that's one of the renderings of a rib is really erroneous but that's just one scenario are

you aware that the ancient Egyptian and archaeological records have no evidence right the

archaeological records and the Egyptian historical records have no evidence about the exodus in

other words Israel being taken out of Egypt that was a big story in our time that's crucial because

Israel was taken out of bondage and you know the implications of that even for Christianity today

Archaeological excavations in the Sinai Peninsula have yielded no evidence whatsoever of massive

encampments or migration of millions of people over a desert of a period of 40 years when they

wandered in the desert.

Are you also aware that the flood of Noah, of Noah's time,

doesn't fit at all, and oftentimes you hear commentaries on this, into modern geological

expectations and for example there's simply not enough water on earth even if all atmospheric vapor

and ice caps melted there's just not enough water to cover the entire globe and high mountains

that's a probability you look at it but that's what the evidence from their perspective show also

submerging the earth into salt water for a year would destroy all plant life and disrupt salinity,

balance, making survival and ecosystems afterward impossible. So in other words,

if there was a worldwide deluge where salt water covered the whole earth, as we are told that the

whole earth was underwater, if that happened for a year, that everything would be destroyed.

That's what... science says,

there are also, there are lots of other stuff that I could go through now, but I'm really going to

label, but I'll just glance on a few here when it comes to the New Testament. Are

you aware that there is no, the Romans have developed, or the Romans developed a very sophisticated

system of recording births, the birth of a human being. That's where we got it from.

A lot of things we got from Rome. No wonder in Revelation 19 we are told about this Babylonian

system that is going to fall. A lot of what we have in terms of politics, history,

geography, business, all of that are patterned off the Roman system.

Even the roads that you see you driving here. Rome developed a system called Pax Romana.

which opened trade routes. They built roads all over the province, all over the country. So a lot

of those patterns we still inherit and we still use them today. And the Romans had a very,

very sophisticated and chronological system of recording birth.

There's not a shred of evidence of the birth of someone called Yeshua Mashiach,

Jesus the Christ. No birth records. Therefore,

no birth, no record of a crucifixion of anyone called or who was supposed to be a very prominent

figure in his day, Jesus the Christ. Nothing like that is in their records.

I could go on and on and on with all of this. And I'm not sure if some of you are wondering what's

going on here.

Because sometimes you have to have a strong... heart or mind to face some of these so-called

realities that are out there when it comes to the Bible.

Someone asked me recently, what if God dealt or had another book that he gave to another set of

people other than the Bible? What proof I have that that hasn't happened? I said none because I

don't have any, right? I don't have any proof. The Bible is the only

material or manual that we have to guide us into eternal life.

There is ongoing debate of whether in fact there was a historical Jesus,

whether he walked the earth, whether he came.

There's no historian alive at the time of Jesus who wrote about his death or his birth.

fact a real person. All of them that wrote about Jesus being a real person was out of the time of

when he existed. In other words, Jesus ascended and gone back to the Father's throne.

That is when they started to write. But none were alive during the time when he was alive.

Understand that, Sandy?

There is no historian. In other words, historians write. We have historians who usually write after

the fact. There are a lot of historians like Josephus, who was the most prominent one. He lived at

the end of the first century, up to the end of the first century. I think he was born somewhere

around there. I stand to be corrected, but he existed at some point in the first century. He wrote

about Christ, and very, very clear terms that Christ was in fact born.

But he was not alive when Christ was born.

There's another prominent historian, Philo. Well-respected historian as well.

I think he mentioned something about Christ, but he was not alive when Christ was born or when

Christ lived. What are we to make of these glaring or seemingly logical conclusions by people out

there who are not Christians?

Skeptics points to hundreds of passages. that seemingly contradict one another the example of

Jesus’s resurrection his genealogy the timeline of his ministry featuring varying details sequences

and so on and that I’ve looked at some of them and yeah they were on the surface they would seem to

be quite plausible the biblical texts that we have they were written anonymously Look in your Bible

right now in the New Testament and some of them may tell you the gospel according to. You know why

it says that?

Because they cannot attribute it to one they don't know as a fact that this was written by Matthew.

So they say according to. Just like when you hear the news item on the air and they're quoting

somebody or they have a source that they can't call the name, they say according to so and so.

That's the terminology used in writing.

That's the reason. Because The authors to skeptics,

they remain anonymous. And there are a lot of them, and the events compile over a period of time.

