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A painting of Moses, an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a red and gold robe. He is holding a wooden staff in his left hand and two stone tablets in his right hand. He is standing on a rocky, mountainous landscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky.

- Beginning at Sinai, God gave Moses His Law for His people Israel.
- It was carefully copied with the originals kept in the Tabernacle/Temple itself.
- The Scriptures grew as God revealed further testimony and instructed Moses to write in a book.
 - Then to Joshua the same command.
 - Then to Samuel and the prophets were given instruction to record God's Divine Words for instruction and edification of future generations.
- God spoke through Prophets who were instructed to speak to the people of his generation and also to write down the message for future generations.

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Old Testament Timeline

Assembling of Old Testament

- Moses and the Law - 1600 BC (approx)
- Joshua – 1550 BC (Approx)
- Judges – 1500 – 1100 BC
- Kings, Chronicles, History, Poetry – 1100 – 400 BC
- Prophets (pre-exile, exile & post)– 900 – 400 BC

Destruction and Captivity – 606/587 BC – 536 BC

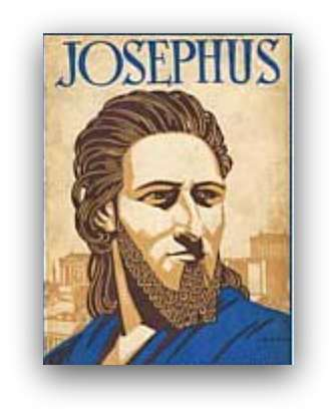
- Return of Zerubbabel

Recompiling Old Testament by Ezra & Nehemiah

- Malachi closes with the Promise of the Forerunner (John the Baptist)
- Septuagint – 285 BC – 270 BC

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The first Century Historian, Flavius Josephus wrote this:

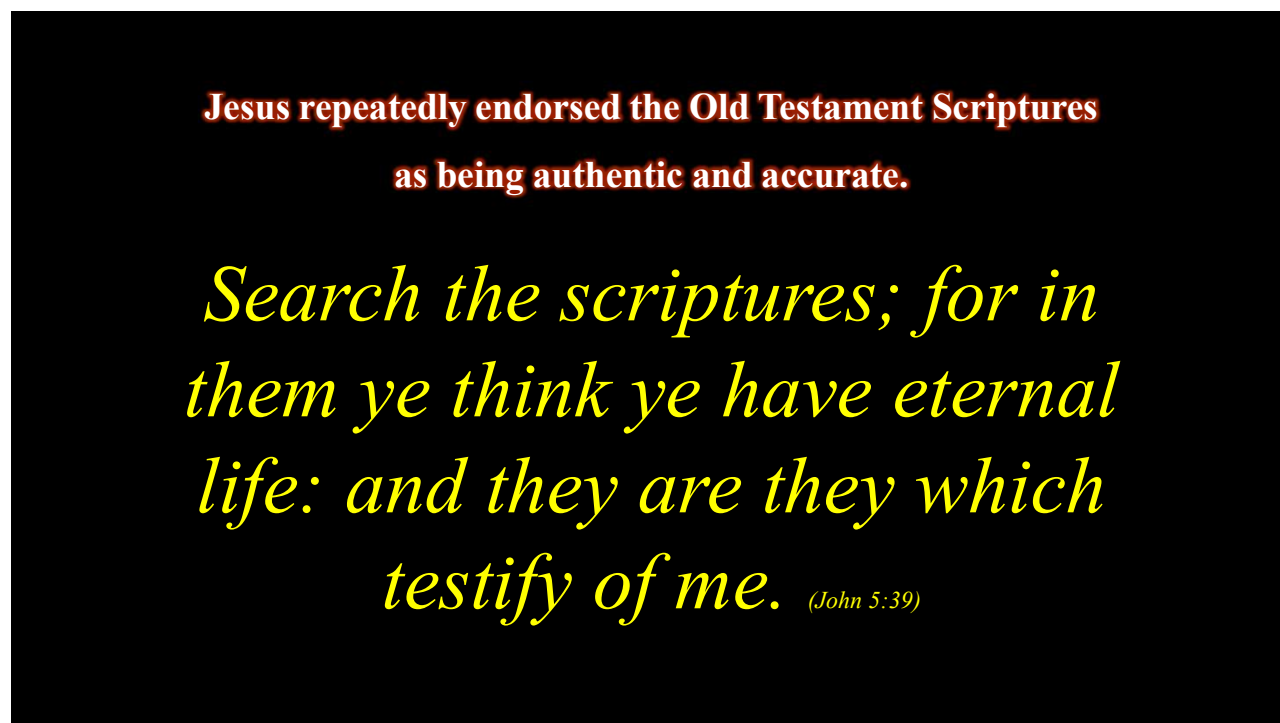


“We have but 22 books, containing the history of all time, books that are believed to be divine. Of these, 5 belong to Moses, containing his laws and the traditions of the origin of mankind down to the time of his death. From the death of Moses to the reign of Artaxerxes the prophets who succeed Moses wrote the history of the events that occurred in their own time, in 13 books. The remaining 4 books comprise hymns to God and precepts for the conduct of human life. From the days of Artaxerxes to our own times every event has indeed been recorded; but these recent records have not been deemed worth of equal credit with those which proceeded them, on account of the failure of the exact succession of prophets. There is practical proof of the spirit in which we treat our Scriptures; for, although so great an interval of time has now passed, not a soul has ventured to add or to remove or to alter a syllable; and it is the instinct of every Jew, from the day of his birth, to consider these Scriptures as the teaching of God, and to abide by them and, if need be, cheerfully to lay down his life in their behalf.”

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Luke 4:14-21

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.* And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

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The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus by James Tissot

Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

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Jesus verifying the OT:



- Creation (Matt. 19)
- Adam and Eve (Mark 10)
- Abel (Luke 11:51)
- Noah & flood (Matt. 24:37-39)
- Abraham (John 8:56-58)
- Sodom & Gomorrah (Luke 10:12)
- Lot & wife (Luke 17:28)
- Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Matt. 8:11)
- Manna from heaven (John 6)
- Moses and the bronze serpent (John 3)
- Jonah and the sea creature (Matt. 12:39)
- Queen of Sheba (Matt. 12:42)
- Moses authored the Pentateuch (Luke 16:31)
- Daniel authored the book of Daniel (Matt. 24:15)
- Isaiah authored Isaiah (Matt. 15:7)

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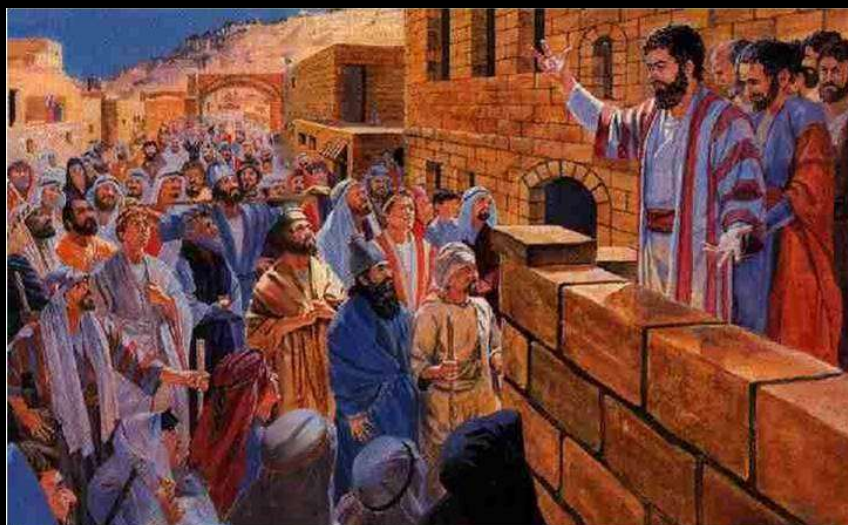


Ps 41:9

**Yea, mine own familiar friend, in
whom I have trusted, and let of
my brother take his office heel
against me.**

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Peter quoted Joel 2 and Psalm 16 in his Pentecost sermon.



