# 1 THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE

Myth, legends, NO it actually cares about history



Ebla Tablets (Modern Syria) 2500 BC

## Genesis 19

Prior to this discovery, only the the cities of "Sodom" and "Gomorrah" are only known in the Bible Genesis 19. There was no evidence of their existence outside the Bible. But the discovery of these tables in the 1970's (dated to 2500 BC) in Modern Syria, identify "Sodom and Gomorrah" as actual cities known to other nations of that time.



Mt. Ebal Curse Tablet???, 1200 BC, West Bank

## Deuteronomy 11:29

When the LORD your God has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you are to proclaim on Mount Gerizim the blessings, and on Mount Ebal the curses.

#### Joshua 8:30-31

30 Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, 31 as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the Israelites. He built it according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses—an altar of uncut stones, on which no iron tool had been used. On it they offered to the Lord burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings.



The burn layer of Hazor

#### Joshua 11:10-11

10 At that time Joshua turned back and captured Hazor and put its king to the sword. (Hazor had been the head of all these kingdoms.) 11 Everyone in it they put to the sword. They totally destroyed them, not sparing anyone that breathed, and he burned Hazor itself.

There is an obvious layer of ash between layers of development on the archeological site of Hazor.



2 Kings 20:20 "As for the other events of Hezekiah's reign, all his achievements and how he made the pool and the tunnel by which he brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah?"



Nabonidus Cylindar (550 BC)

#### Daniel 5:1

1 King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them.

Seemed to be completely wrong (extrabiblical accounts point to Nabonidus as being the king) but discovering the Nabonidus Cylinder in the late 1800s confirmed it! This cylinder identifies Belshazzar as the son of Nabonidus!

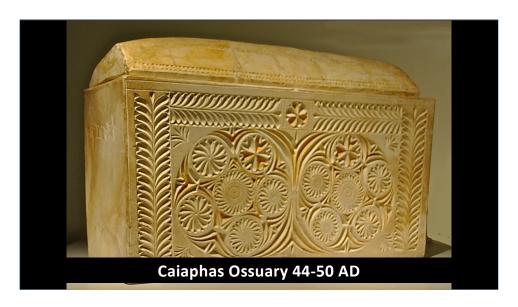


Moabite Stone or Mesha Stele 850 BC

Prior to the discovery of this stone, skeptics claimed that King David was mythical and never existed. But the discovery of this stele dated to 850 B.C. the Divided Kingdom, which contains an inscription that claims the Moabite battles against the "The House of Omri" and the "House of David."



Ninevah For years, skeptics denied the existence of the city of Ninevah until it was actually discovered in the 1800s.



# Caiaphas Ossuary

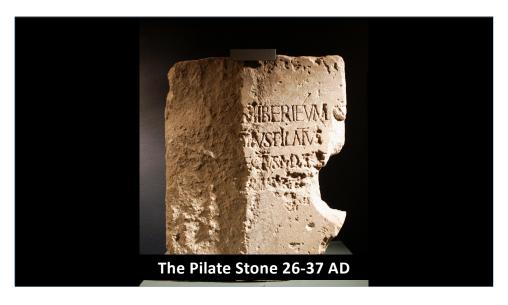
Discovered 1990 in a burial cave in southern Jerusalem, with inscription "Joseph, son of Caiaphas"

Ornate engravings are consistent with that of prominent people

A coin found next to it



"Herod the Great" minted 37-44 AD



The Pilate Stone AD 26–37 Discovered in Caesarea 1961

"To the Divine Augusti [this] Tiberieum

...Pontius Pilate

...prefect of Judea

...has dedicated [this]"