



- One map may be as good as another
- Holy Bible alone gives map to heaven
 - Bible is unique

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints – Jude 3

I. Bible Is Unique

1. In Moral Purity

- Bible demands righteousness, condemns sin. Ro.6:23
- Even heroes are exposed.
- Demands true, inner righteousness.
 - Is.1
 - Mt.5, 6

Source?

1. Egypt?
2. Canaan?
3. Israelites?
4. God? Ex.20

1. In Moral Purity

2. In Accuracy

- Writers avoided common errors of their day
 - Moses, Ac.7:22, Egyptian wisdom –
 - No spontaneous generation
 - Daniel, Babylon –astrology; fables
 - Paul–Peter, Science

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge – 1 Tim.6:20. [2 Pt.1:16-21]

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- **Sodom**

Wm. Albright – heavily fortified; others found 23-inch thick wall around city; many houses...
Outside city: thousands of skeletons unearthed.

Well populated during Bronze Age.

Massive fire destroyed city (ash...feet thick).

Fire began on roofs then spread – B. Wood.

‘There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of OT tradition’ – Albright.

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- Hittites (Ex.3:17) – 1876

Boghazkoi texts changed world.

Greatest chariot battle in history (2500 chariots) – Hittites ambushed Egyptians. Both sides describe the battle.

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1993: Stone slab
(Aramaic): 'The
King of Israel' and
'House of David.'

1994: Inscriptions reference Jehoram,
son of Ahab, & Ahaziah, of Judah (2 K.8-9).

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- Contemporary confirmation. E.g.: Josephus:
 - Born AD 37; Jewish historian; Pharisee
 - Documented biblical people / events
 - Herod and Herodias

“But some of the Jews were of the opinion that God had suffered Herod’s whole army to be destroyed as a just punishment on him for the death of John, called the Baptist” –Ant. 18

- Eusebius on Josephus

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3. **In Unity**

- Not surprising if book of ONE man / group and ONE time is united
- Bible: 40 writers, 1400 years, many places
 - OT – NT agree
 - OT predicts NT (Jer.31:31-34)
 - Mt.17: Moses...Elijah
 - OT prophecies fulfilled in NT

Jeremiah
31:31-34

Prophecy/
Fulfillment

Hebrews
8:8-13

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4. In Influence

- No other book has incurred such hatred
- Why so hated?
 - Draws appalling picture of us – Ec.7:29; Ro.1:29-31.
 - Accountable to holy God; Judgment.

I. Bible Is Unique

II. Bible Is Adapted
To Man

Romans 1:16-18

- Many denominations say Bible is not adequate; needs power in addition to Word.
 - God could not give it power?
 - God would not give it power?

Romans 1: He DID make it powerful enough. 2 Tim.3:16-17

Bible: the Book for all people

In your seed all the nations of the earth
shall be blessed . . . – Gn.22:18

For the grace of God that brings salvation
has appeared to all men – Tit.2:11

NT: arrangement adapted to man

- World: three types of people:

Unbelievers

Believers

Christians

- NT addresses each division:

Unbelievers

Testimony of
Lord: Mt.-Jn.
Jn.20:30-31
Facts→Faith
Ac.6:7

Believers

Acts tells
believers
what to do
Luke–Acts
Acts 2

Christians

Epistles tell
Christians
how to serve
God, walk by
faith