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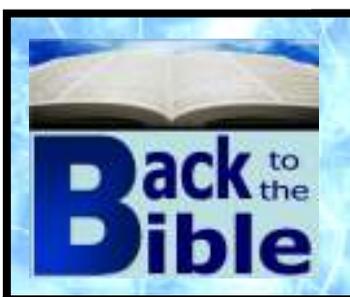
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What Will NOT be in Heaven

- ➡ There will be **NO SIN** There
 ■ Revelation 21:7
- ➡ There will be **NO CURSE** There
 ■ Revelation 22:3
- ➡ There will be **NO SORROW** There
 ■ Revelation 21:7
- ➡ There will be **NO PAIN** There
 ■ Revelation 22:4-5
- ➡ There will be **NO SEPARATION** There
 ■ Revelation 22:4-5
- ➡ There will be **NO DARKNESS** There
 ■ Revelation 22:5
- ➡ There will be **NO DEATH** There
 ■ Revelation 21:4




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Times of Services:
Sunday
 Bible Study:.... 10:00am
 AM Worship:..11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
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The Bible

by Carl B Garner

A few years ago the Texas State Board of Education was in the process of adopting textbooks for our High Schools. Ten textbooks were under consideration for various class levels, but the Board was shocked to discover a growing list of factual and technical errors in History textbooks submitted to them. Everything from errors in grammar, time and facts were found. Some were minor, but others were significant. In the ten books being considered there were a total of 3,707 errors, and every new search revealed even more. One book implied that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Korea, while another had Great Britain owning part of present-day Mexico in 1783.

Those responsible for making the administrative decisions said, "Close to accurate is not good enough." The question was asked, "Can we afford to risk teaching our school children history and facts that are not true?" And, "Should the authors of these books be expected to be accurate? Don't we have the technology to find the truth about history and then put that truth into the textbooks?"

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I had several students report that a professor had made remarks about the "unreliability" of the Bible. One student asked me about statements being made that the Bible contains "contradictions." The professor had said that the Bible is a "remarkable book," and would be even more remarkable if it did not contain so many of those real "contradictions." I suggested that the student ask that professor just where and what those "contradictions" were. She merely replied, "Oh, they're in there all right; just everywhere." In others words, she did not really know if there were any or where they were.

This incident prompted a question in my mind -- "Should the Bible be held to the same standards of accuracy that modern text books are expected to meet?" Is "close to accurate" good enough for the Bible?

The answer is -- assuming correct translation and there are no human errors in printing, etc. -- a very definite "yes!" And it will pass any test man is capable of designing. If the Bible cannot be trusted in its comments relating to history, science, geography, etc., how can it be trusted in its doctrine?

When questions have been raised concerning the Bible's credibility, the following passages are often among those challenged:

At least forty times the Bible mentions a race of people known as the "Hittites" (for example Genesis 15:20, 23:10, 26:34, 2 Samuel 11:6, Exodus 3:8). The problem arose when secular archaeology and history failed to provide sufficient documentation for the existence of such a people. Some thought that if man could not prove the Bible is true, then the Bible must be false. However, when human scholarship began to catch up with the confirmation of Bible facts, the Hittites' existence was verified and the Bible's credibility vindicated. Scholars from both Oxford and the University of Chicago provided academic research that confirmed the biblical account.

Luke, the "beloved physician" as he is known in Colossians 4:14, provides us with a detailed account of the life of Jesus and the first thirty years of the church's existence. Such passages as Luke 2:1-3, Acts 13:7, 14:12, 17:6 and others were questioned, again because secular history could not verify the facts given therein. However, again, when academic knowledge caught up with the Bible, the biblical facts were verified. Men like Sir William Ramsay, who began his research with a skeptical attitude toward Luke's history, spent weeks and months of hands-on, critical study of Luke's work. Both archaeological and linguistic research produced positive results. Respect followed for Luke as an historian and the Holy Spirit as an author. Ramsay later

described Luke as an historian "of the first rank." Again, the Bible was not mistaken; it was just far ahead of man's discoveries. That is why young and old alike need to be made aware of this information!

Similar questions concerning the historical and scientific accuracy of such Bible passages as Psalm 19:5, Genesis 14, Joshua 6, Acts 2:38, 41, and others have also been answered successfully. The Bible stands on its foundation of accuracy, existing by way of its Author, the God of this world and this universe. It does not depend upon secular authentication, though it continues to receive it on a regular basis. Unfounded accusations of men have not weakened the Bible's influence or accuracy. In fact it has served only to strengthen it.

Noted archaeologist and former President of Hebrew Union College, Dr. Nelson Glueck, examined many of these discoveries. He concluded: "No archaeological discovery has ever been made that successfully controverts historical statements made in the Bible." The Bible -- it is accurate and it is true! But you might want to watch out for those history books.

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations”
(Psalm 100).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec 1 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class
- Dec 6 – Holiday Get-Together at the Powers’ @ 5ish
- Dec 8 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship (Song Service)
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters