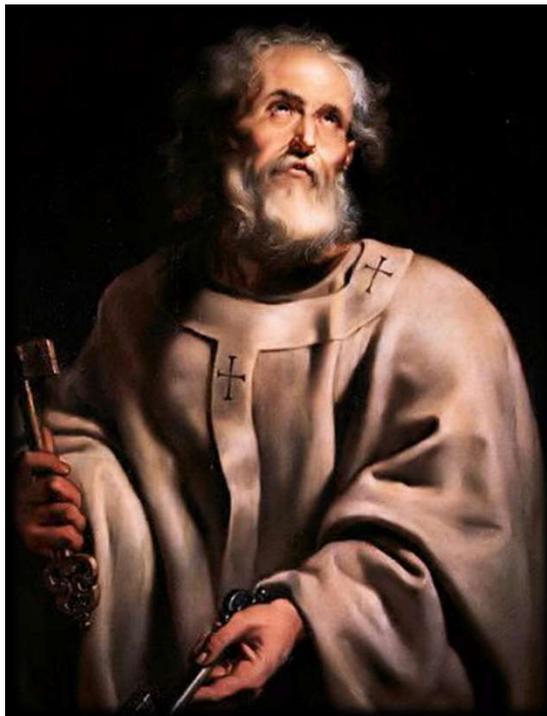


☞ 1 Peter 3:15 ☞

*"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, always be ready to give a **defense** to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"*

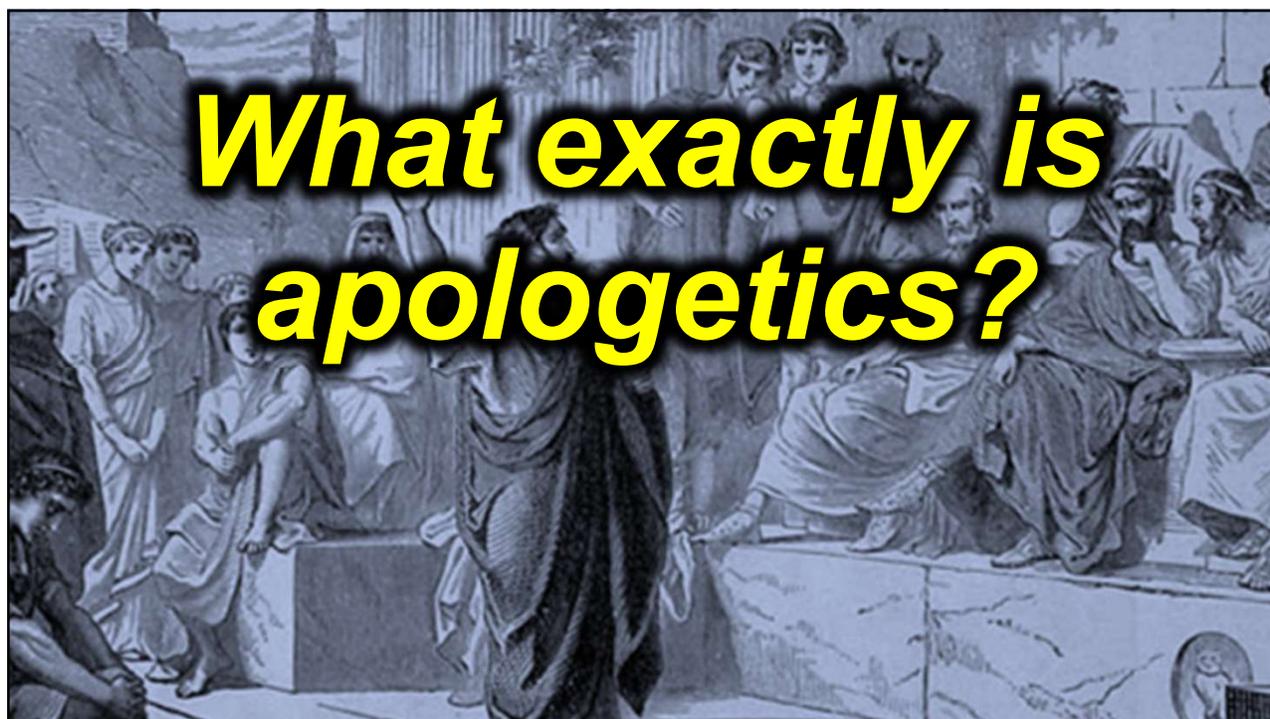


defense

ἀπολογία

(apologia)

NT Greek word
translated 'defense'



***What exactly is
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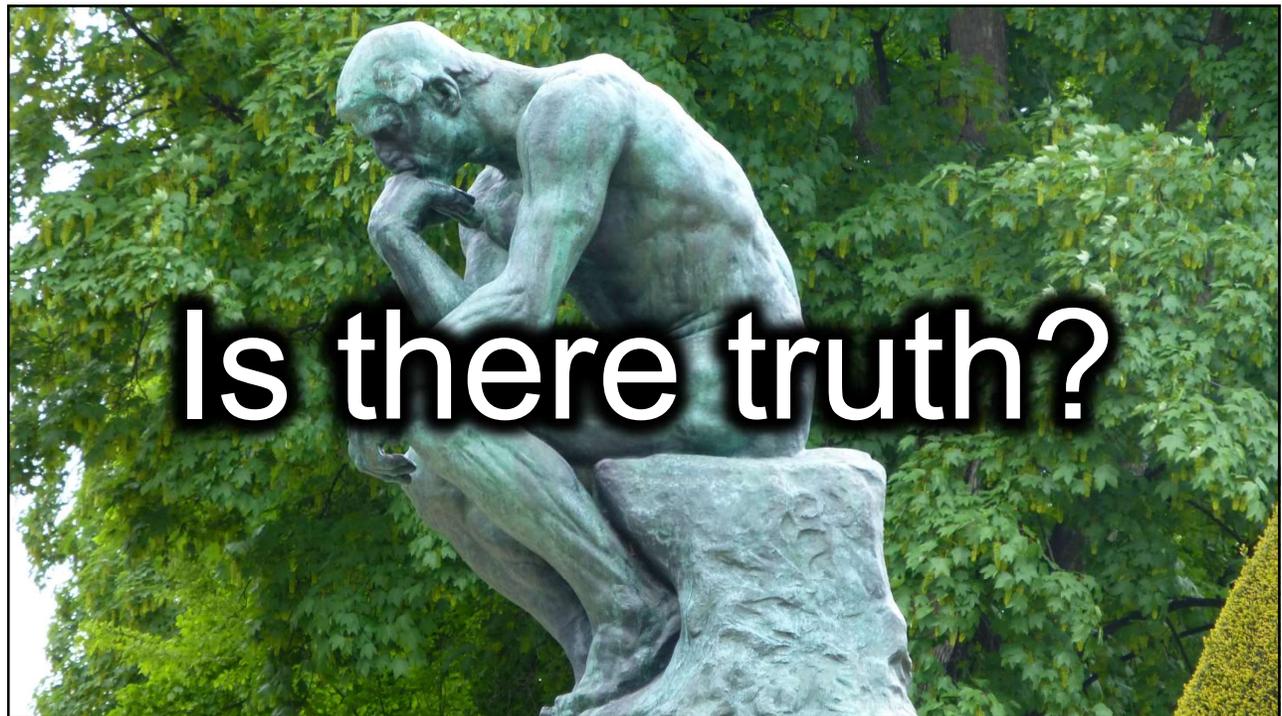
***Apologetics means "the
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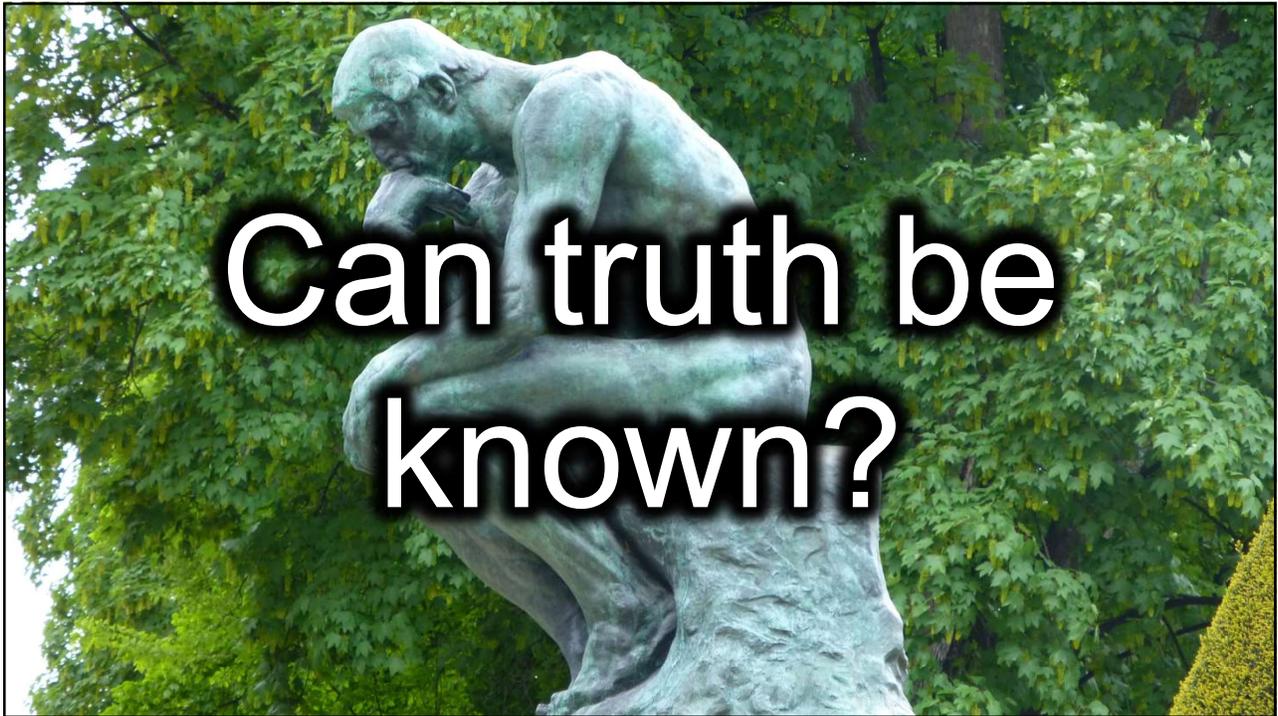
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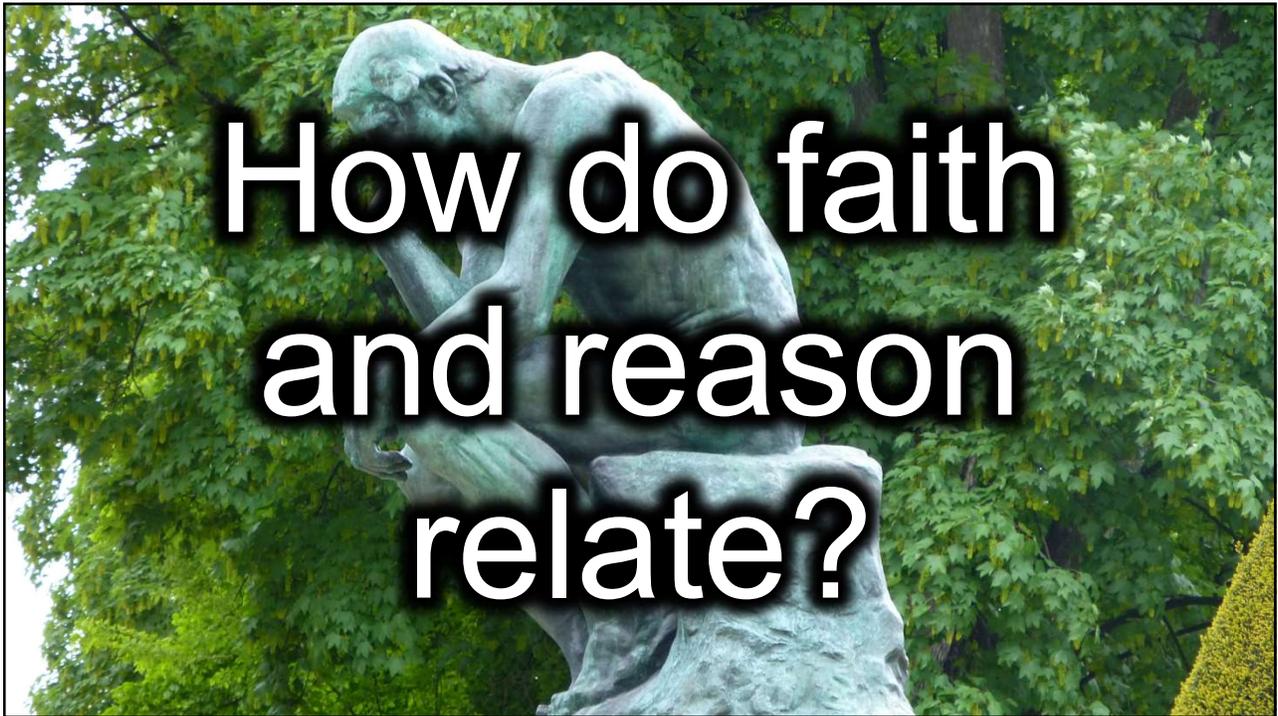
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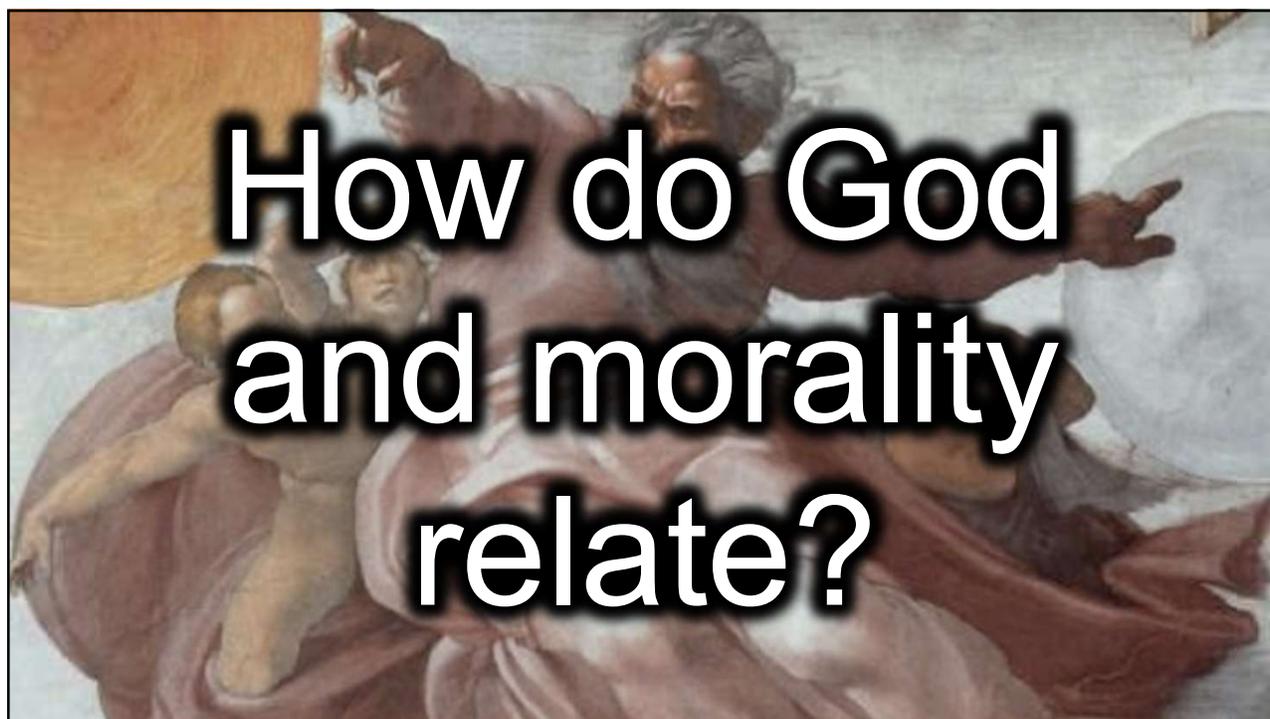


Can truth be known?

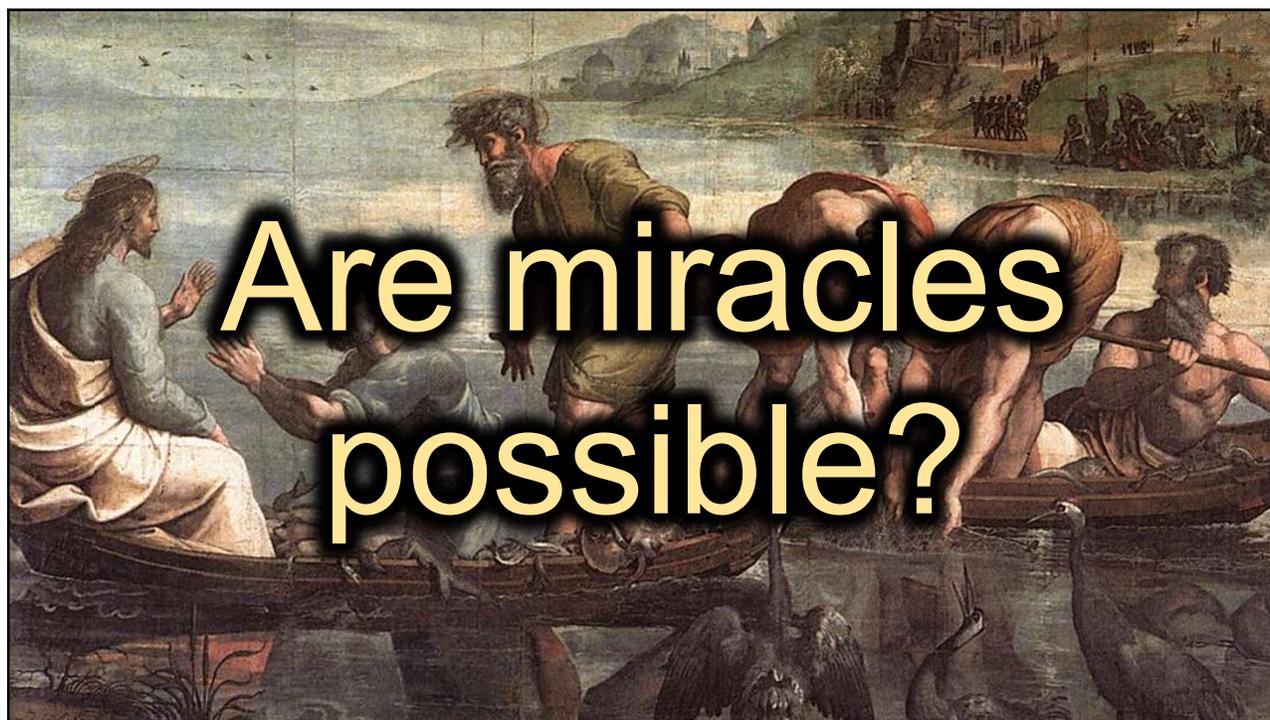


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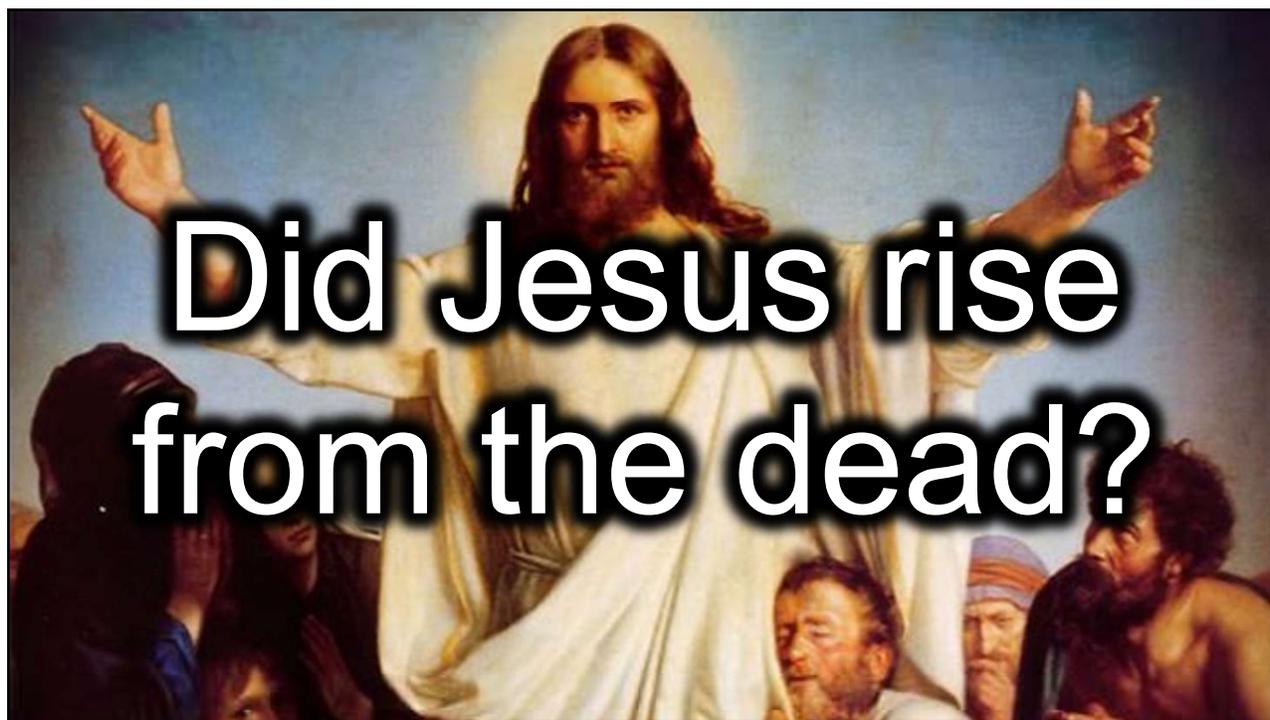
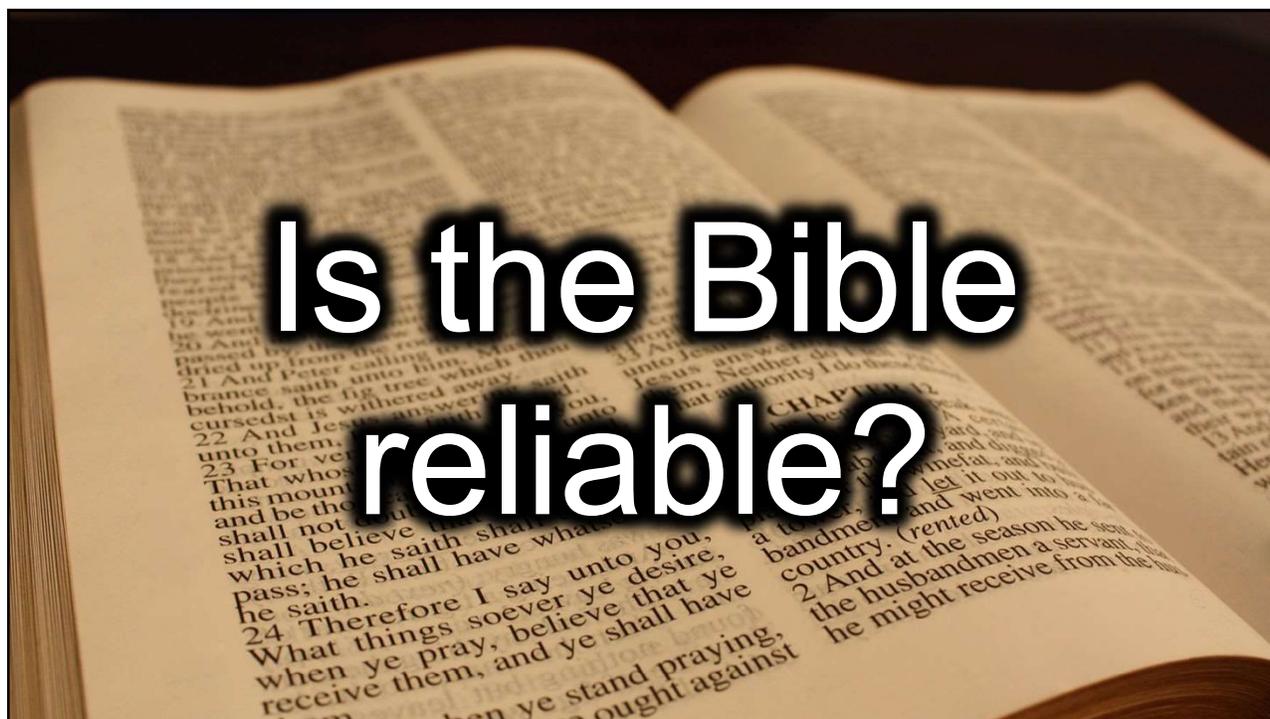




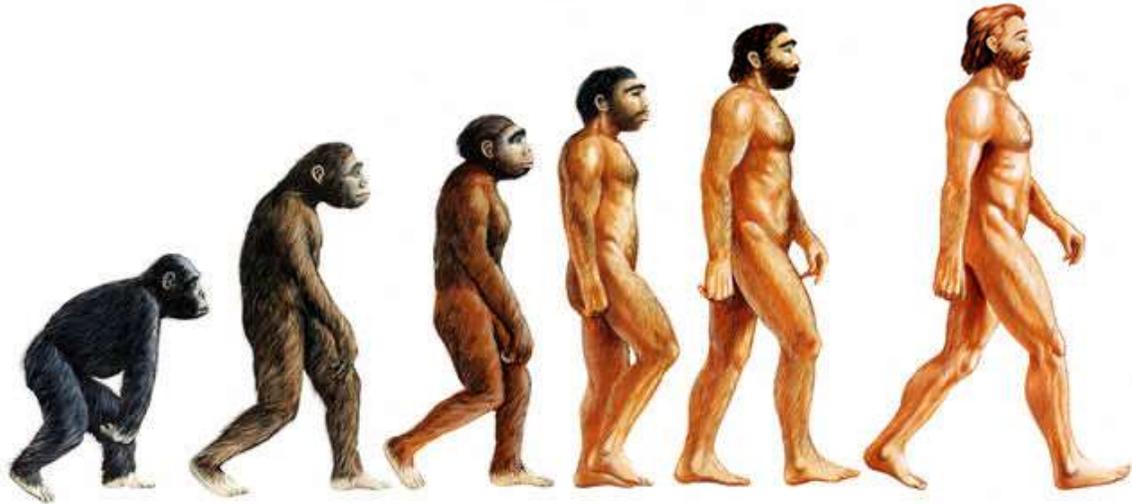
How do God
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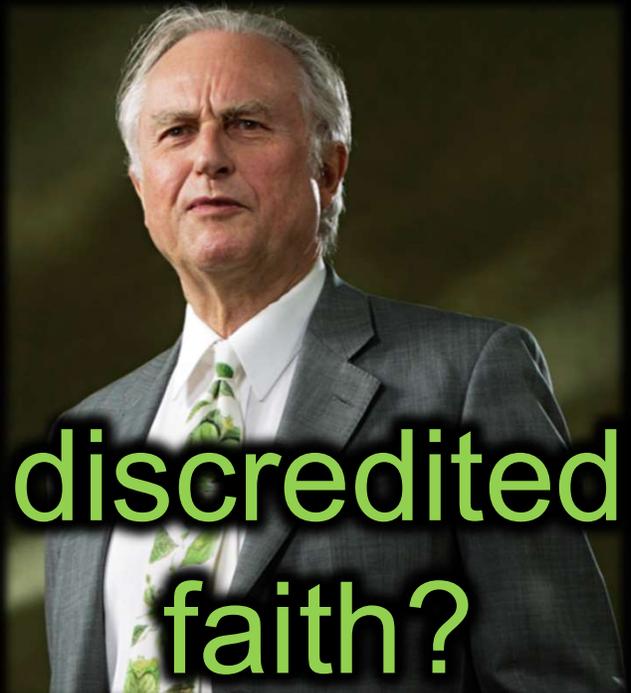


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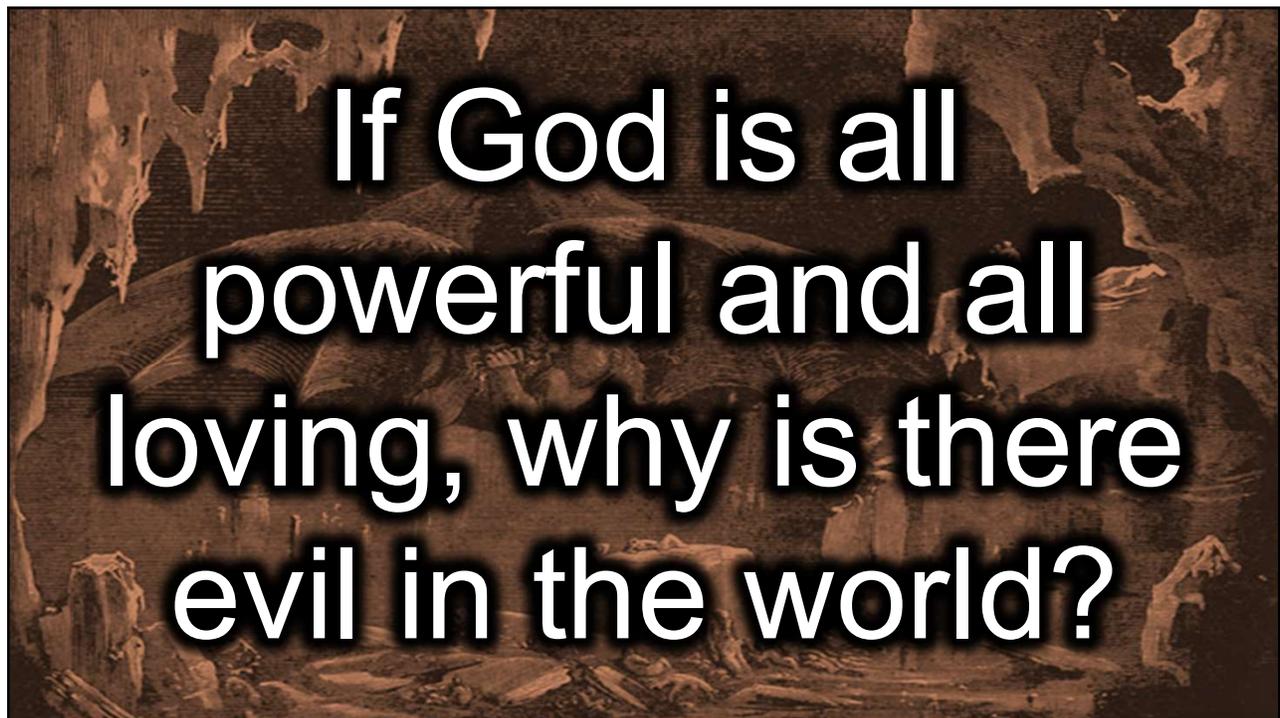


**Hasn't
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Richard
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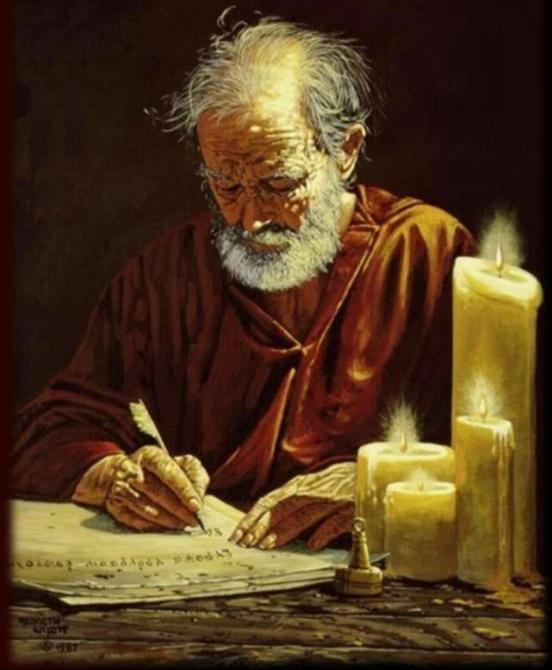
***The apostles engaged
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***The evidence is strong
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***The Bible is clear
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Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common 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.

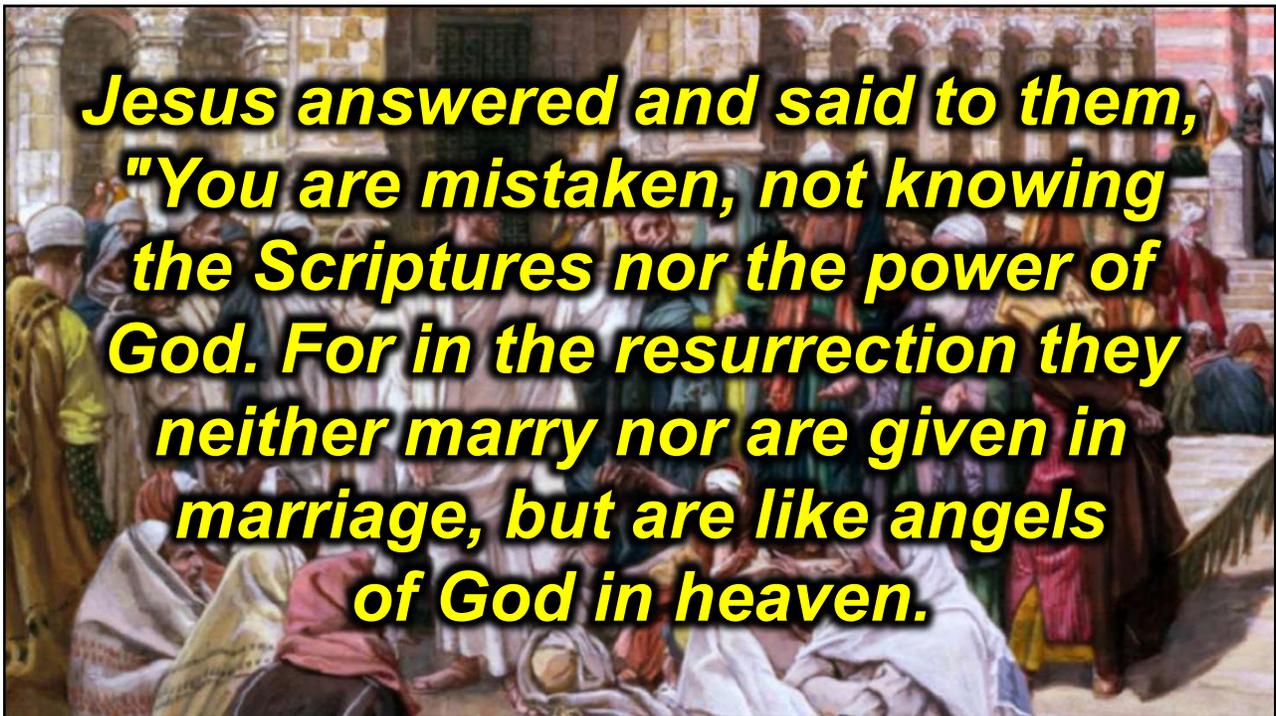
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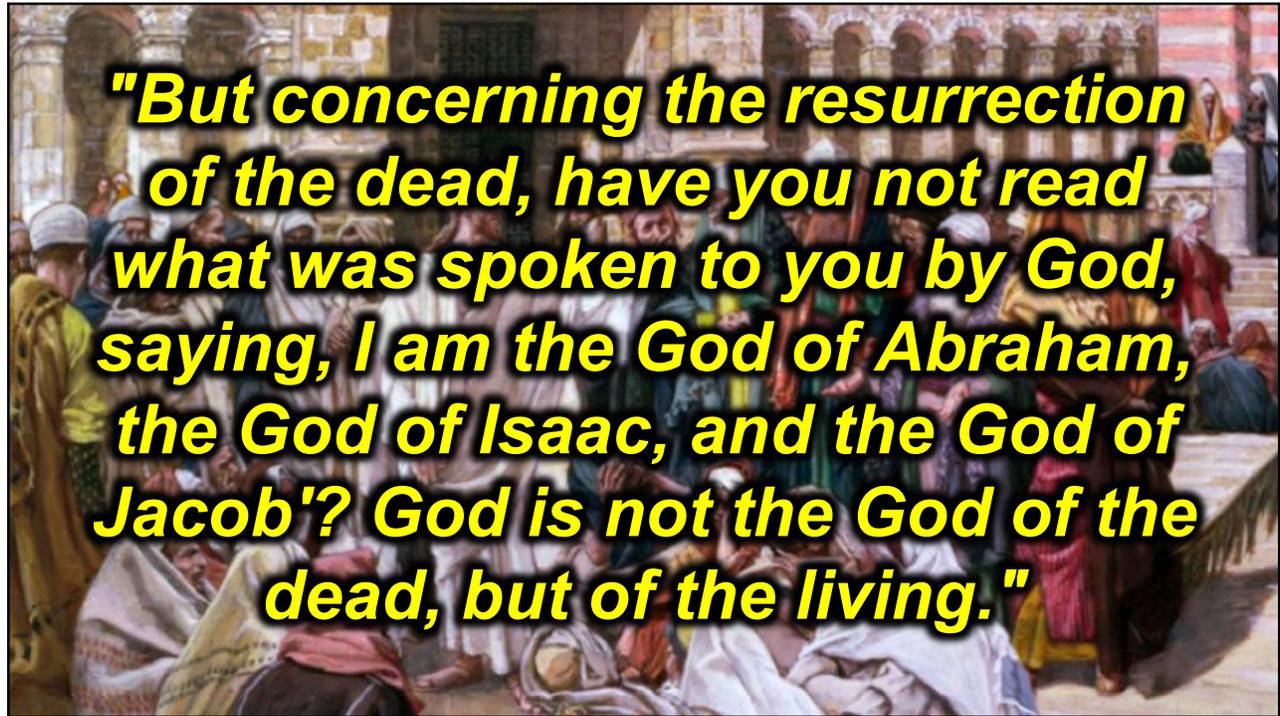


"For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped,"

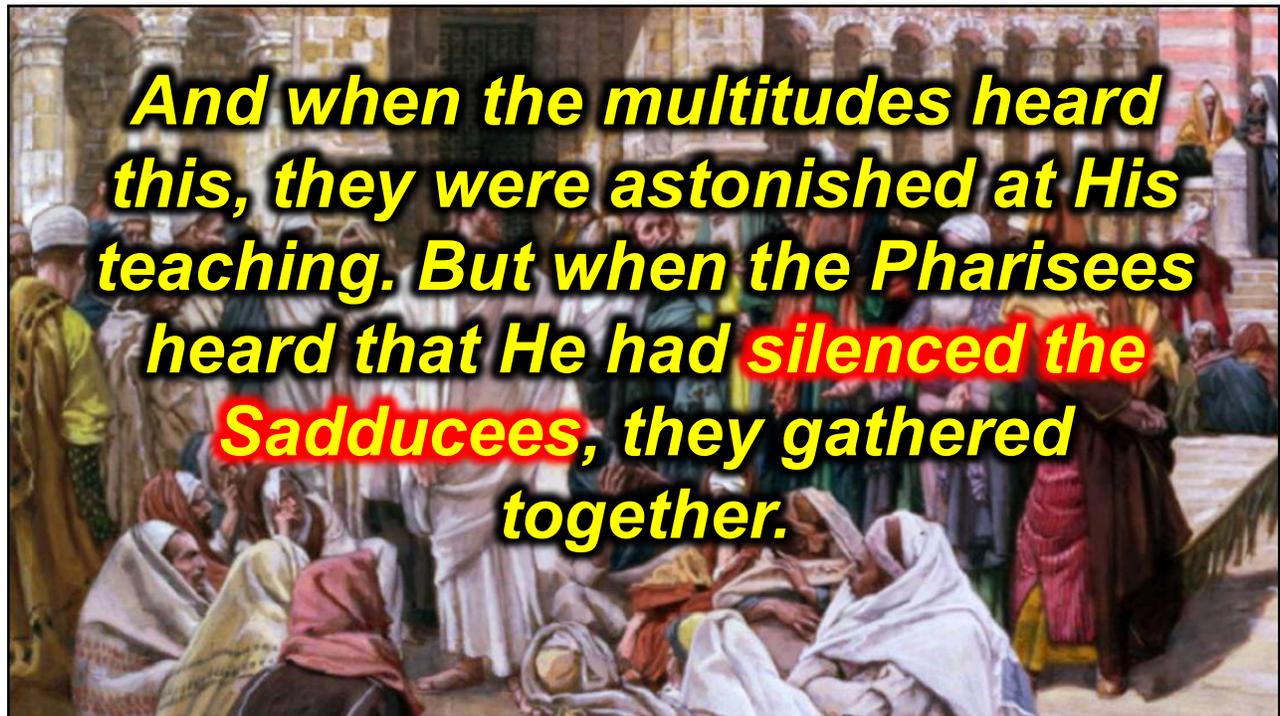
Titus 1:10-11a
(cf. Matthew 22:29-34)



Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven."



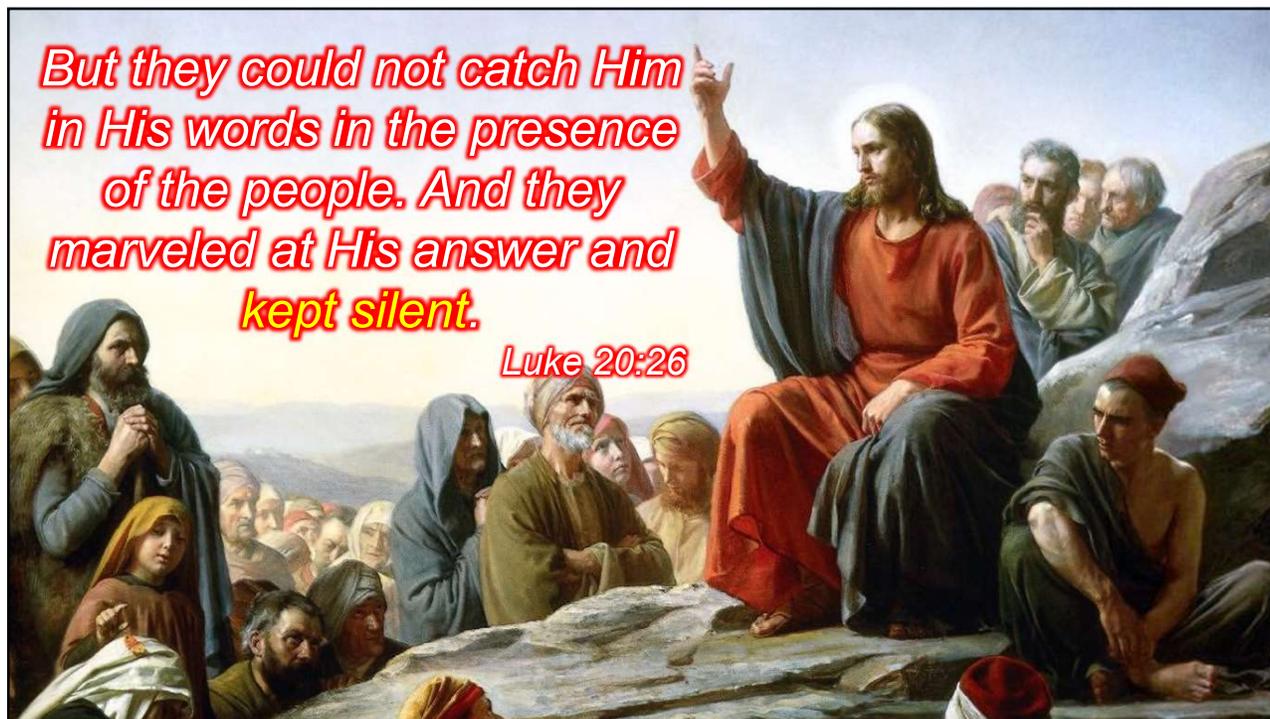
"But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."



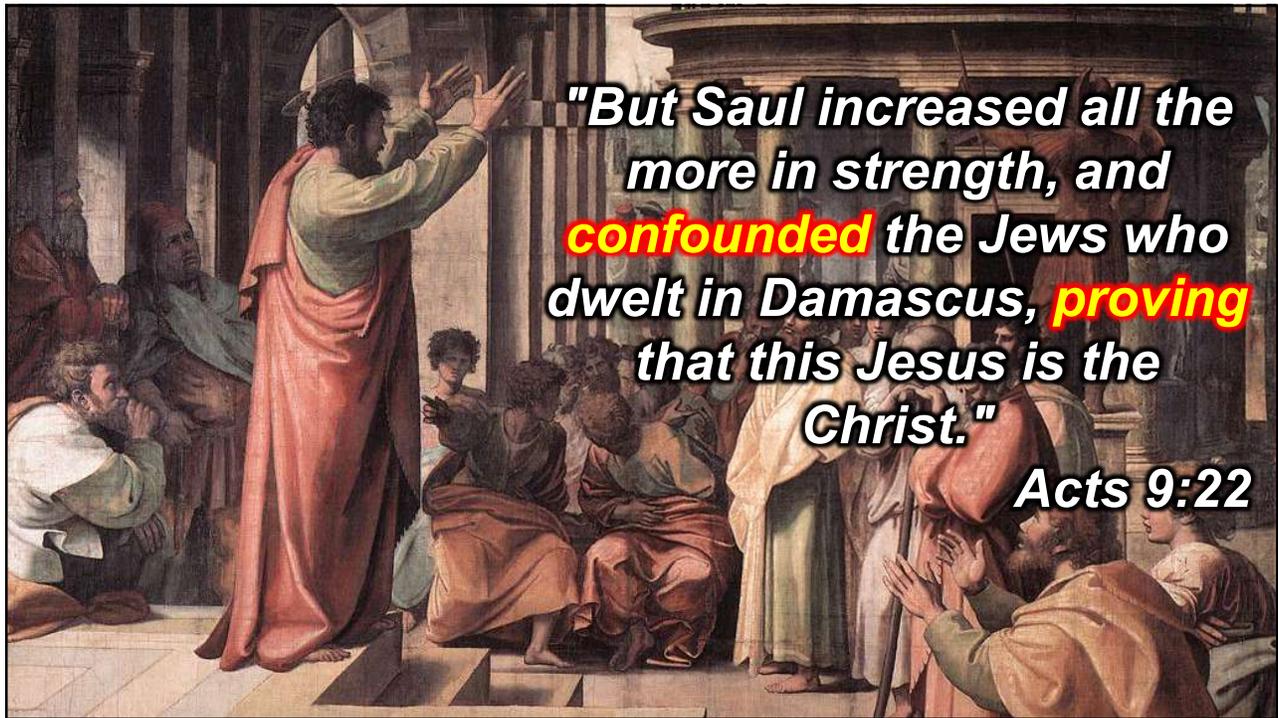
And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. But when the Pharisees heard that He had **silenced the Sadducees**, they gathered together.

*But they could not catch Him
in His words in the presence
of the people. And they
marveled at His answer and
kept silent.*

Luke 20:26

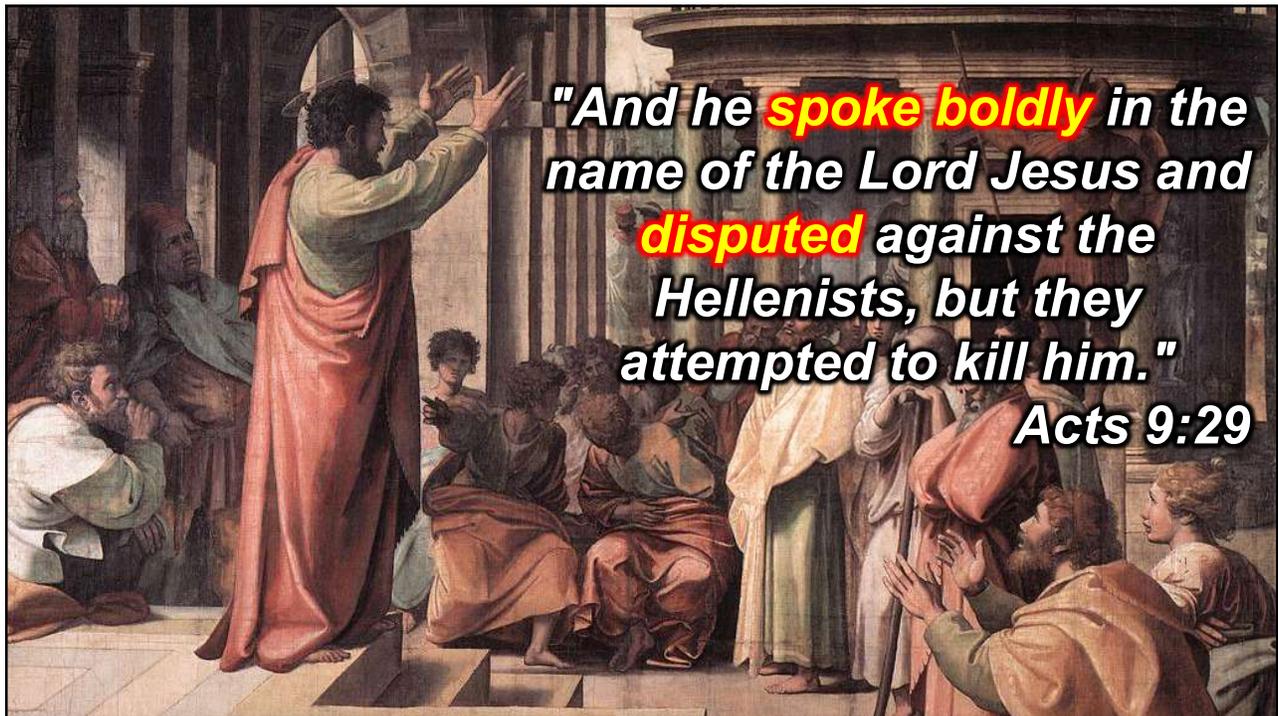


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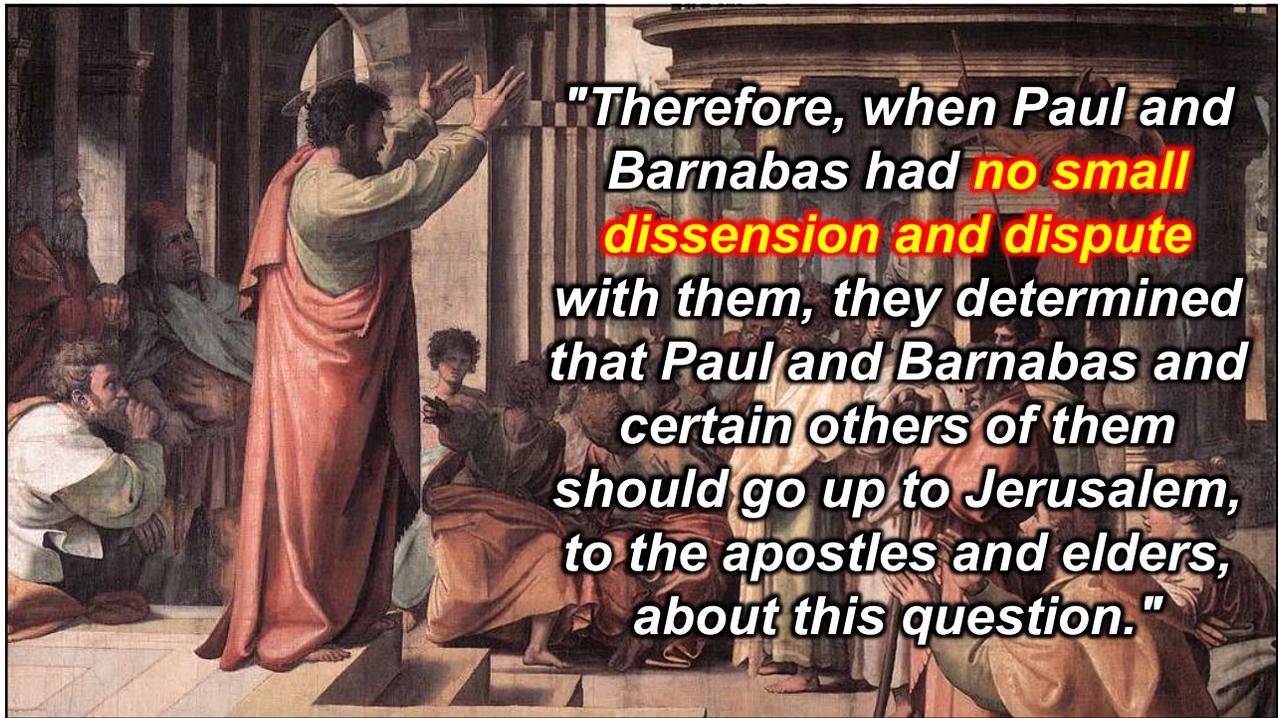
"But Saul increased all the more in strength, and **confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, **proving** that this Jesus is the **Christ.**"**

Acts 9:22

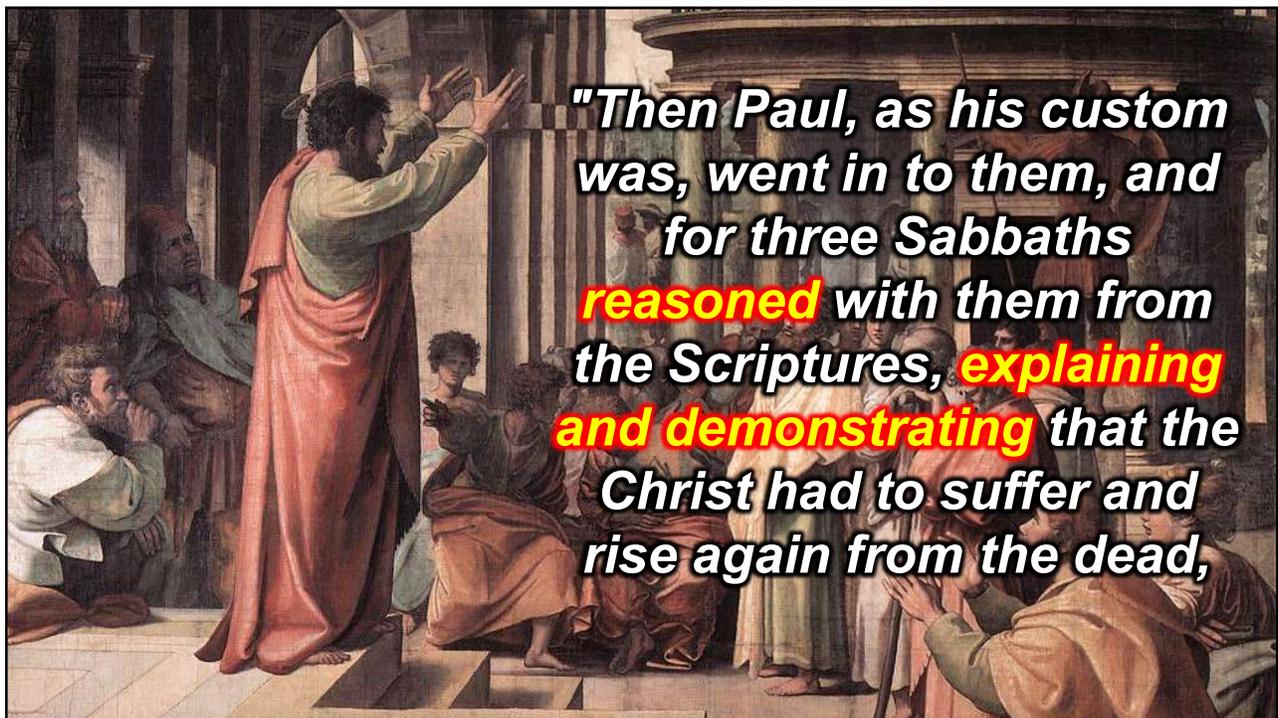


"And he **spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and **disputed** against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him."**

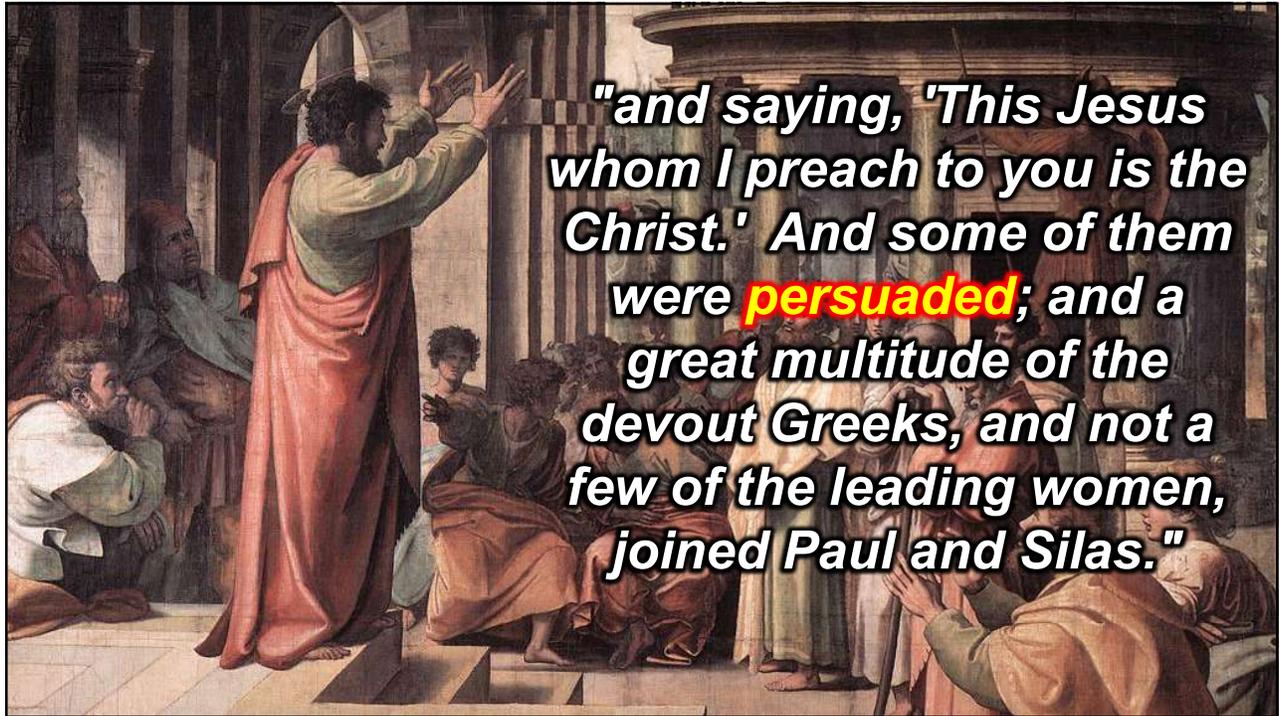
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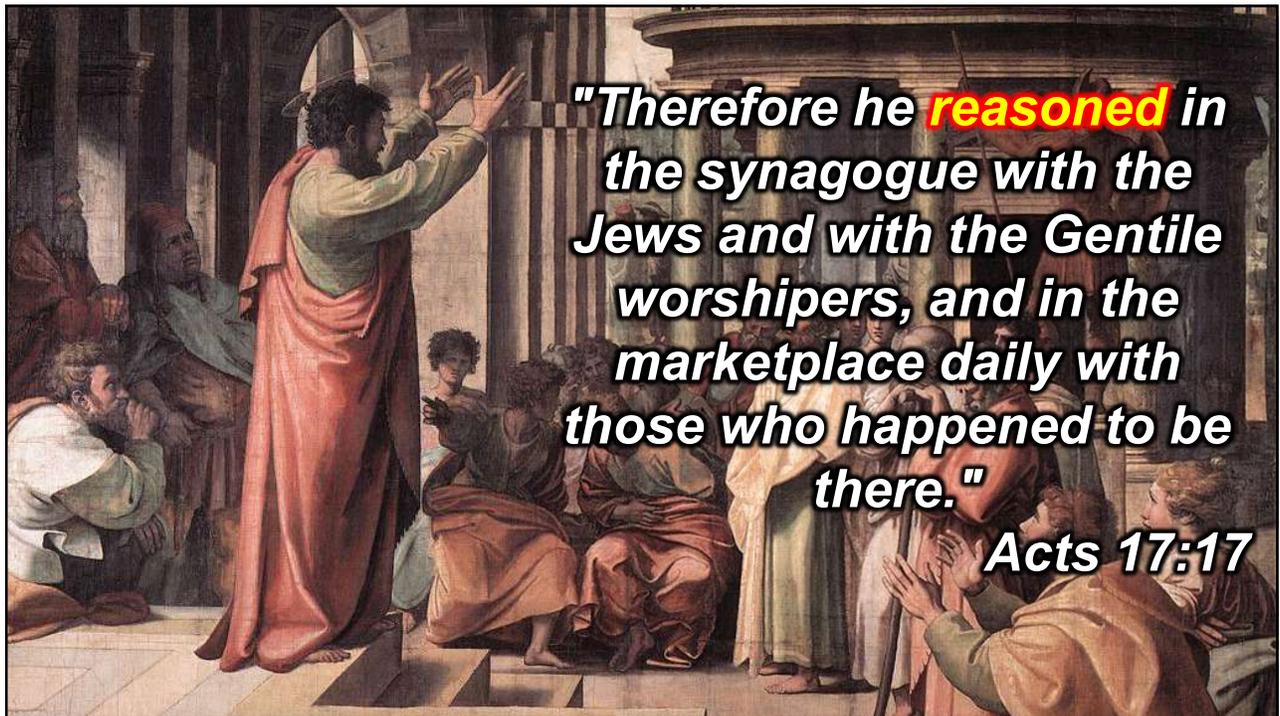
"Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had **no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question."**



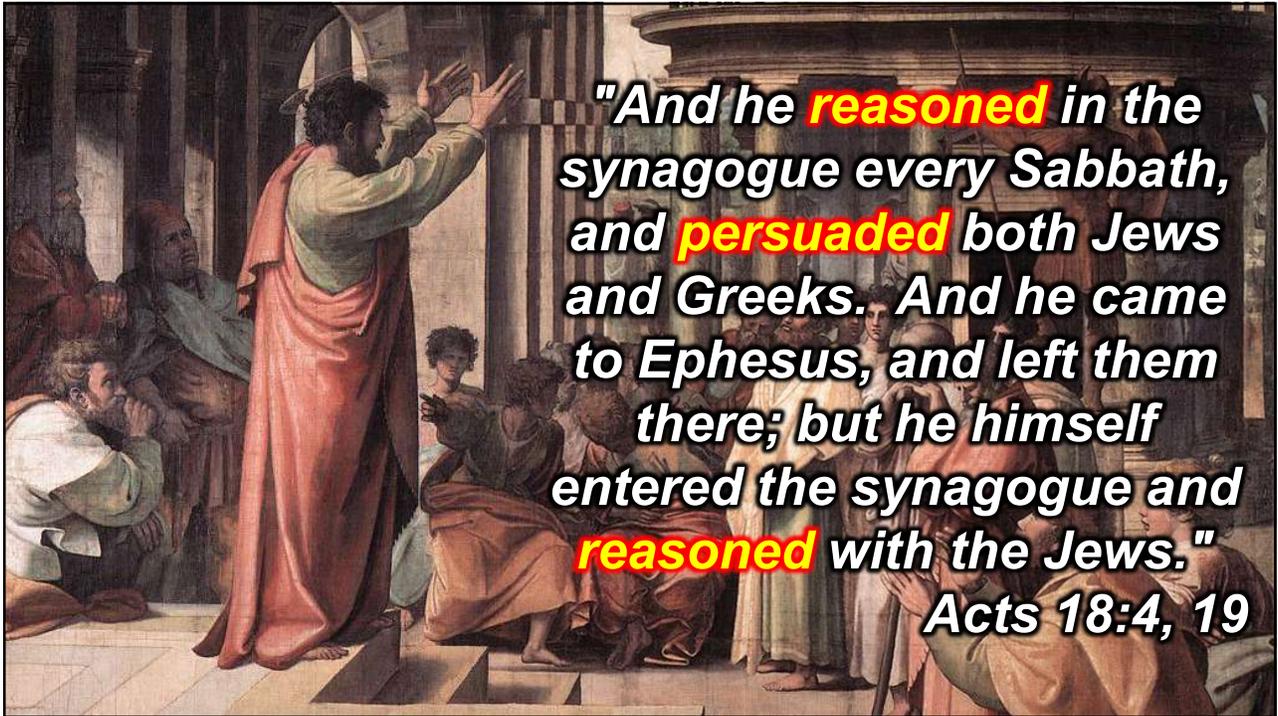
"Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **explaining and demonstrating** that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead,**



"and saying, 'This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.' And some of them were **persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas."**

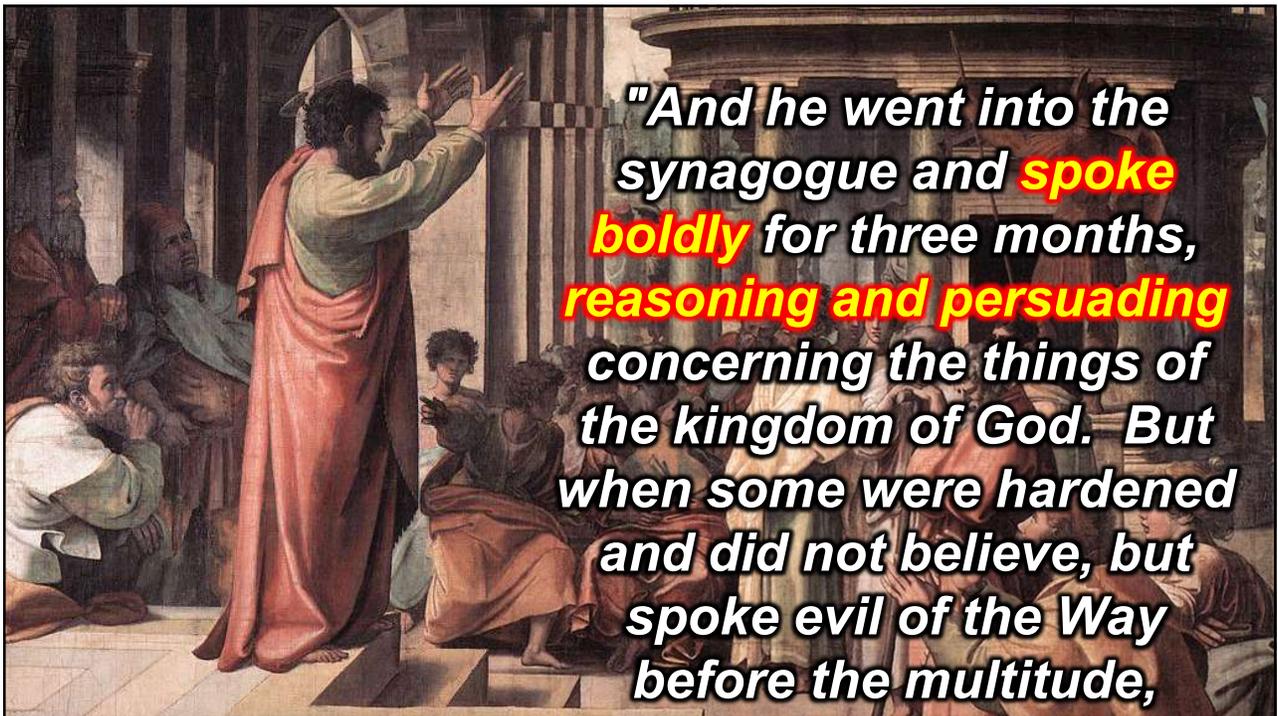


"Therefore he **reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there."
Acts 17:17**

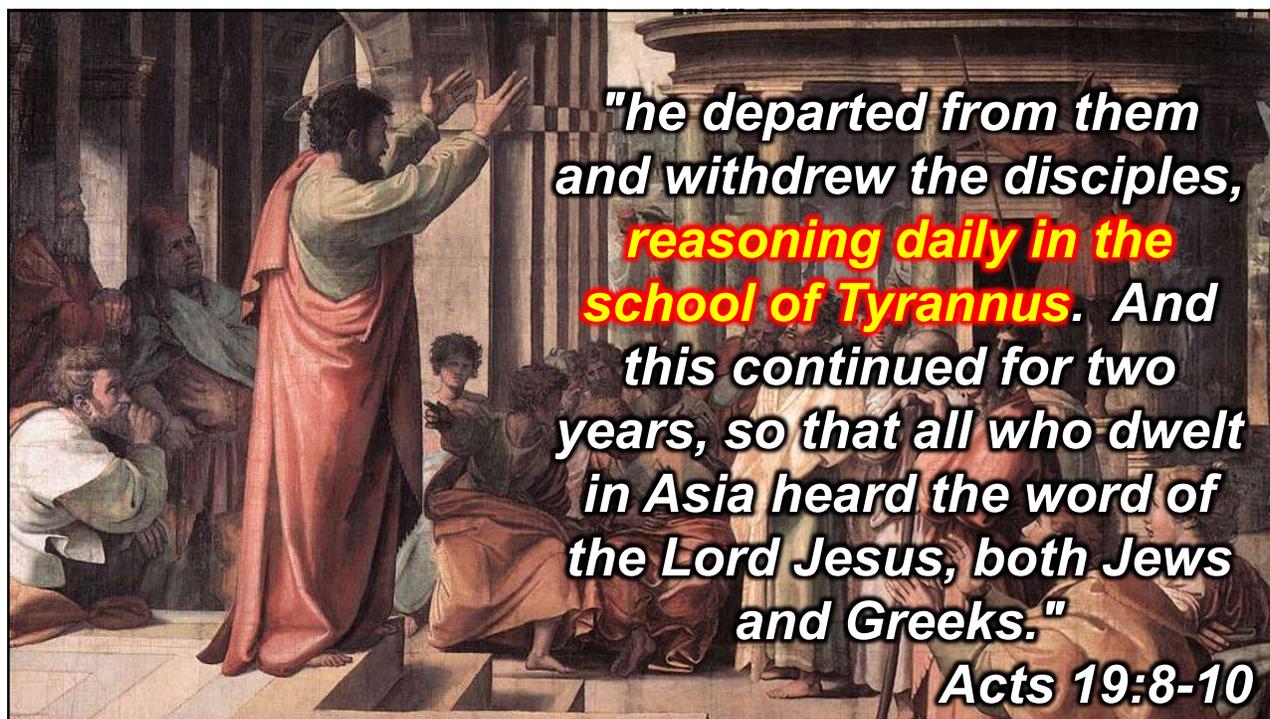


"And he **reasoned** in the synagogue every Sabbath, and **persuaded** both Jews and Greeks. And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and **reasoned** with the Jews."

Acts 18:4, 19

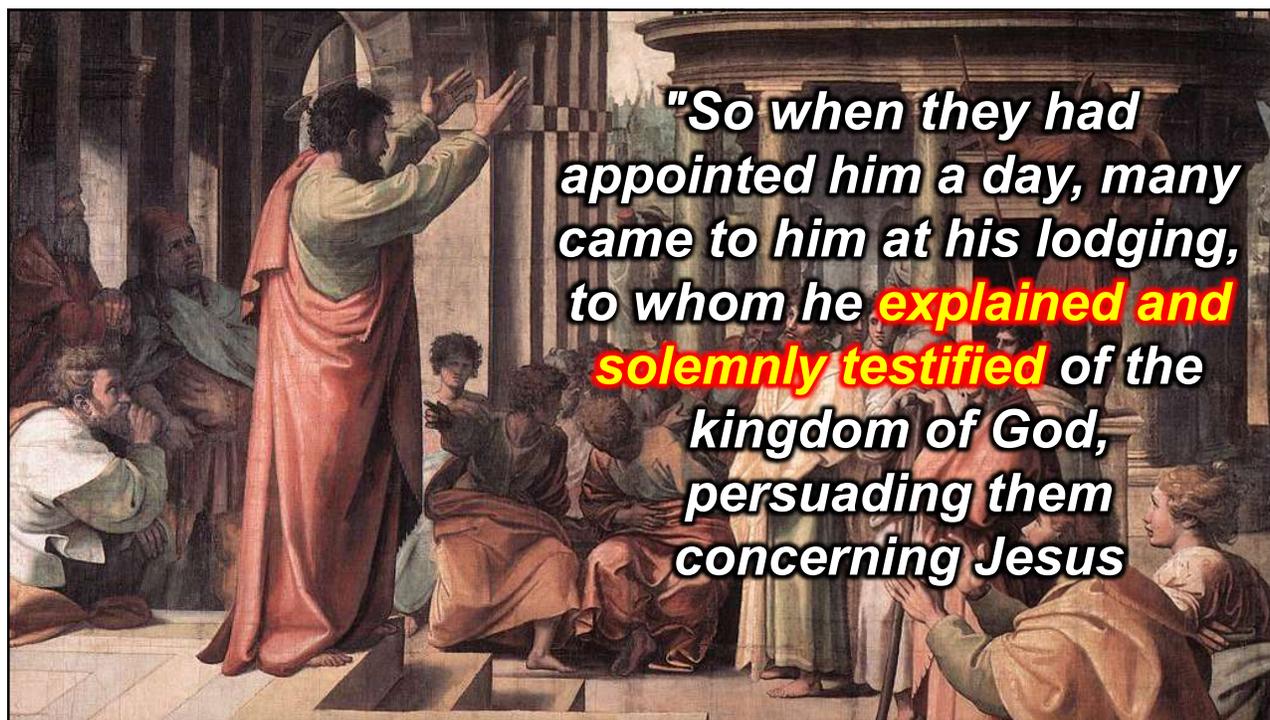


"And he went into the synagogue and **spoke boldly** for three months, **reasoning and persuading** concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude,

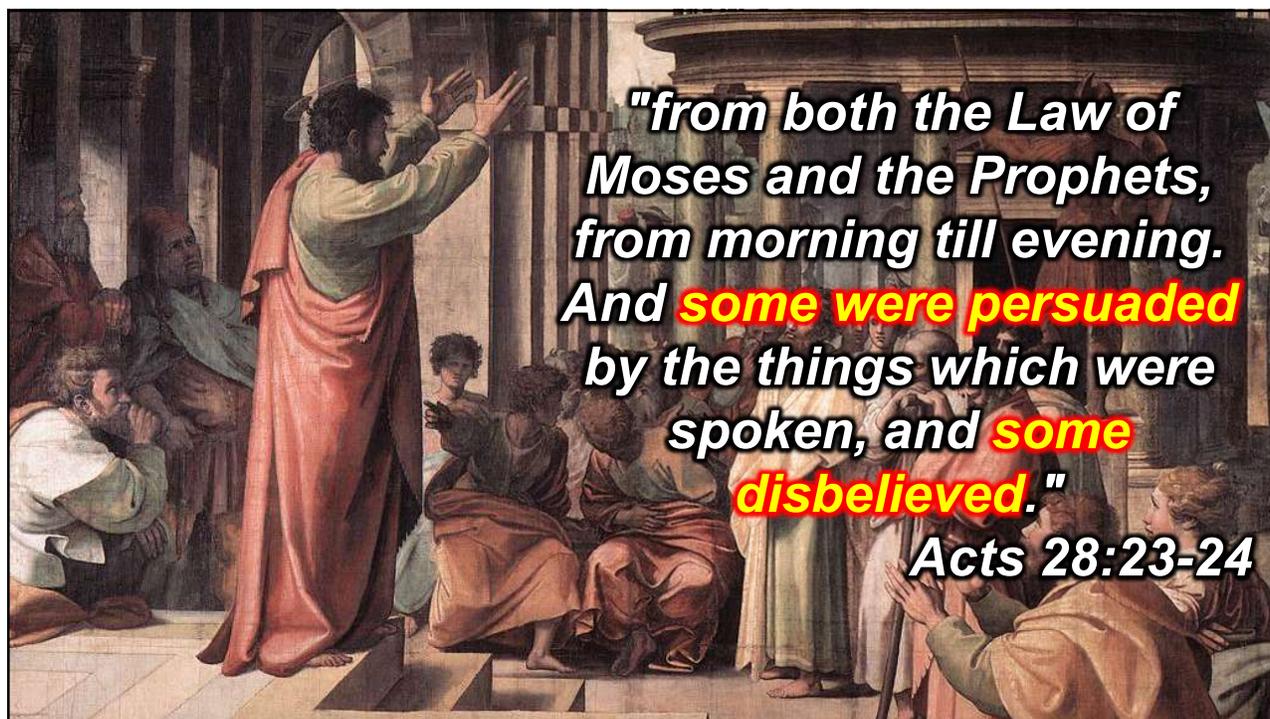


"he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks."

Acts 19:8-10



"So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus



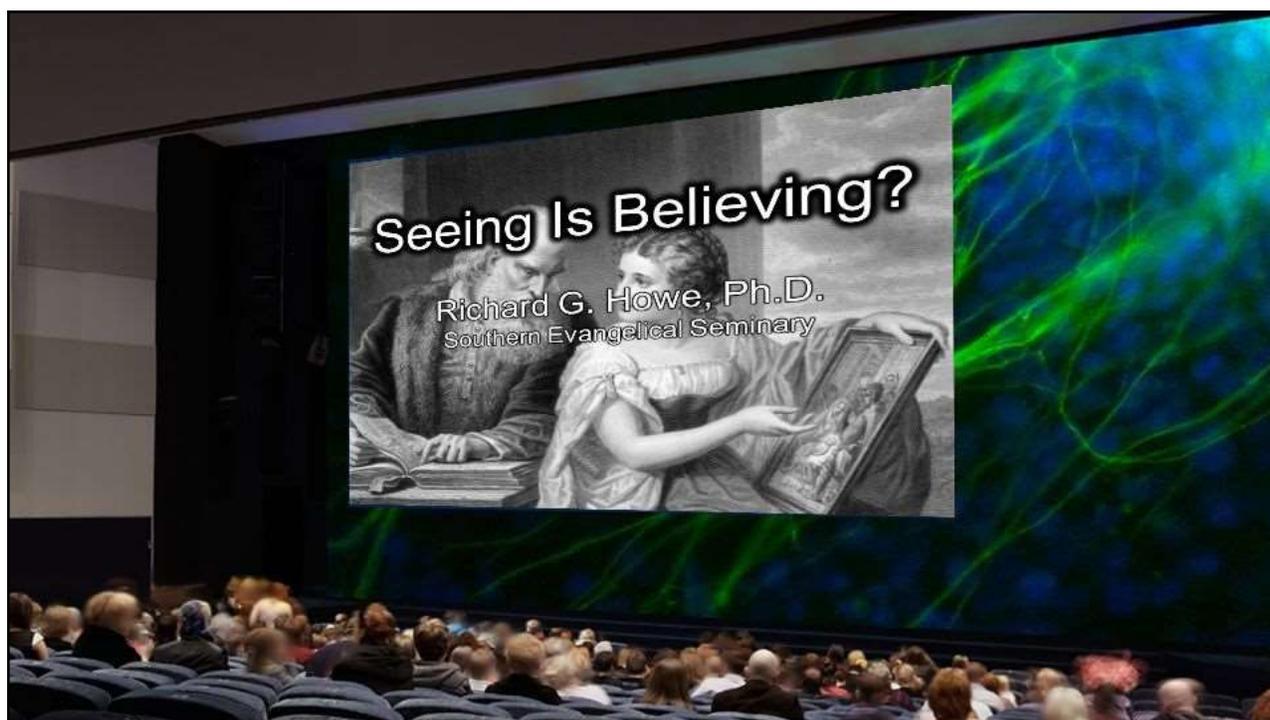
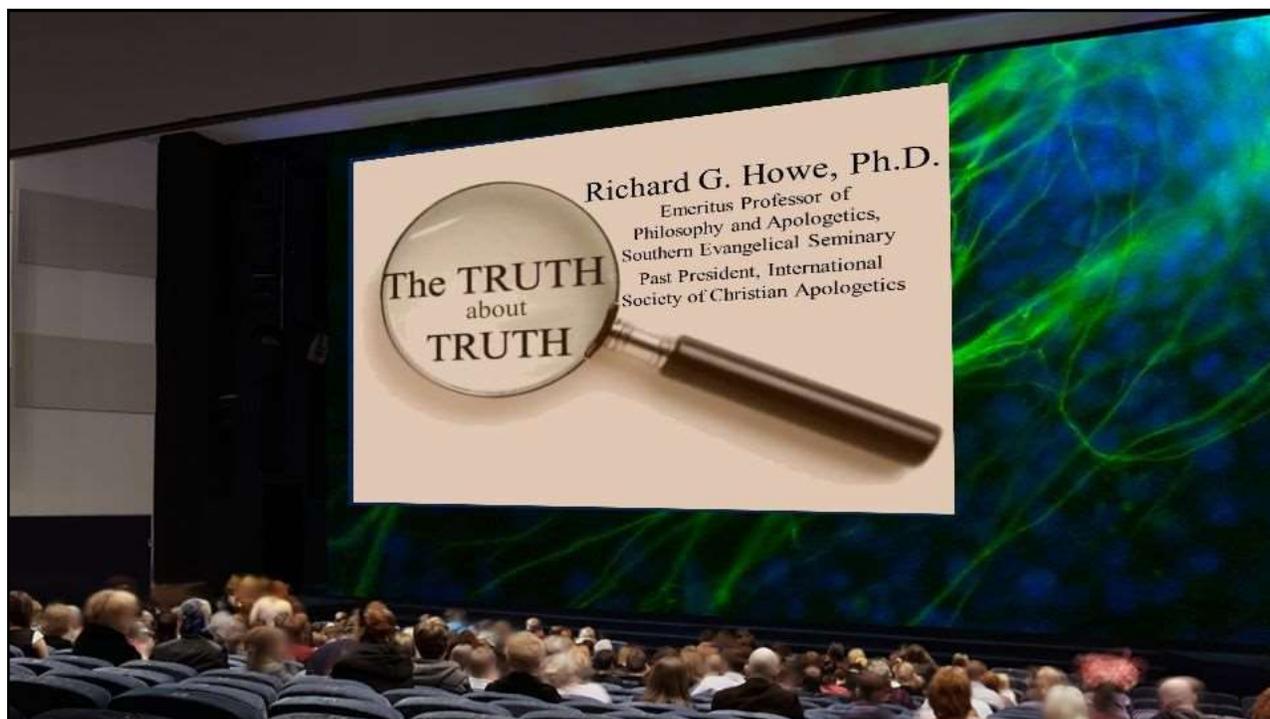
"from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved."

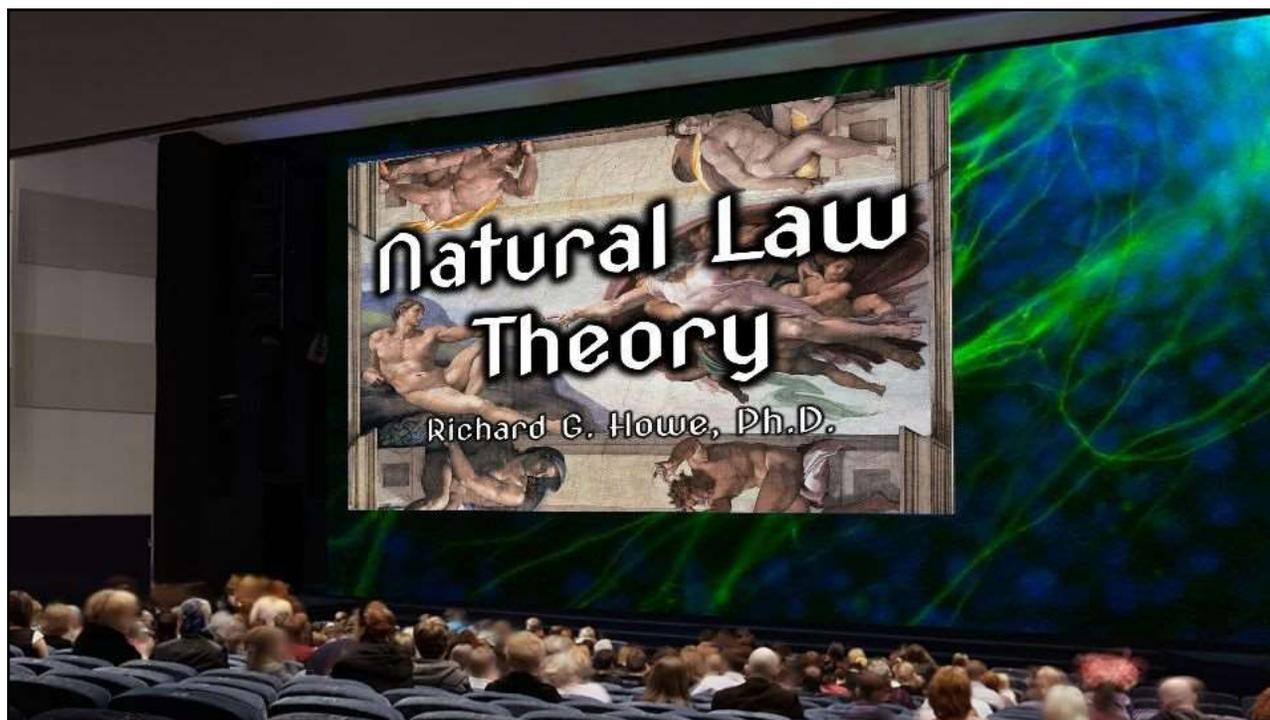
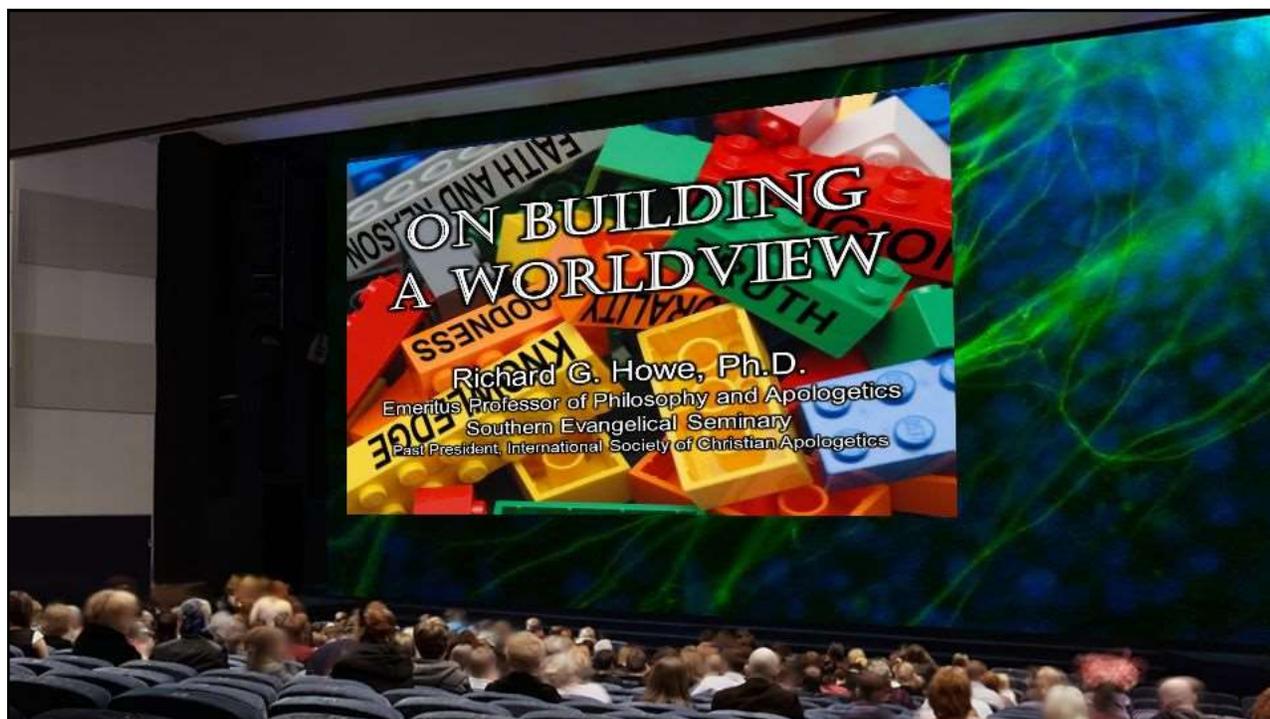
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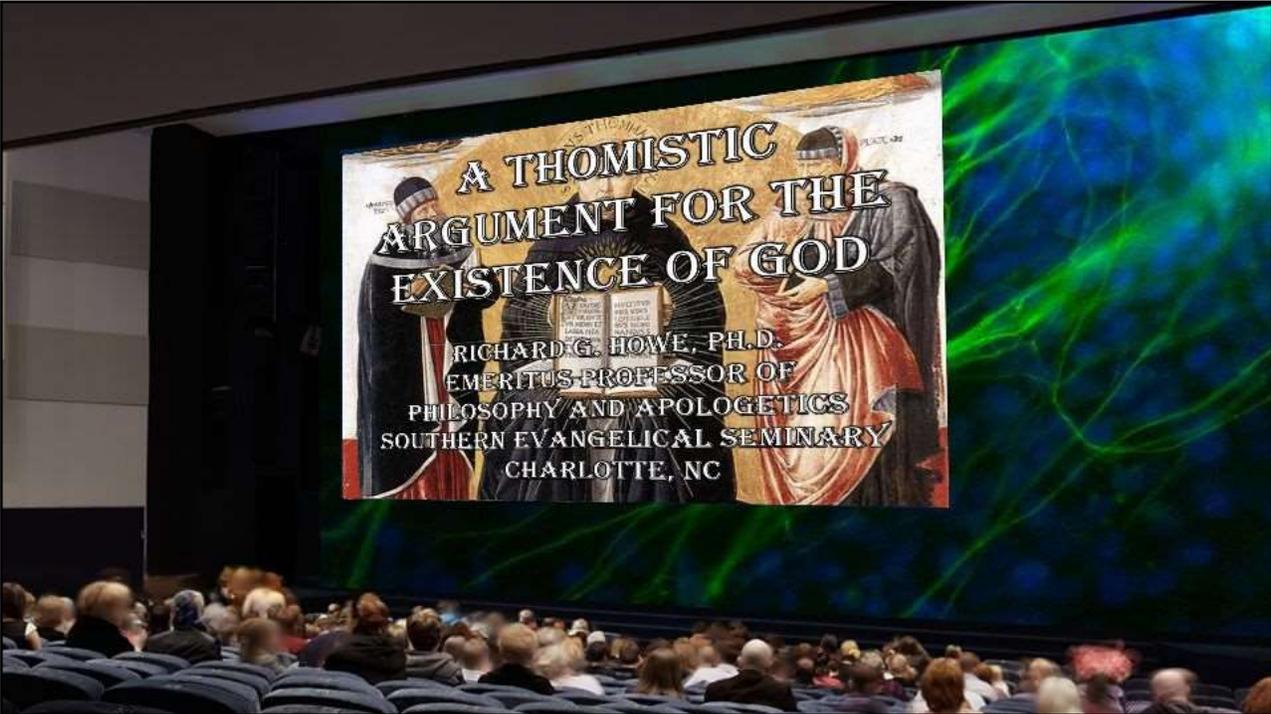
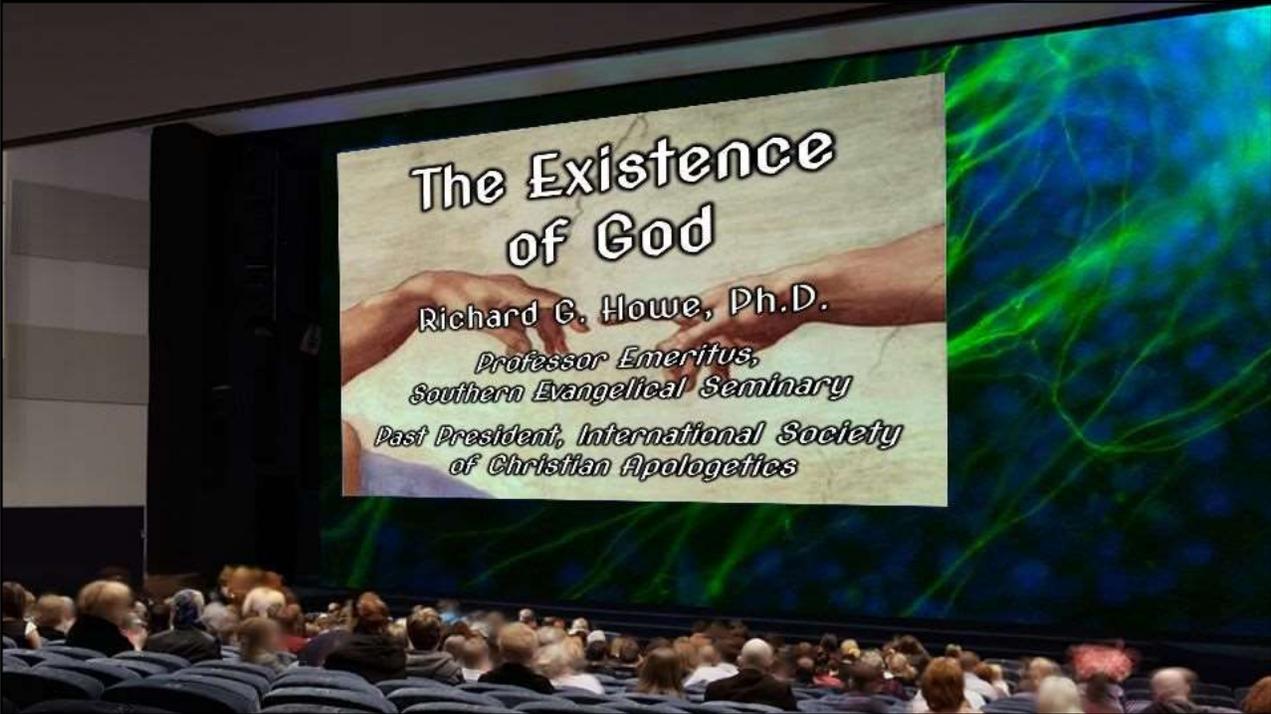
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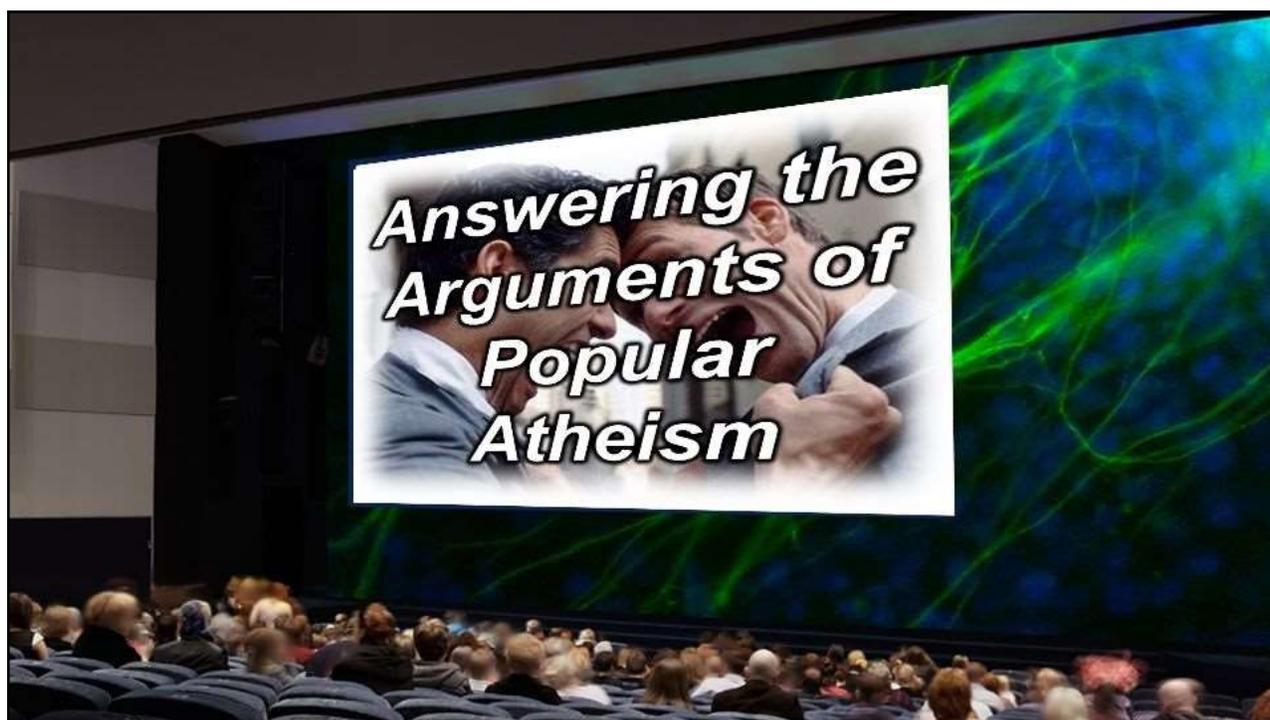


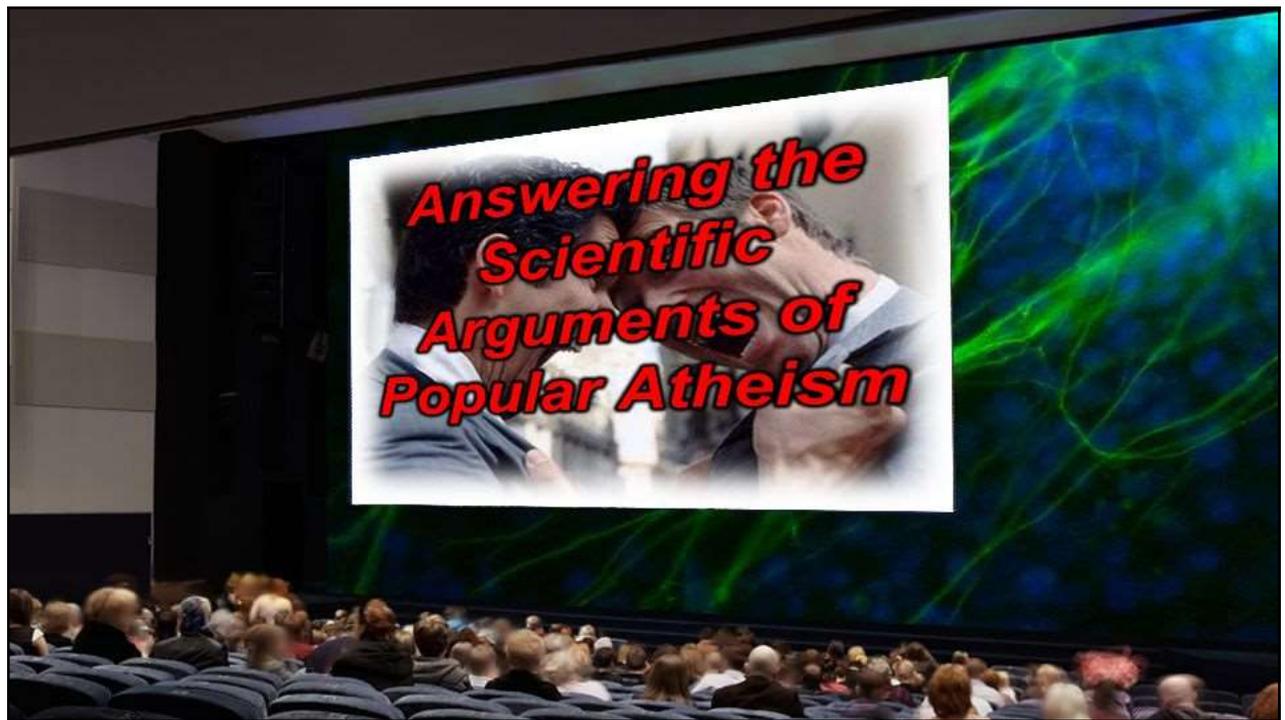
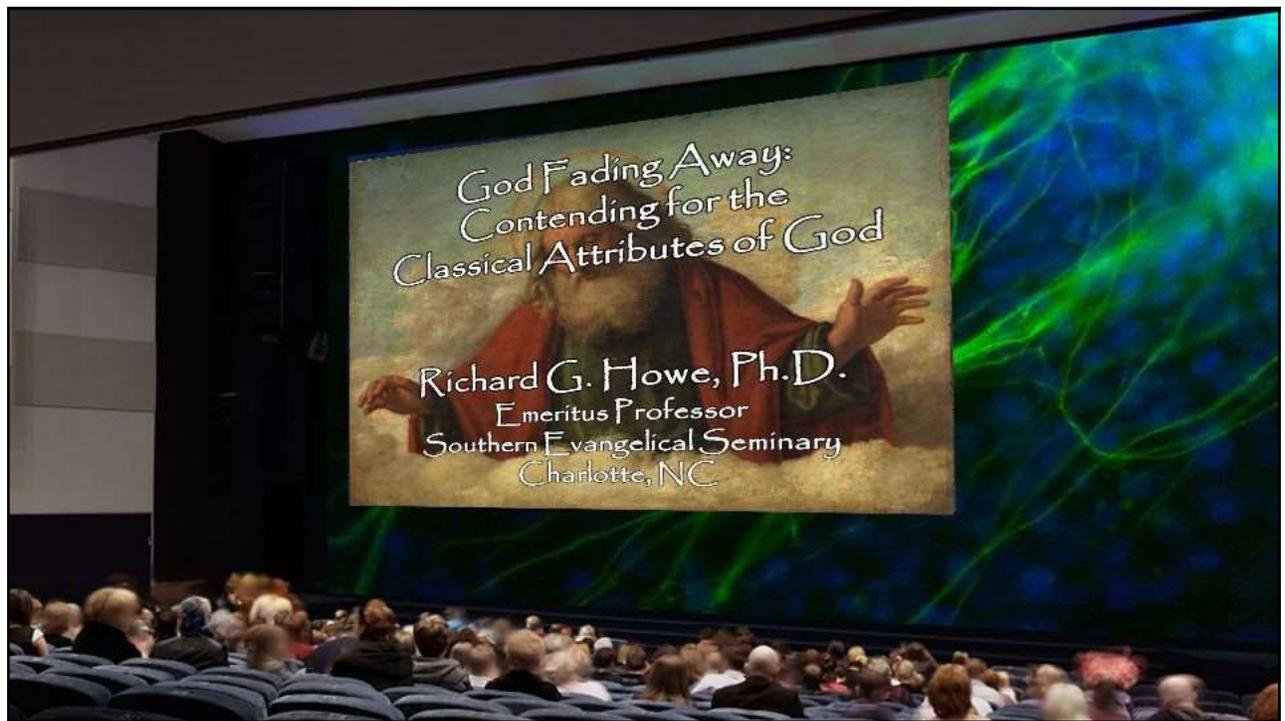
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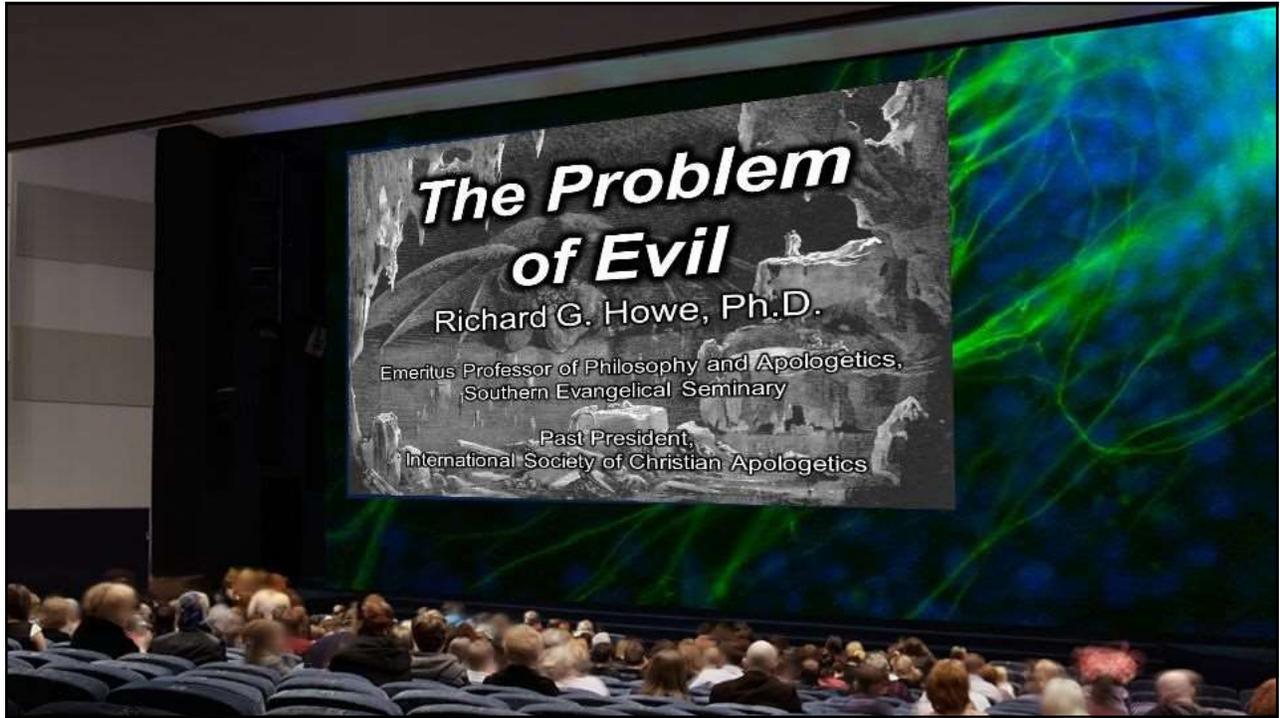