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Their Bible was "The Scriptures" The Law, the Prophets, & the Writings

And Paul, as his manner was, went in
unto them, and three sabbath days
reasoned with them out of the scriptures,
Opening and alleging, that Christ must
needs have suffered, and risen again
from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom
I preach unto you, is Christ.

- Acts 17:2-3

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Church in Jerusalem

Acts 2:46

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple...

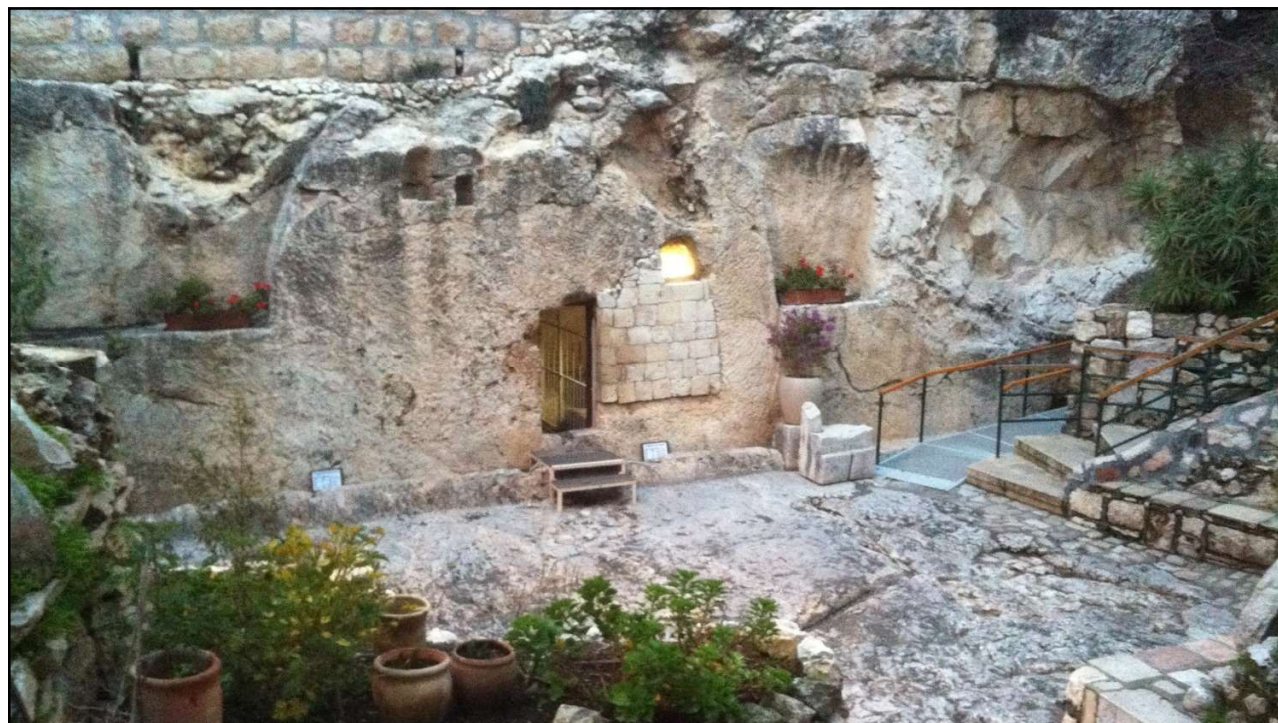
Acts 5:42

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they
ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 3:19-21

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send **Jesus Christ**, which **before was preached unto you**: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, **which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**