And initially, these stories were passed down orally, by mouth, word of mouth.

And that raised question about how much some of these stories change.

Because if you give five people out there... Five different stories, or I'm speaking now, and I

guarantee you, if some of you are taking notes, you won't have 100% similarity in what I'm saying

right now.

Because we interpret it differently. That's a human expectation. Not everybody's going to get it

accurate. So you can imagine these hundreds of writers, when they heard something and they write it

down, it comes out different.

So many people have rejected, and some of you may know some of them,

They have rejected the Bible as divine guide because it

contains passages that

condone violence.

It's true.

Yahweh told Israel, when you go into the land of Canaan, wipe out every single person in their

elderly, babies, pregnant, everybody, wipe them out.

It's in your Bible. Is that violence? Of course.

Of

course it's violence.

Genocide. That's what they would call it nowadays. Genocide.

The Bible, they say, seemingly supports slavery.

The subjugation of women, which conflict with modern ethical frameworks,

of course, modern political correctness, and so on. So the Bible is very...

Interesting book, let me just put it that way. And it's our guide to lead us out of this miserable

society into an era of utopia,

the ideal atmosphere for us to live in peace, in joy,

without sorrow, without pain.

That's what we aspire for. So I'm just going to go briefly to allay your fears of where I'm going.

Just going to give you a few examples. of how we deal with situations like this. So first,

I have said before, we take it on faith that the Bible is what it purports to be.

It boils down to our faith.

Any of you here ever met the Apostle Paul,

Matthew, Moses? No.

So we believe, but we believe that they existed.

Any of you here ever met the Prophet Muhammad?

Did he exist? I believe he did, but I believe he was false.

And what proof I have? So I use the Bible as a basis for that.

Now, in Genesis 1, if we go back here, Genesis 1 and 2, where we have the claim that there are two

separate traditions, many biblical scholars view these as two distinct creation stories written by

different authors from different eras, different time periods.

And in theology, they refer to these as the priestly and the Yahweh's accounts.

As I said earlier, when you have two authors writing things, they come across differently.

Just styles and so on may give a different accounts. But the fundamental principle is there.

Man and woman were created,

right? If you are inquisitive and you want to dig a little further, then you can do that.

But the principle lies and the reality is man and woman were created.

And so many theologians and apologists as well argue that there's no contradiction interpreting

Genesis 1 as a broad chronological outline of Genesis 2. So Genesis 1 is not giving a chronology of

2. But it's focused on a close-up on the creation of human life.

And the Garden of Eden and what transpired in there. So in other words,

while some traditions reconcile these by viewing chapter 2 as a detailed zooming on events of day

6. And from chapter 1, chapter 1 didn't do that, but chapter 2 did that.

In other words, chapter 2 had a little more detail than chapter 1. So what was missing from chapter

1, chapter 2 picked it up. That's how they look at it.

Now,

a literal interpretation of the Genesis genealogies limits the earth.

to 6,000 years. And that's why even in Church of God movement, you hear people talk about they

believe in young earth, which is that the earth is 6,000 years old. That's a whole debate.

I don't want to start opening a can of rooms with that. You can debate among yourselves or one day

deal with that subject. But logically speaking, one could look at fossils out there and see that

they take a lot of time to form the way they do. Even oil that we use in our engines,

which are from that deposits of whatever, that takes a long time to form or to develop.

So there's no way the earth could be 6,000 years old. It's more than that. That's our conclusion.

But the chronological order of creation in Genesis...

it conflicts with the fossil record. So the fossil record may not be entirely accurate in the

timeline they put on it. But for one, we know that the time factor may not be in line with what

Genesis is saying. And there's a popular, or I shouldn't say popular,

but there's a concept in Genesis that's called the gap theory. So when the Bible says,

in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Verse 1.

And then verse 2, and the earth became chaotic without form and void.

So Genesis 1, verse 1 is telling you that in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Point made. But when it goes on to verse 2, that's an entirely different time period.

Because in the beginning, it was created and we know that when god created the earth he says

everything was good but then verse two is telling you about a chaos something was there already we

talk about darkness was on the face of the deep so it went into from verse one to verse two there's

a transition where things went bad in verse two so they call it the gap theory So it seemed to

suggest that between verse 1 and verse 2, there's a whole span of time. It could have been

thousands of years or millions of years. So that's one theory.

So Genesis states that the sun, moon, and stars were created on the fourth day after the earth and

plant life as well. But evolution says the stars and the sun existed billions of years before the

earth. And that plants appeared much later than the first marine life and early celestial bodies.

But Genesis described the independent creation of distinct species, as we know,

by divine command. So the point I want to make in all of this, brethren, and I want you to keep in

mind this terminology, divine command. Because whatever the scientist is looking at,

Whatever evidence is surfacing, they are always looking at it from a humanistic or a physical

perspective. If you erase the presence of divinity in this,

then you're going to end up with doubt. Because we know the Elohim, the Yahweh that we worship,

he speaks things into existence. He doesn't have to mix up a whole little mortar to make a brick.

You can just say it and it's done. So when he says, let there be light,

and some scientists will use the Big Bang Theory to say that God, that's the way he made the light.

You know,

earth, there was a Big Bang and things start creating. But God doesn't have to use a Big Bang.

He can if he wants, but he can speak it into existence. If he says, let there be light,

then for sure there's going to be light. So that's how we have to look at it. Noah's flood,

I've seen meticulous efforts to measure and calculate, like I just read here,

whether the earth had all of this water to cover the whole earth. Listen,

we're not dealing with a human being. We are dealing with someone who has breathed life into you

and give you intellect and understanding because we did not create ourselves. He created us.

He can do anything. He can flood the earth 10 billion times if he wants and dry it up in an

instant. That is who we worship. And that is how we have to look at it.

But the evolutionary biologist is not looking at it like that. He asserts that all organisms share

common ancestry, bringing from single-celled organisms through mechanisms like genetic mutation

and natural selection. I don't need a lot mumbo-jumbo to tell me that the god I worship,

the god who says nothing is impossible for him, he can do anything.

Evolution demonstrates that modern humans, homo sapiens, evolved in Africa over 300,000 years ago

from a common ancestor shared with other primates. In other words,

they say humanity comes from some animal looking like an ape. And you've seen some of those.

And they get the skulls and they look like human beings.

But the question I'm always asking, if we evolve from them, because evolution is a process that

goes on, evolve into something else, how come those animals look the same way? They don't evolve

into something else.

That's the question I'm always asking. But the easiest way to get rid of it is natural selection

and blah, blah, blah.

My take on it is that they look like human beings and they walk upright,

but they did not have intellect. They make sounds,

they didn't have a language, they make sounds, but they did not have intellect. They did not have

understanding. They didn't have intellect to make choices or to even eat food and relish it with

the taste that we get, we have. So when the Bible tells us that the breath of life was breathed

into man, and man became a living soul, not man have a soul,

but man became a living soul, that breath of life, in that breath of life,

intellect, was breathed into man. Because remember, the nephesh, the Hebrew of a living being,

is also used to describe animals.

Same word. And you go to Ecclesiastics and tell you that the human being and the animal die the

same death. Same way they die because they're flesh. But one difference, the spirit of a human

being, the human spirit, goes back to God. So that's the difference.

We have intellect, they don't.

don't see it that way and they are free to believe what they want to believe

regarding the exodus from Egypt again it's absence from Egyptian records nothing it but I was just

watching I think maybe two years ago I was watching this really interesting documentary and I what

they did basically was focus on what the scientists were saying that they're oh dear we can't find

any evidence no records of this Exodus, a massive exodus from Egypt.

Why, why, why? And guess what the documentary concluded?

They were looking in the wrong time period. And the records were there for another era.

The evidence was there.

And not only that, ancient Egyptian records routinely omitted military defeats,

public disasters. and large-scale internal rebellions.

They don't record them. So when God destroyed Pharaoh's army, that was a military defeat.

He would not see that in their records. You know, things like that come out, right?

Public disaster, those things are not recorded.

They also said that no native Egyptian inscription names Moses.

Imagine that. Moses is the greatest prophet ever lived. Nothing in Egypt.

The Pharaoh's daughter who rescued him and grew up Moses in her confines of royalty?

And nothing in the records about Moses. Well,

the Egyptian priest and historian, Mentho,

he wrote an account which incidentally was preserved by Josephus,

the Jewish historian, well-recognized historian. And this... he described an exile of 80,000

lepers and shepherds by a priest named Osiris,

whom Manetho identified with Moses,

this ancient Egyptian priest. And he noted that this Moses rebelled.

before being expelled from Egypt.

