



God's Library

Week 1: *Getting The BIG Picture*

Week 2: *The Historicity Of The Old Testament*

Week 3: *The Historicity Of The New Testament*

Week 4: *Current Issues & Debates*

Introduction – Moving From Fable To Fact

1 Samuel 16-17

Biblical _____ is no longer a rational option.

Archeology – The Stones Cry Out

WHAT WE HAVE NOT FOUND (YET):

- Direct evidence of the Hebrew patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses). BUT...

WHAT WE HAVE FOUND (A SAMPLE OF THE EVIDENCE):

- Jericho (**Joshua 6**)
- Hazor (**Joshua 11:10-13**)
- Philistine cities & culture (**1 Samuel 6:17**).
- Solomon's temple, as described in the Bible.
- Assyrian and Babylonian inscriptions for several of the kings of Judah and Israel.
- Nebuchadnezzar's palace & the temple of Marduke.
- Confirmation of Israel's captivity in Babylon and later release under Darius.
- Etc., Etc., Etc...

The Dead Sea Scrolls – The Gift Of The Essenes

The Qumran Isaiah Scroll is about _____ years older than our next oldest copy and is _____ identical.

Digging In The Dirt Of Daniel – With Jay Smith

Daniel 5:29-30; 7:13-14 vs. Matthew 20:28

Conclusion – The Reasonable Risk Of Faith

Hebrews 11:30

Faith = _____

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week's message, talk about one new thing you've learned or have been challenged by.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read about David's victory over Goliath in **1 Samuel 17**. a) Look at how Goliath is described in **verses 4-7**. Knowing that archaeologists have discovered that the Philistines were one of the most advanced people of their day in metallurgy and weaponry and that David is a verified historical figure, what reason could someone still hold for not believing accounts like this one? b) How might you respond to those reasons given in "a"? c) List all of David's disadvantages against Goliath mentioned in this chapter. What reason might God have for using this unequal, uneven (unethical) situation to win the battle? (Also see **Romans 8:26**; **1 Corinthians 2:3-5**; **2 Corinthians 11:30**; **12:7-10**.)

SO WHAT?...

3. What is an obvious disadvantage or "weakness" in your life? How could God use that to accomplish great things for His glory?