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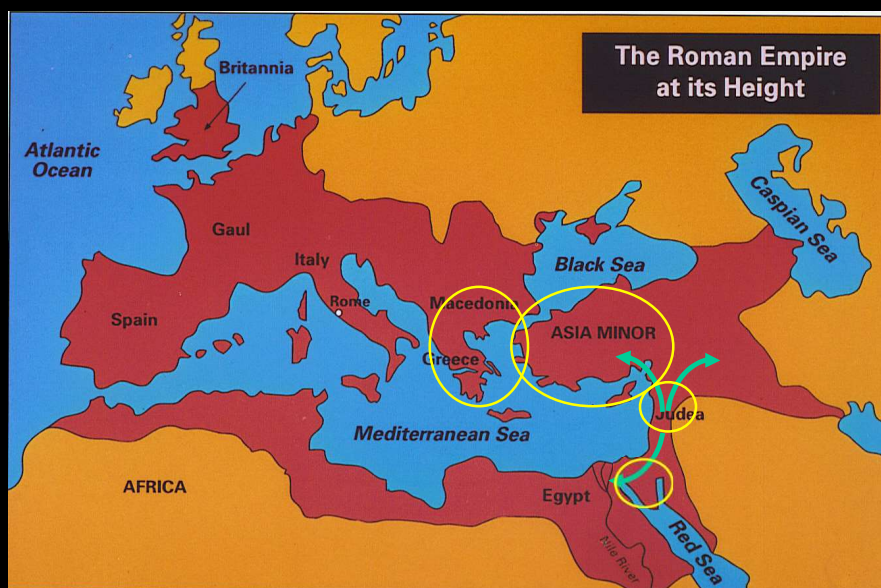
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Acts 8:1-4

And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

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Synoptic Gospels

- **Matthew** – written by Matthew (he was a tax collector and skilled writer). There were no printing presses. Although many could write, a skilled writer was an esteemed profession. Matthew was a tax collector and a skilled writer.
- **Mark** – not one of the twelve, but was there the night Jesus was arrested, wrote on behalf of Peter.
- **Luke** – a doctor wrote legal trial documents on behalf of Paul.
- **John** – the beloved apostle who lived the longest and the only one not to die as a martyr.