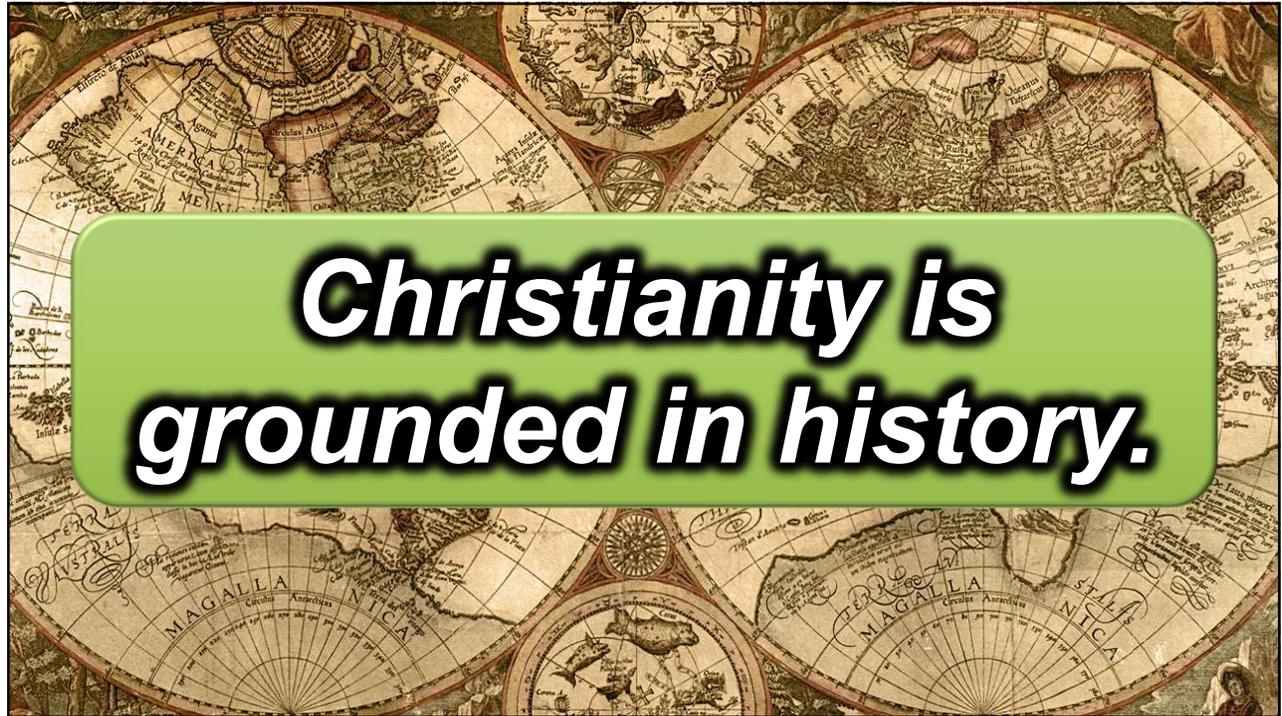




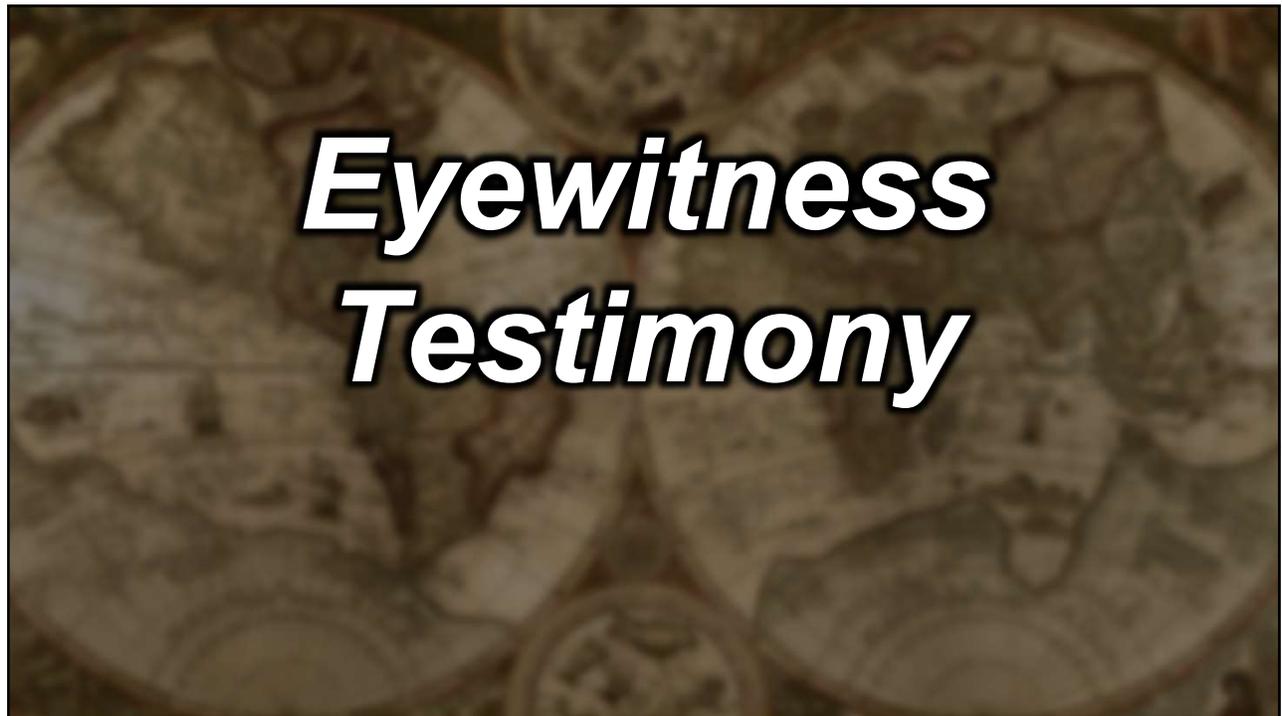








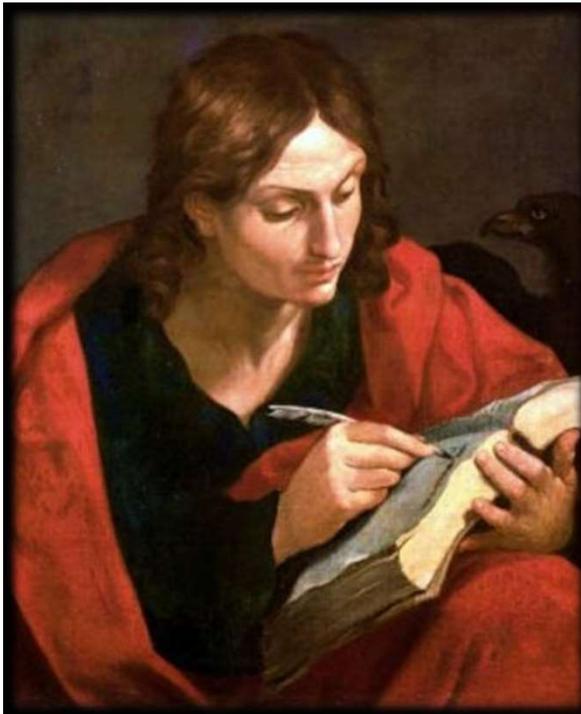
***Christianity is
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***Eyewitness
Testimony***

"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty."

2 Peter 1:16

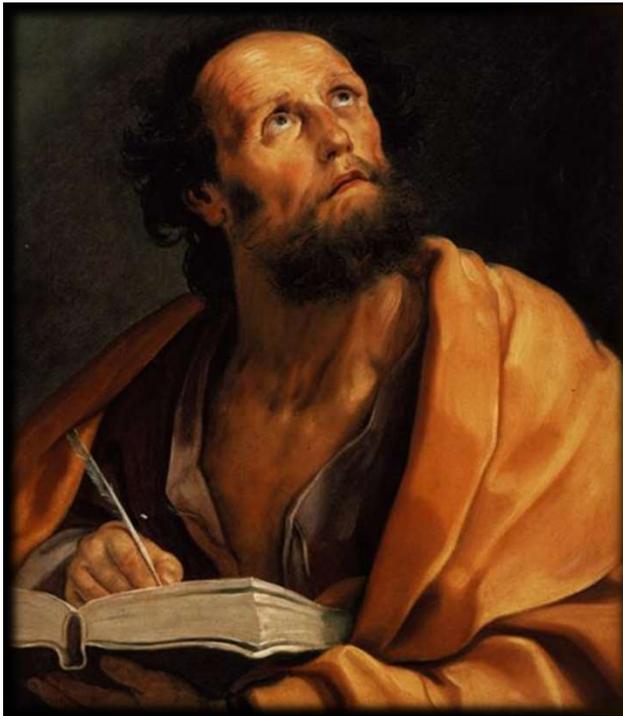


"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life; the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness,

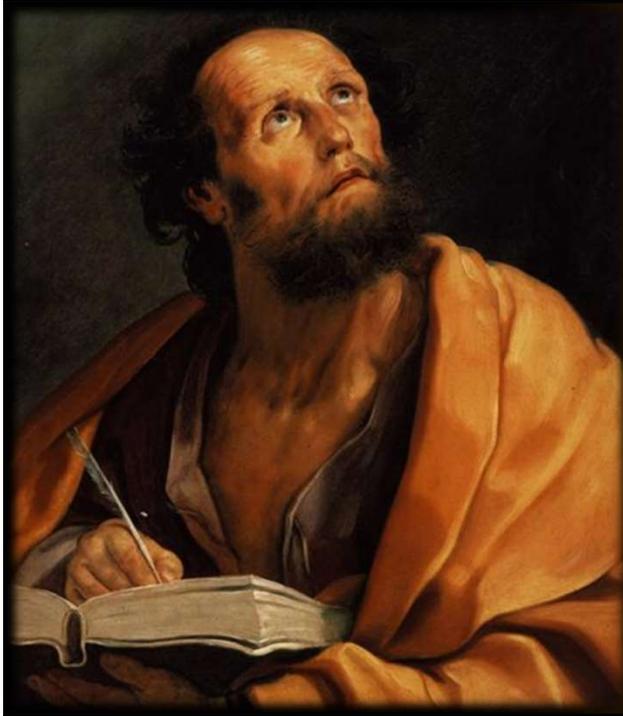


"and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us; that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

1 John 1:1-3



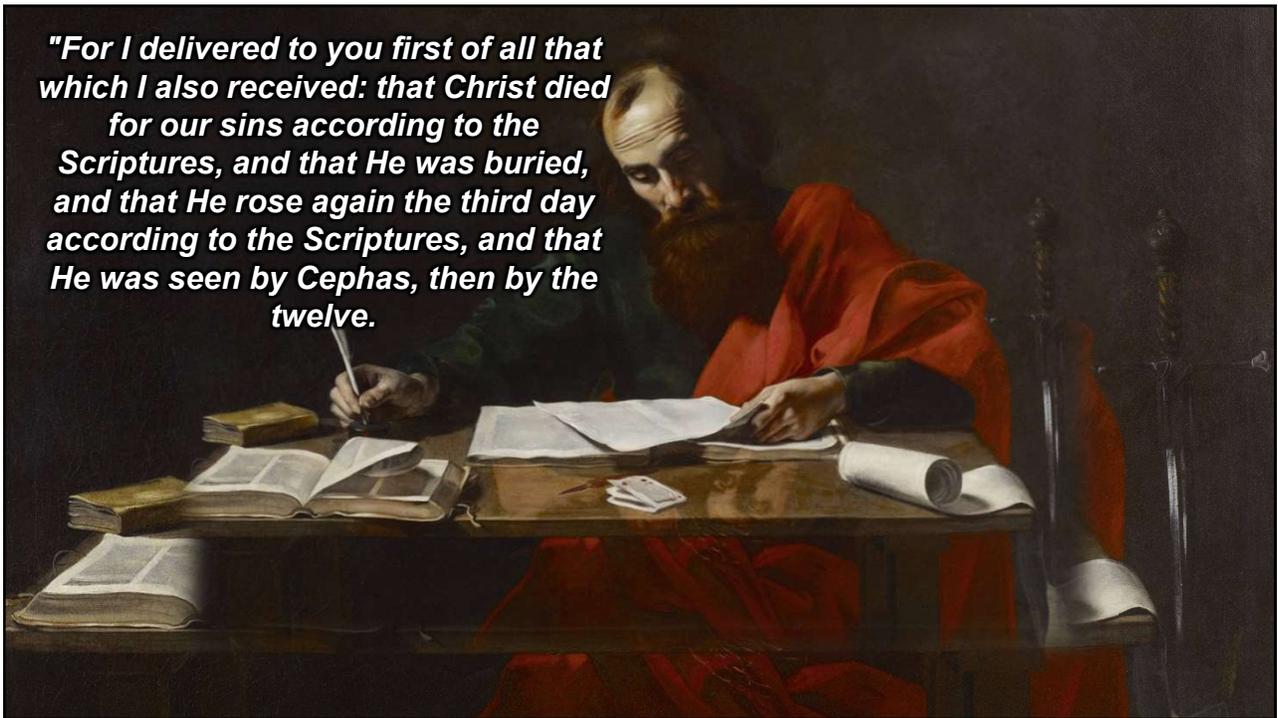
"Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which are most surely believed among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,



"it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed."

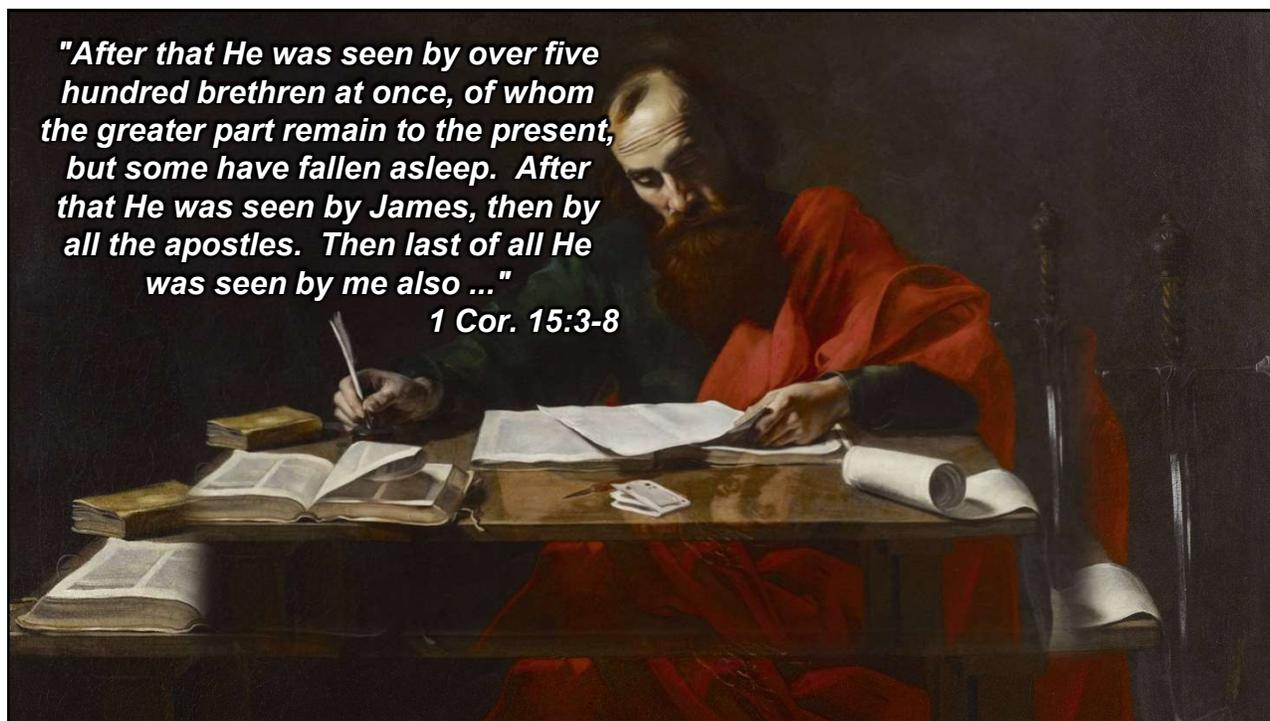
Luke 1:1-4

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve."



"After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also ..."