So these developments, you know, cast a different light on the Exodus story.

So scholars view this as a later Egyptian polemical response to the Exodus story.

That means it had some authenticity, make it a little more authentic. And in the first century CE,

the Roman historian Tacitus He also recorded a version of Jewish expulsion from Egypt around the

time of Moses. So brethren, as I said, I could go on and nitpick a lot of things in the scriptures

which shows some kind of perceived inconsistency. Lots of them.

They're over 300 plus. I couldn't go through all of them today. But the question it brings to all

of us, how should we view? the bible should we view it as the infallible and divine word of god

that defines human expectation in a physical world that any notion of inaccuracy or perceived

contradiction should be measured against interpretation and miss translation human beings language

has evolved the words that meant something in the first century It's a different meaning now.

Even in modern vernacular, some of the words we use now. When I was in Barbados,

every sign, every corner we turned, there was a Mount Gay Rome.

It's a Mount Gay Rome? Yeah. What does that mean in today's vernacular?

Modern, you know, jargon. Something different.

So determining the truth of the Bible relies... Also on examining historical,

archaeological, and internal evidence. We can do a post-mortem on whether Jesus lived on this

earth. We can go to archaeology.

Archaeology is regarded as a kind of science. Because the Bible frequently references specific

people.

places and events that have been verified by historians and archaeologists.

Some years ago, I know I did a presentation at Collingwood, the Feast of Tabernacles,

Entitled, “Does Archaeology Prove the Bible?” I don't think anyone here except my family might have seen it,

but I did it some years ago. I don't know, maybe next year we'll revive it or something. But I did

that to show how archaeology... to the Bible. This covers like the Dead Sea Scrolls,

which you know back in the 1930s, 40s there, that they were found from the scriptures,

Old Testament scriptures, that said a lot. The Pool of Siloam that is recorded in the New

Testament, that was found too. The Pilate Stone,

that was found. I remember reading a couple years ago, not a couple, but a few years ago,

What was excavated somewhere in the Holy Land there was a cup written,

House of David,

dating back before Christ. So all of these things have been numerous evidence,

even remnants of one of these ancient pagan kings.

I don't remember his name. Even his artifacts were found with his inscription and so on.

But other than the archaeological evidence, here's what we need to do,

brother. You know what I find fascinating about the Bible? The Bible contains basically no ifs.

I wonder if God did create the heaven and the earth.

It tells you clearly. In the beginning, this was what God did.

It casts no doubt. It's not a book of doubt. It comes forcefully.

The creator God says, I am Yahweh, and I know of no other one.

He didn't say, I am Yahweh, and you know what? Maybe there are some other gods. No,

he tells you up front. It's either you accept it or you don't. I am Yahweh, I know of no other God.

There was none before me, and there will be none after me.

So it's for us to decide. So if someone want to come and argue with you about that,

listen, go argue with Yahweh. He said that.

That's what he says. Either you accept it or not.

The New Testament contains multiple independent records of Jesus' life written by people who claim

to be eyewitnesses. For example, the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15, it tells us that over 500

people saw him after he rose from the dead.

Do you doubt it? That's your problem. It tells me and I believe it.

No, it's clear.

You know, they come up with this theory about hallucination theory. Oh, it was a hallucination? In

medical science, there's no such thing as 500 people hallucinating at the same time.

So they will concoct all these ridiculous theories to come to sow seeds of doubt in your mind.

The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, I won't include John, present cohesive core events while

retaining its unique natural variations about things that happen that we can accept.

Yes, there are some slightly different, but some things that, look, the book of John does not

record Jesus' birth,

right? Mark doesn't record it either. But what one book does,

record the other picks it up so you have to look at um the events of the in the gospels so not

because john didn't record Jesus's birth it means he wasn't born although john is a later and john

is also a later gospel message than the others The letter even suggests that maybe there was no

need for John to mention it because the other writers, and they borrowed from each other. You can

see that when you read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The stories are similar.

Many prophecies in the Old Testament predicted specific events before they occurred.

And that can be verified.

One of the greatest and most powerful one is recorded in the book of Daniel.

where he recorded these world-ruling empires, he got in a vision that would come upon the earth

and that all of them would fall and that they would make way for an empire or a kingdom that will

last forever, which is Christ's kingdom. The Babylonian Empire came and it fell.