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John the Apostle



Papias



Polycarp



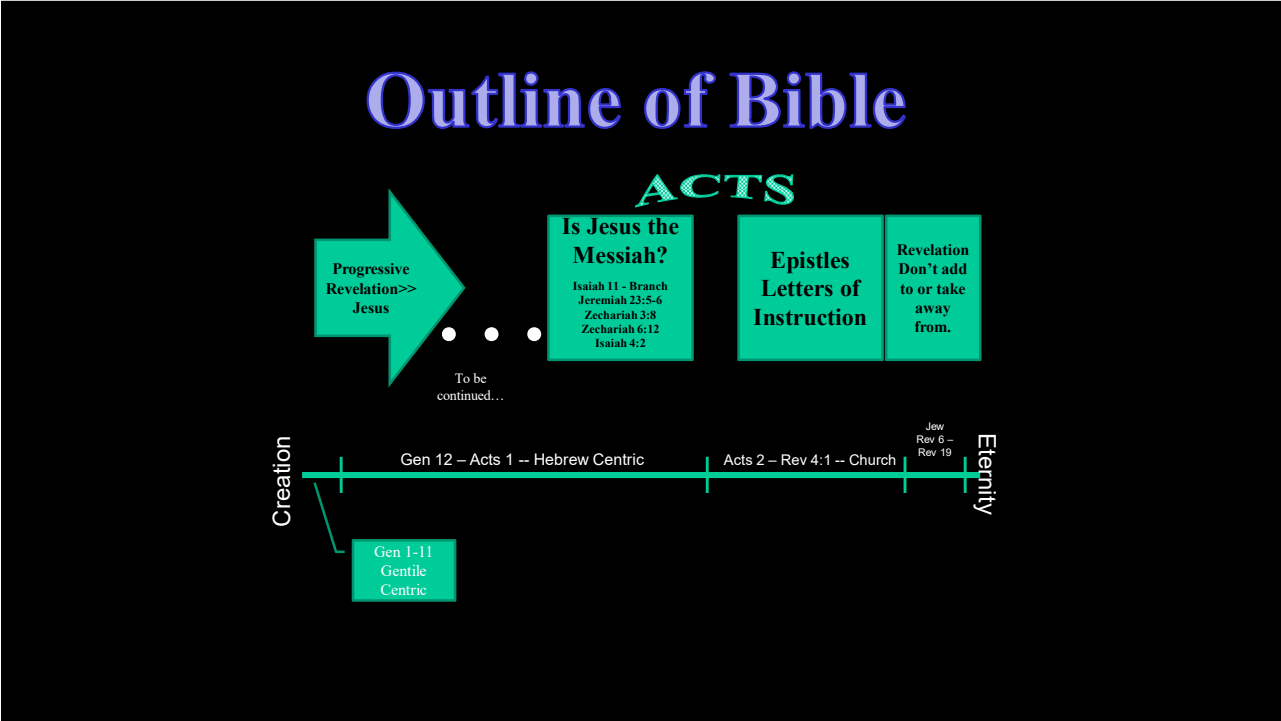
Ignatius



Irenaeus

“The heretics boast that they have many more gospels than there really are. But really they don’t have any gospels that aren’t full of blasphemy. There actually are only four authentic gospels. And this is obviously true because there are four corners of the universe and there are four principal winds, and therefore there can be only four gospels that are authentic. These, besides, are written by Jesus’ true followers.” – *Against Heresies*, 180, AD

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James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal 1:2 ...unto the churches of Galatia:

Eph 1:1 ...to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Col 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse:

1 Thess 1:1 ...unto the church of the Thessalonians

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia:

The map shows the Eastern Mediterranean region, including parts of Asia Minor, the Middle East, and the surrounding seas. Key locations marked include Antioch, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. The map also shows the Tiber, the Nile, and the Red Sea. The text "PAUL'S THIRD JOURNEY (Acts 18:23-21:16; 27-28:16)" is written on the map. The map is credited to "© Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1983".

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**These letters were to be copied, traded
and spread and read in the churches.**

Col 4:15-16 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

1 Thess 5:27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

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They claimed to be the Word of God:

1 Cor 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you

1 Cor 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Cor 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

Rev 1:1-2 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

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These letters were to stand as Truth even as the Apostles died.

2 Thess 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2 Peter 1:14-16 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

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These were considered scripture.

1 Tim 5:18 For the **scripture** saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. **And**, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

Quoting as Scripture (Holy Writ) both **Deuteronomy 25:4** "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn" and **Matthew 10:10/Luke 10:7** "...for the workman is worthy of his meat."

Note:

Matthew & Luke were already in existence and were being distributed by 60AD for Paul to be quoting them.