1 Cor. 15:3-8



**Notice the Argument of
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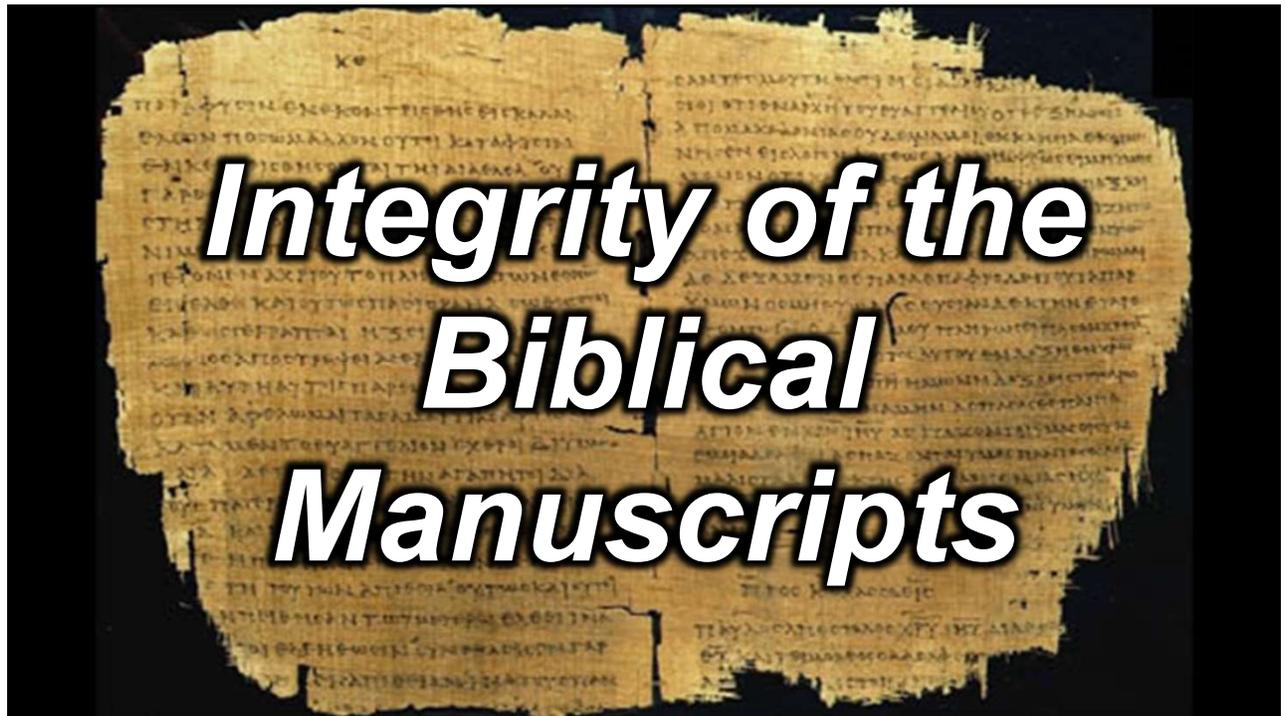
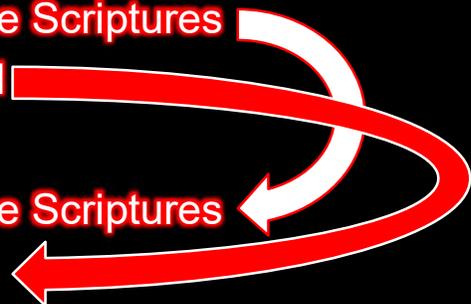
"... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen ..."

❖ Christ Died

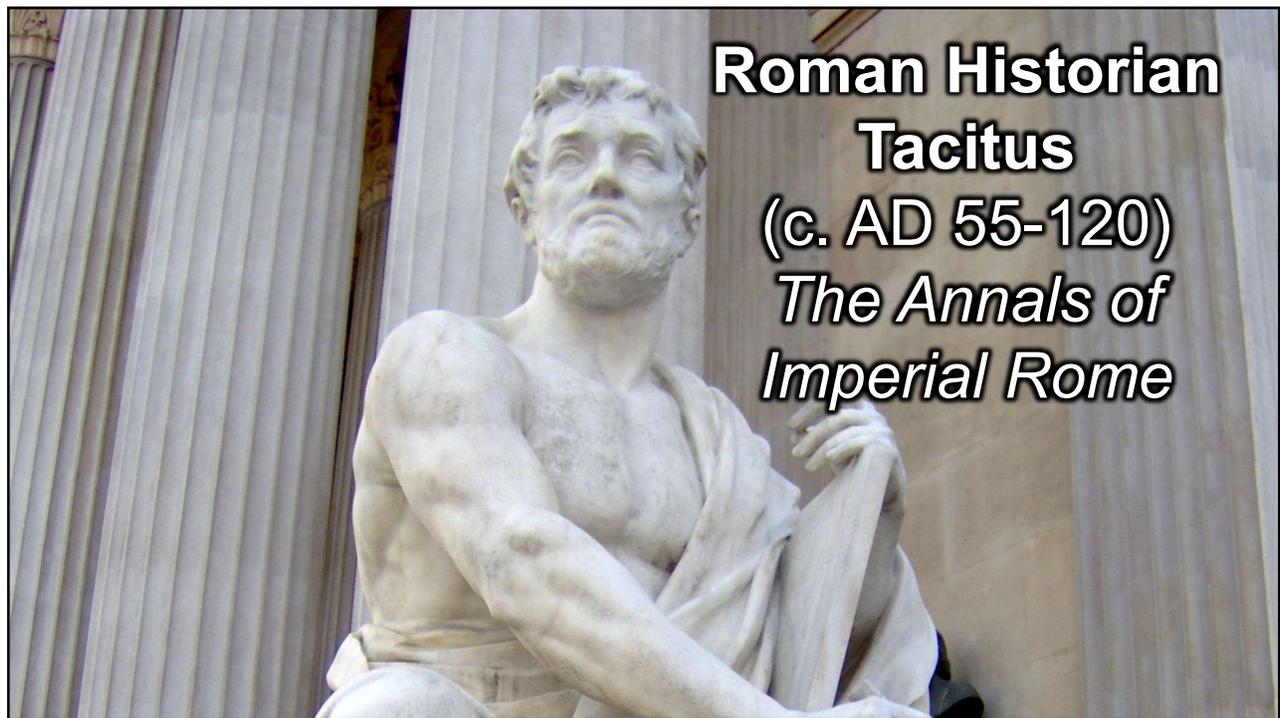
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❖ Christ Rose

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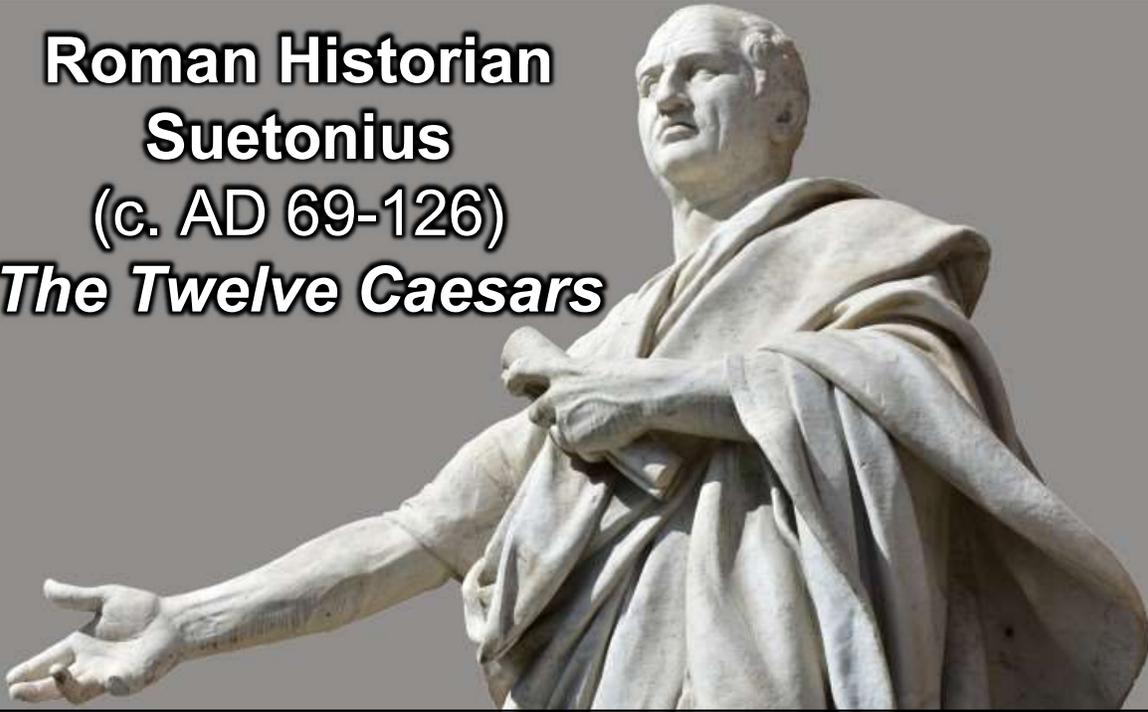


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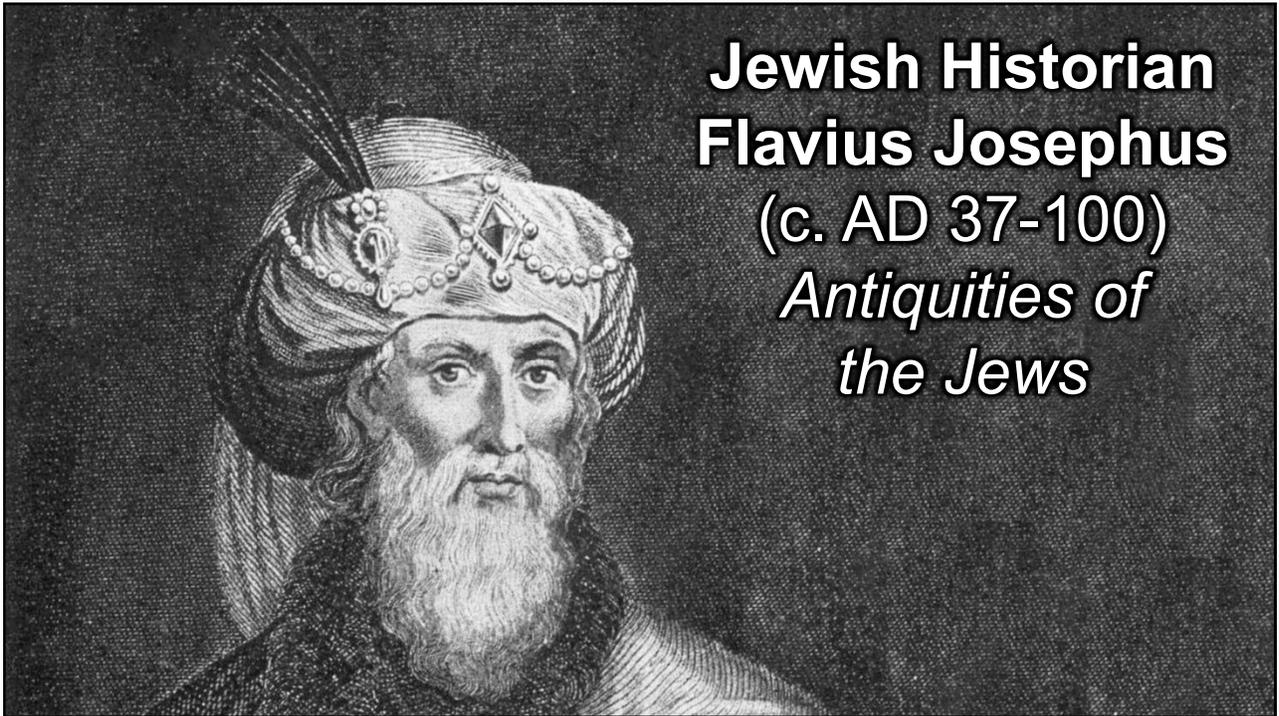


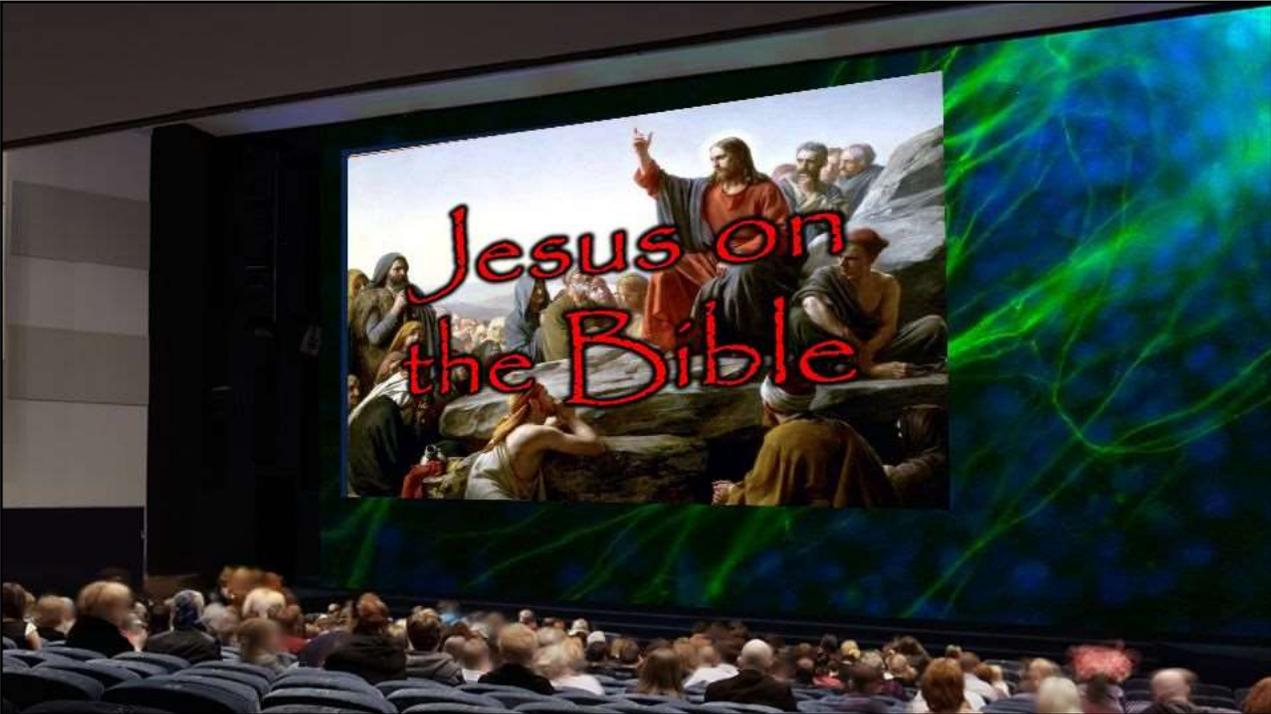
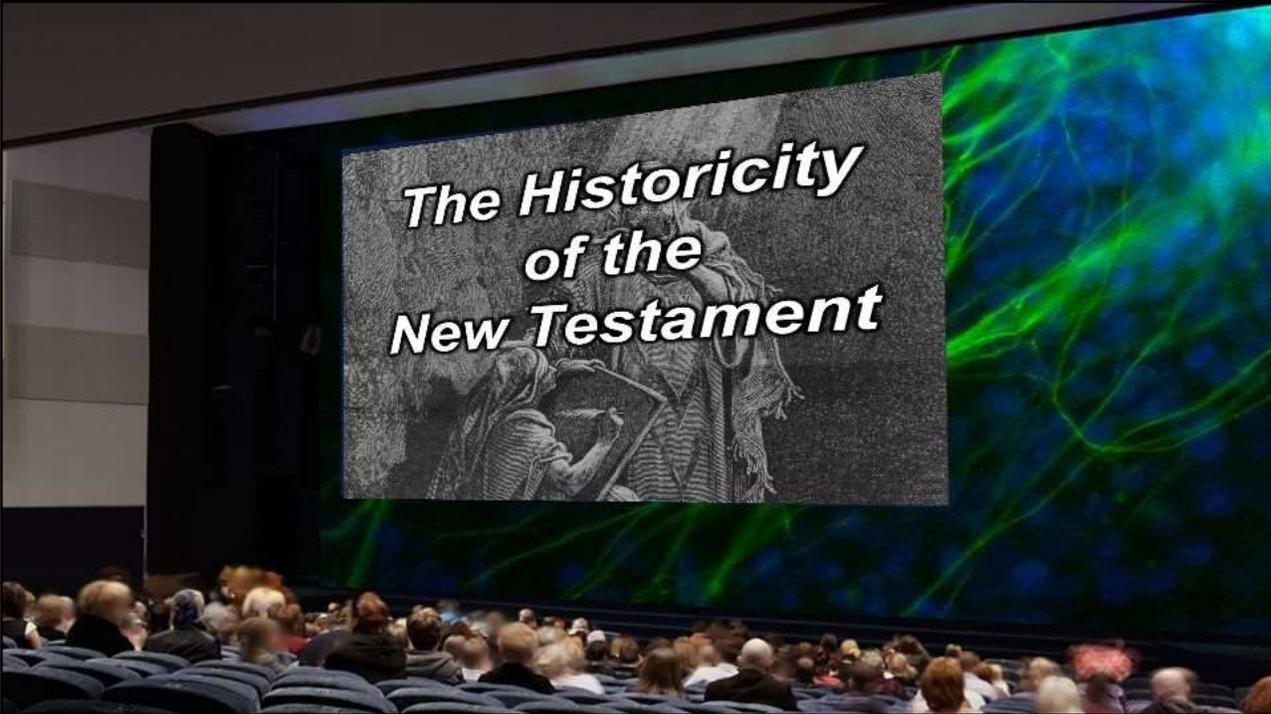
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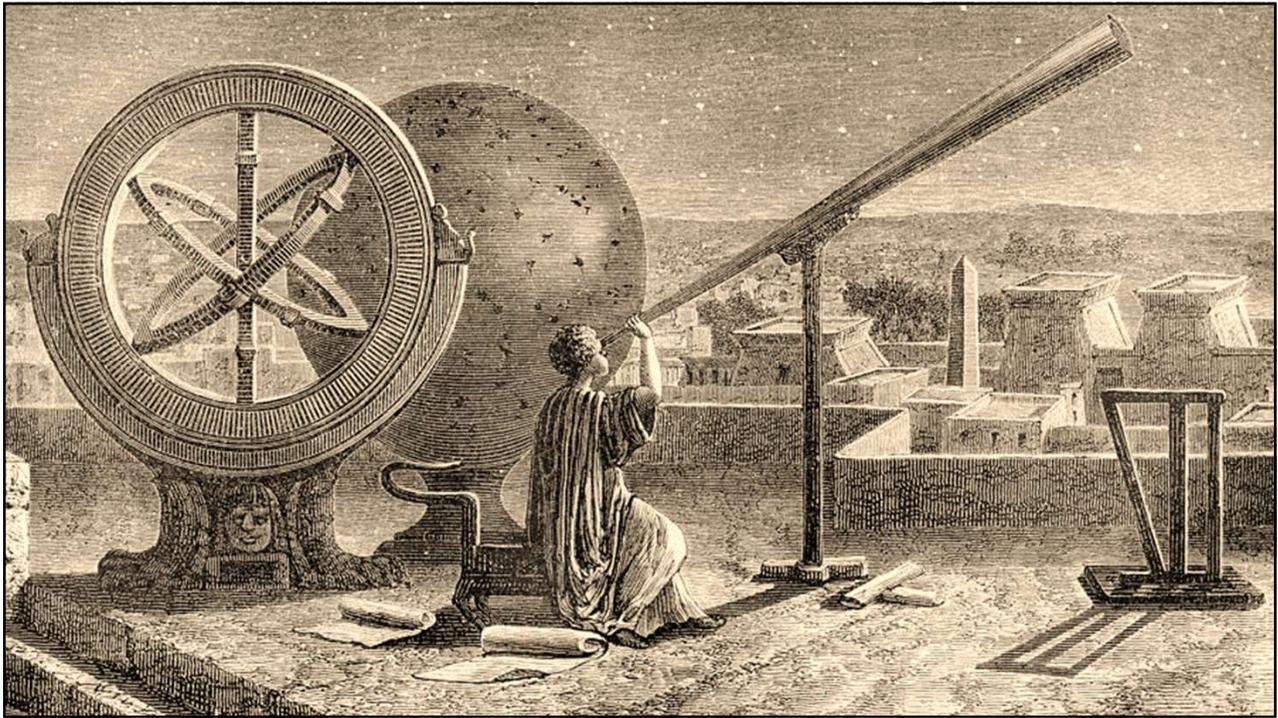
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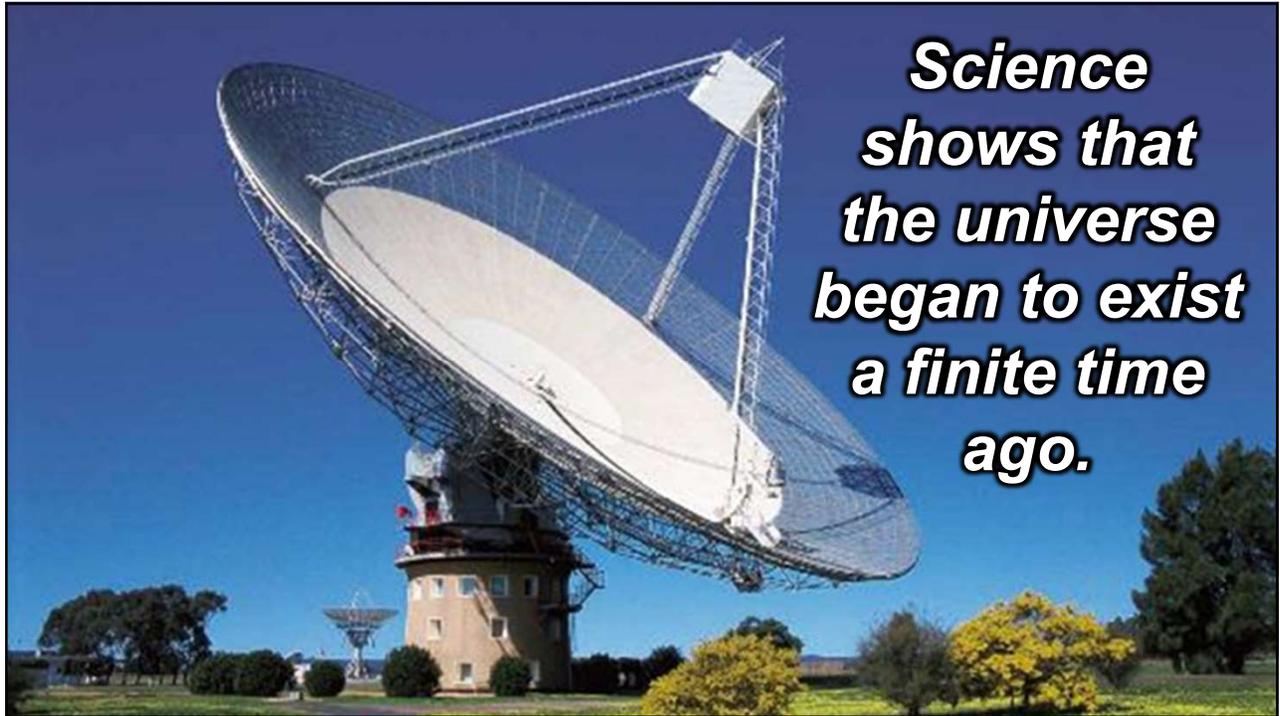
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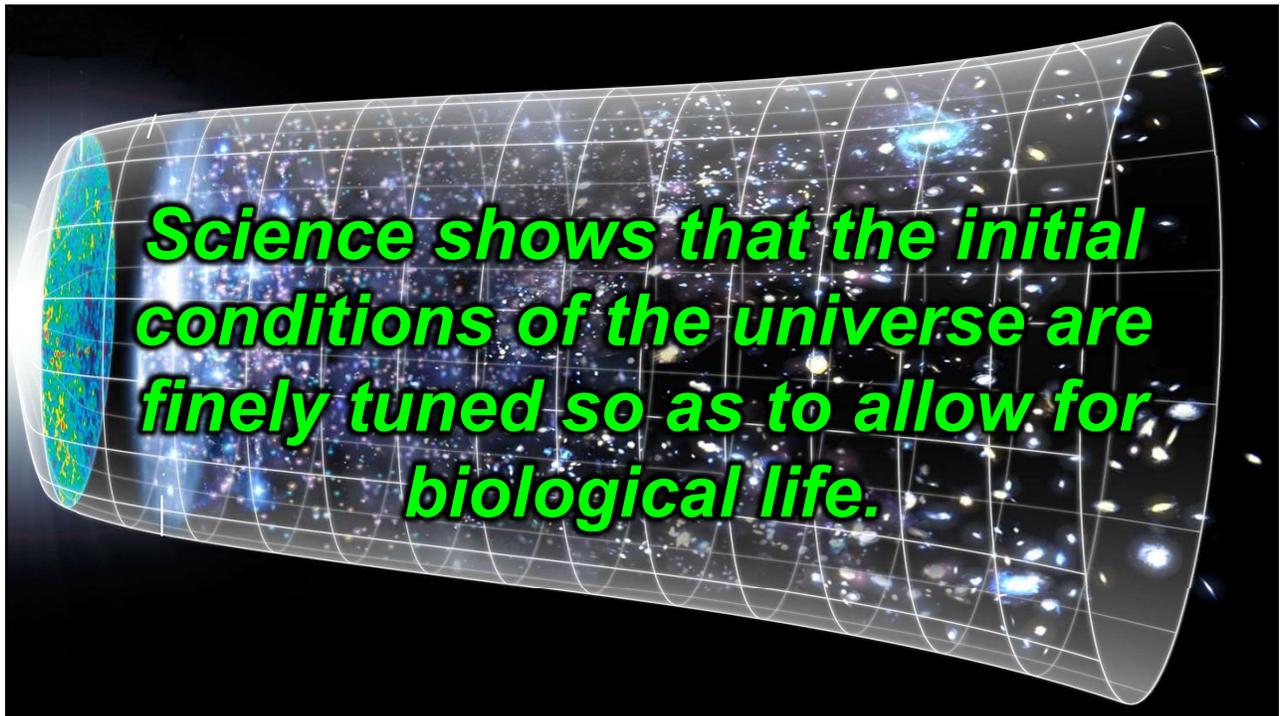