The Medo-Persia came and it fell. The Greek came and it fell.

The Roman came and it fell, and it tells you the Roman is going to be reemerged again in the last

days. That's what the one we're waiting for now, to create havoc on the earth. So Daniel had a very

good and accurate, and I've read all of these,

all of the critics about Daniel, or Daniel, he wrote after the event and so on.

No, that can be disproved. No, he didn't write after the event. It was before.

So we see accuracy from a prophetic point of view.

And there are many things happening today which one could deduce from it. That this is what the

Bible talks about. Because if you use Matthew 24, the Synoptic Gospel,

or the Olivet Prophecy, what's going on now? How could someone could have written way back in the

days of a time that is coming? When knowledge shall increase as we see knowledge increasing now

through the internet.

Or the ongoing tug of war with nations at each other's throat.

Nations against nation. Kingdoms against kingdom. They would argue that has been happening ever

since. Outbreak of diseases. Earthquakes and all of those things.

Not only that. The Bible if we go back. To the fall of humanity.

In Genesis. It tells you of one who would come. That the second Adam failed.

And one who would come regarded. Sorry the first Adam failed. And one who was regarded as the

second Adam. That he would come to redeem humanity. Jesus the Christ.

And he came. Genesis 49 10. That this Shiloh would come.

And the people would look to him. That's a prophecy and its fullness has not yet fulfilled because

its government is not on earth yet. So we see all these things talked about in the Bible.

And yes, there are minor variations in manuscripts, but that doesn't take away from the reality or

the message that it was trying to give us. So external facts build a very strong case.

for the historical reliability and acceptance of the Bible as true.

To us, we see abundant evidence in our belief system that reinforces.

When I hear of an archaeological find, I always jump and say,

yeah, yeah, yeah. Because you read about something in the scriptures and then you hear,

oh, the Hittite tablets, they found all of these kings. that the book of Chronicles and Kings have.

They say, oh, there was someone named David. There was someone named Nebuchadnezzar.

There was an empire known as the Chaldeans who were thorns in the side of Israel.

They even have some of those, I'll agree, some of those ethnicities like the Hittites and the

Amalekites, some of them have disappeared. But they are remnants of their...

artifacts that they have found that can link them to it. You see, all of those things. But I tell

you, they do not get the kind of attention or the publicity that they should so people can know

because the media doesn't care. They don't care about that.

But the Bible's theme is what makes it unique.

Yes, the major religions, including Judaism and Islam, teach. That human beings can earn salvation

through different, you know, various practices like a works, a works salvation.

Christianity says, no, your works do not save you. You're saved by the blood of Jesus the Christ.

And we believe that. And we accept that. So I'm not going to argue and take a tool to measure how

long the ark is and whether Noah could build something like that. I take it on faith that the God

of the impossible, would have done that I tell you I have a phrase that I use all the time brethren

And it's something that we need to stick by. The God that we worship defies logic.

God defies logic. Because we are always seeing things through human eyes.

And that is why the scripture says, God says, my thoughts as far as the heavens are from the earth,

so are my thoughts above your thoughts. We can't see through the mind of God.

We are so finite. We are just a little speck in this atmosphere. We are here today. We are gone

tomorrow. But God is eternal. He is omnipresent. He is omnipotent.

He is almighty. That's who he is. And I believe because we don't have a grasp of who God really is,

then we come away with these conclusions. Or, you know, we have a saying that God calls and he

opens the mind. And it says in Romans that the carnal mind is enmity against God.

So the mind that is not converted and the mind that doesn't see God as we do, they have all kind

of, you know,

criticisms about whether God exists or not. Or whether, why God would send an army to destroy young

children and babies.

Those people who were on the jet last week in Florida. On the Learjet that went down and just

destroyed. You look at the pilot, a young girl, 20 years old with so much hope. And people look at

it and say, why God just didn't pluck her out of the sky? Or just send an angel to lift up at the

jet that it doesn't plunge?

We don't know. But we are thinking like human beings. And God doesn't think like that.

So when he sent his army into Canaan to destroy.

All the babies and the young mothers and so on. God was keeping a promise.

Because the king of the Amalekites had said some terrible things about his chosen people. And he

said, you know what, I'm going to wipe you out. And God did just that. Does he have the prerogative

to do that? Of course. He's God. He created them. He gives and he takes.