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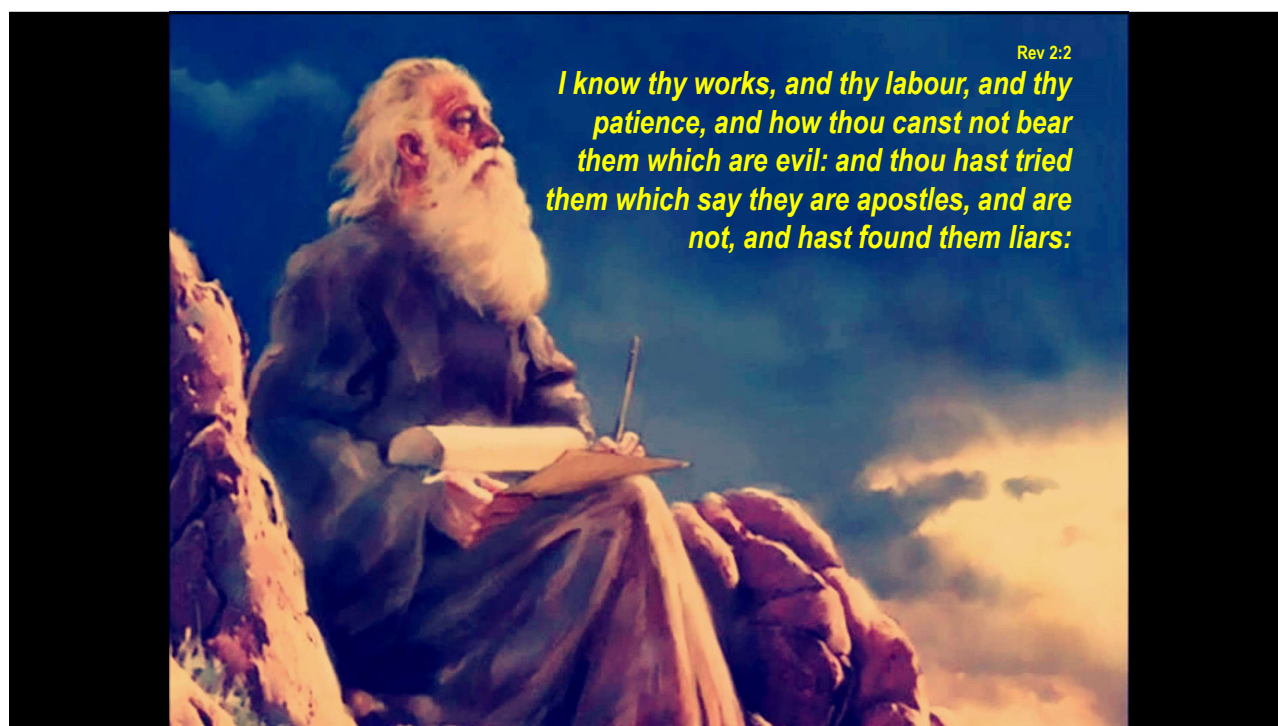
2 Peter 3:15-16 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

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Credible Authors

- 14 written by Paul the Apostle
- 5 written by John the Apostle and Disciple of Jesus who lived to 100 AD
- 2 written by Peter the Apostle and Disciple of Jesus
- 1 written by Matthew the Disciple of Jesus
- 1 written by John Mark – the amanuenses of Peter
- 2 written by Dr. Luke – Paul's fellow traveler
- 1 written by James – the ½ brother of Jesus and pastor of Jerusalem
- 1 written by Jude – the ½ brother of Jesus

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1 Peter 1:7-11

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

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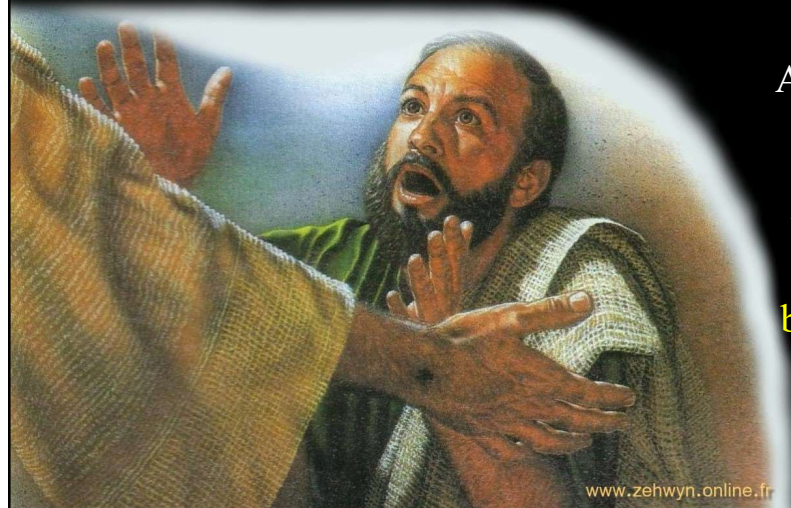
1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) **That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

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John 21:28 – 31

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed:



blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.**

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