So we have to think revolutionary sometime. God that we worship,

and I keep saying it, brethren, if we create ourselves, then we can argue with God. But we did not

create ourselves. He created us. He can do anything He wants at any time.

He can take away children, young babies, older people. elderly people seniors he can do it because

he is god he has the prerogative he's sovereign he sits on his throne and he knows exactly what

he's doing but the world will never grasp that because the world is at his enmity the convert

unconverted mind is enmity against god

yes the bible accurately reveals historical people events and places

Discovered in Israel was the Tel Dan Stele that has been dated to the 9th century BC and mentions,

as I was saying earlier, the house of David. Shattering the long-held view of many skeptics that

David was a mythical person. You know, they call Jesus a mythical figure too.

The Mesha Stele described mob subjection under Omri,

which is in your Bible, the king of Israel. It also references the personal name of Yahweh.

Yes, those things exist.

The Pilate stone provides archaeological evidence for the existence of the man who sentenced Jesus

to the cross.

Pilate.

The tomb or the man who... Jesus to be buried in a tomb that he had,

Joseph of Amarantha, they found inscription on some dig there a couple years ago in Israel.

Joseph of Amarantha was written on an ossuary or something along that line.

But Pilate, the governor, who tried, was at the trial and said,

I find no fault with this man. And so on, he had a little doubt, but the crowd that was there said,

no, no, no, we want him dead. Just give us Barabbas and take, you know, we don't want him.

Skeptics frequently denied his existence until the discovery of this stone,

which identifies Pontius Pilate as the prefect of Judea.

The Hittite example. The Bible frequently mentions the Hittite Empire.

They were a thorn in the side of Israel, all over the scriptures.

And some 19th century scholars dismiss it as a myth. Oh, it didn't exist. But subsequent

excavations in Turkey uncovered the ancient Hittite capital of Hattusa.

They found it validating the biblical accounts.

Isaiah 46, 9. I think the world needs to know who they're dealing with when we talk about the God

of the Bible. There are too many common G-O-Ds around. Gods.

And this is what the world is taken into by these gods. And they're fully back on the scene.

The gods of Baal and all kind of...

Whether it's Diana of Atticus or whatever, they're coming back in full strength,

confusing people because of the demonic forces in our society and a society overrun by idolatry.

And so people, you know, it's nothing new, brethren. When you think of what God did for Israel,

right, and what they did, they went whoring after other gods, after what God did for them.

taking them out of bondage, giving them all the signs, the Red Sea parting,

the pillar of cloud by day and the fire by night, giving them manna, providing them with everything

that they need. And they still went whoring after other gods. We don't see some of those miracles,

right?

Anybody get manna in their backyard in the mornings?

Or some quails? I go in the supermarket, I can't buy quail. Anybody get any quail?

God provided it free of choice, free of cause to Israel. And they still murmur and mourn and went

after other gods. In the Bible, one of the downfall,

the main downfall of Israel in the Old Testament is idols.

Idolatry.

And we see today the same way. People would aspire and they would do anything to go to find other

gods except the God of the Bible. Still happening today. Isaiah 46.9. Remember the former things

of old.

and there's no other I am god there's none like me declaring the end from the beginning and from

ancient times not Things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand,

and I will accomplish all my purpose. Calling a bird of prey from the east,

the man of the counsel from a far country, I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass.

I have purposed it, and I will do it. Listen to me, you stubborn old heart.

You are far from righteous. These words must echo. to the world because they have turned their

backs on God's calling, some of them at least.

Consider the following details in just a single chapter of the Bible that have been confirmed by

historians and archaeologists. And I'm winding down, so I'm finished. The proper location of

Amphipolis and Apollonia, where travelers would spend successive nights on their journey,

is recorded in Acts 17.1. It's a reality.

It's there today. The presence of a synagogue in Thessalonica, Acts 17.1,

they found that.

The proper implication that sea travel is the most convenient way of reaching Athens with favoring

east winds or summer rolling as recorded in Acts 17.14 that have been established.

The abundant presence of images in Athens, Acts 17 again,

that have been established. The reference to a synagogue in Athens? Established.

I have a whole long list here. I can't even go through all of these that have been established to

prove that the Bible is accurate. It's accurate.

Isaiah 41, 21. Present your case, says the Lord. Bring forth your strong reasons,

says the king of Jacob. Let them bring forth and show us what will happen.

Let them show the former things that what were. That we may consider them and know the latter end

of them or declare to us things to come. So he's saying, okay, you're so big and bad and bold and

you know everything. Tell us what's going to happen in the future.

Or accurately tell us what happened in the past. Behold, the former things have come to pass and

new things I declare before they spring forth. I tell you, that's what God has been doing all this

time. Yes, all this time. The birthplace of the Messiah was foretold in Micah 5.2,

Bethlehem. That was done. The virgin birth was prophesied in Isaiah 7. Again,

it occurred. The betrayal, Zechariah, specifies the Messiah who would be betrayed for 30 pieces of

silver. I just did a whole 10-part study on the book of Zechariah. Some of you may have, well, I

don't think most of you probably have missed that. We're going to all of these details show. The

crucifixion details, Psalm 22 tells us before it happened, about the piercing of hands and feet,

which matches the crucifixion. The burial, even the Old Testament tells us that,

prophesied at Isaiah 53, 9, that the Messiah would be buried with the rich, fulfilled when Joseph

of Amarantha provided a tomb, as recorded in Matthew 27, 57. There's so many things,

brethren, the destruction of Tyra as predicted in Ezekiel 26. He foretold the island city of Tyra

would be besieged. The stones and the timber scraped and cast into the sea. This was fulfilled when

Alexander the Great built a causeway using the ruins of Malan City to attack the island.

The fall of Babylon, Isaiah tell you that? It named Cyrus the Great nearly 200 years in advance as

the one who would conquer Babylon and allow the Jewish exiles to return. For years they were

searching for the city known as Sodom. And said, oh no, no, no, Sodom was just a myth. It didn't

exist. Sodom and Gomorrah, they found it. But why? After all these years they were looking at the

wrong place. So we go on and on and on and on.

Listen, I have so many things here I could show you that corroborates what the Bible. trying to

tell us and I just want to end on this one because this is kind of key so

what's the probability of fulfilling multiple prophecies there's a research fellow by the name of

Stoner Peter Stoner he's a mathematician and he calculated in his book Science Speaks The

probability of a single human being accidentally fulfilling, accidentally fulfilling just eight

specific messianic prophets in a one to ten scale.

So for context, it is equivalent to randomly selecting a single marked coin from a pile covering

the entire state of Texas. So think of the state of Texas. You might not even think of Texas.

A big stage. And if you cover with pure coin all over it,

two feet deep, not only that, two feet deep, what's the probability of finding a coin,

a specific coin out of that lot? That's what he used. And what he did in these calculations,

he said, what's the probability of fulfilling eight prophecies on a scale of one to ten?

That would be 1 in 10, he said. That's a minimum, basically. You can't go further than that. 16

prophecies would be 1 in 10. 48 prophecies, 1 in 10.

So virtually what he's saying is just almost impossible. Well, it is impossible. There's no way you

could find even one coin out of the whole covering of the state.

In coins, two feet deep. But Jesus, the Christ, has fulfilled.

Over 300 prophecies that we know of. In the Bible.

Which tells you. That Christ is not only the Messiah. He is not only the Son of God.

He is very God.

Very God. And he is the one who came to reveal the Father.

He said that himself in the New Testament. So he came. So most of the utterances you see.

In the Old Testament is Christ the one. behind it the pre-incarnate Christ so

the bible which is the manual he gives us or the handbook that he gives us to guide us to gives us

ways of living and to how to find salvation in him because he's the ultimate he's no there's no

other way there's no name under the whole heaven by which one can be saved except the name of

Yeshua Jesus the Christ. No other name. Don't let anybody tell you anything else.

Don't let this plurality. concept of what there are many ways to God.

The Bible doesn't give that. He tells you, I am the way, the truth,

and the life. And he hands us down this book. He tells us,

if he's omniscient, meaning he knows everything, he tells us that he has,

through the power of his Holy Spirit, he has God breathed his words to these men.

The document for us, and that is what the Bible is, is either we take it or we leave it,

brethren. And I think all of us sitting here, we have taken it. That's why we're here.

And he told Thomas something that all of us can relate to.

He said, Thomas, blessed are those who believe and they do not see.

Thomas saw Christ and he had doubt. So there's a blessing for all of us who believe and we do not see Him.