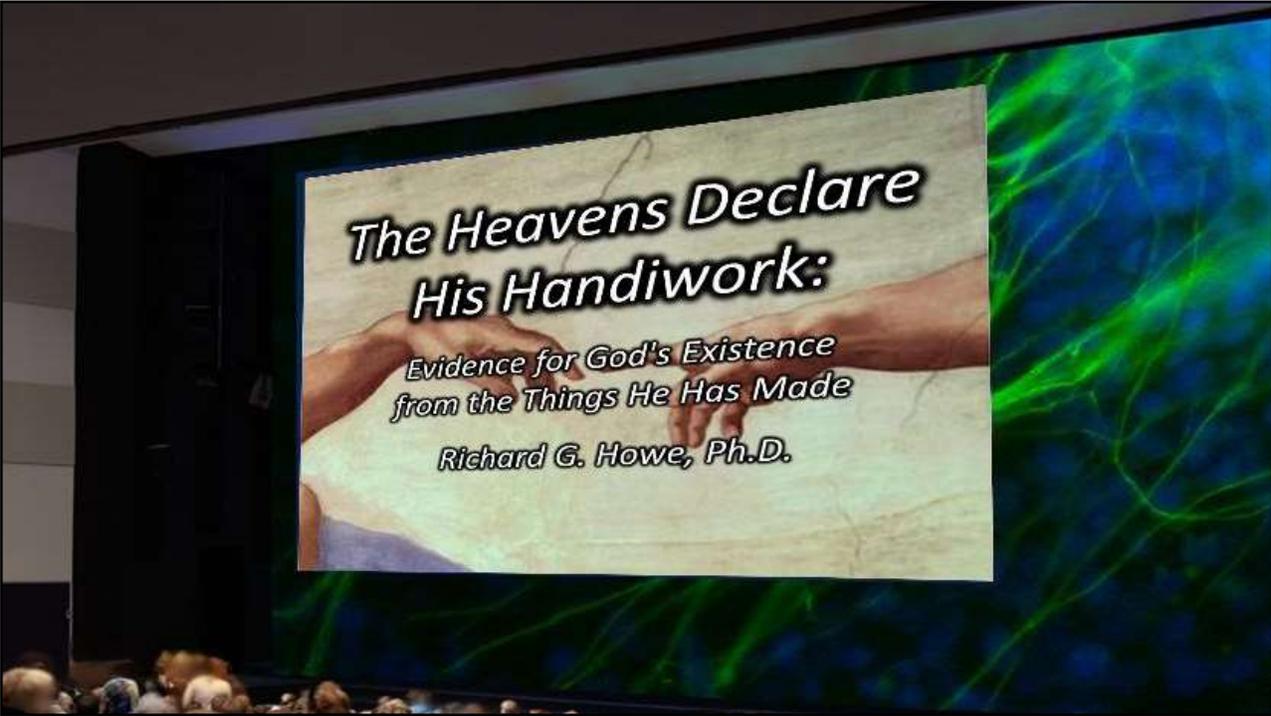
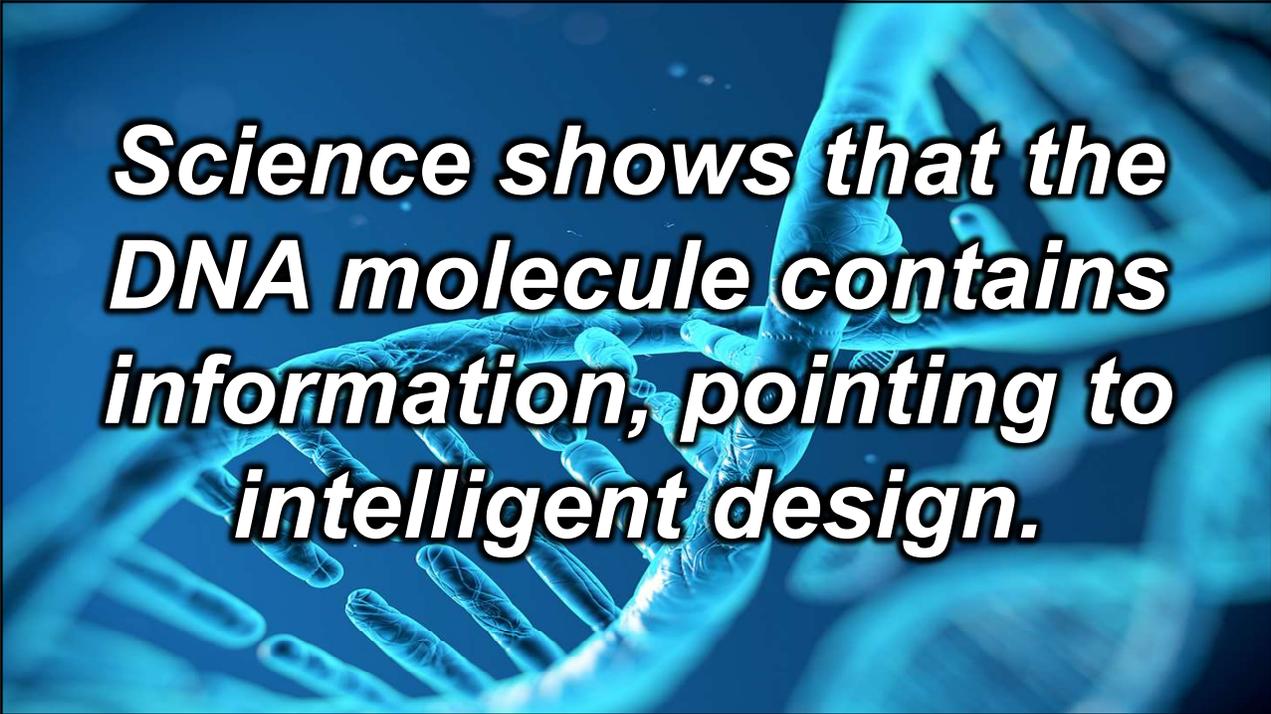
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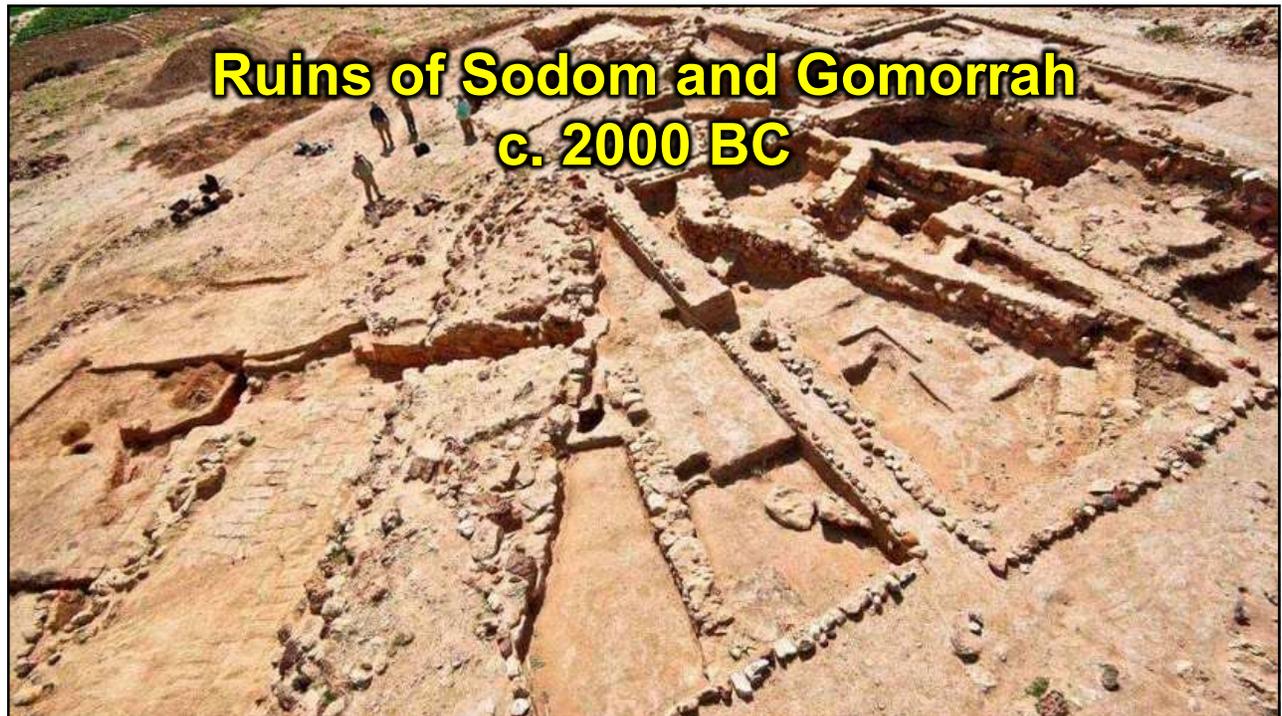
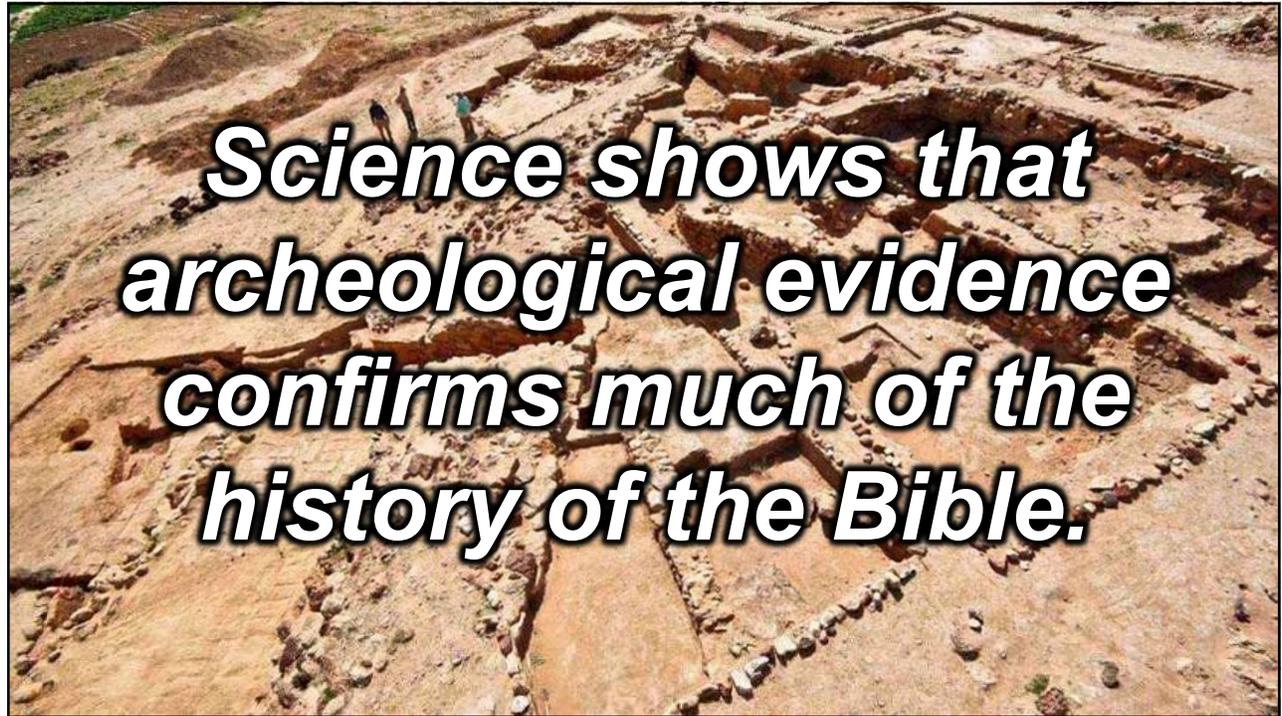


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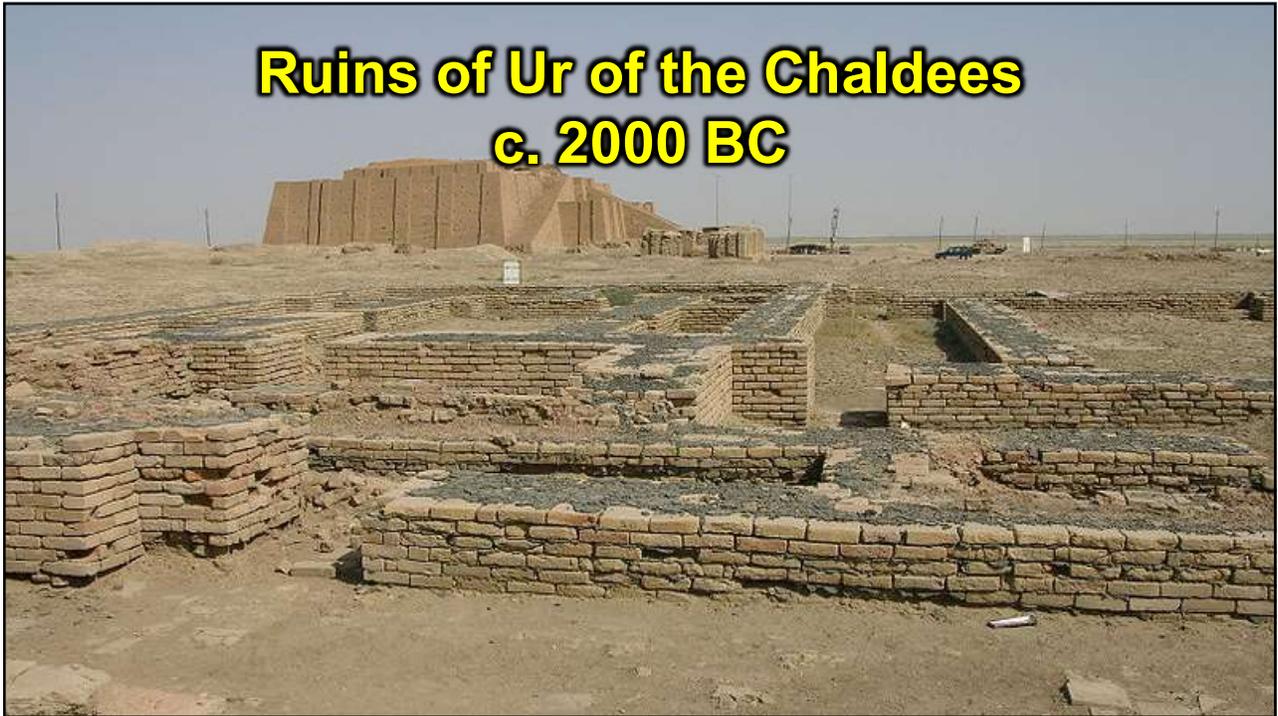


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**Ruins of Ur of the Chaldees
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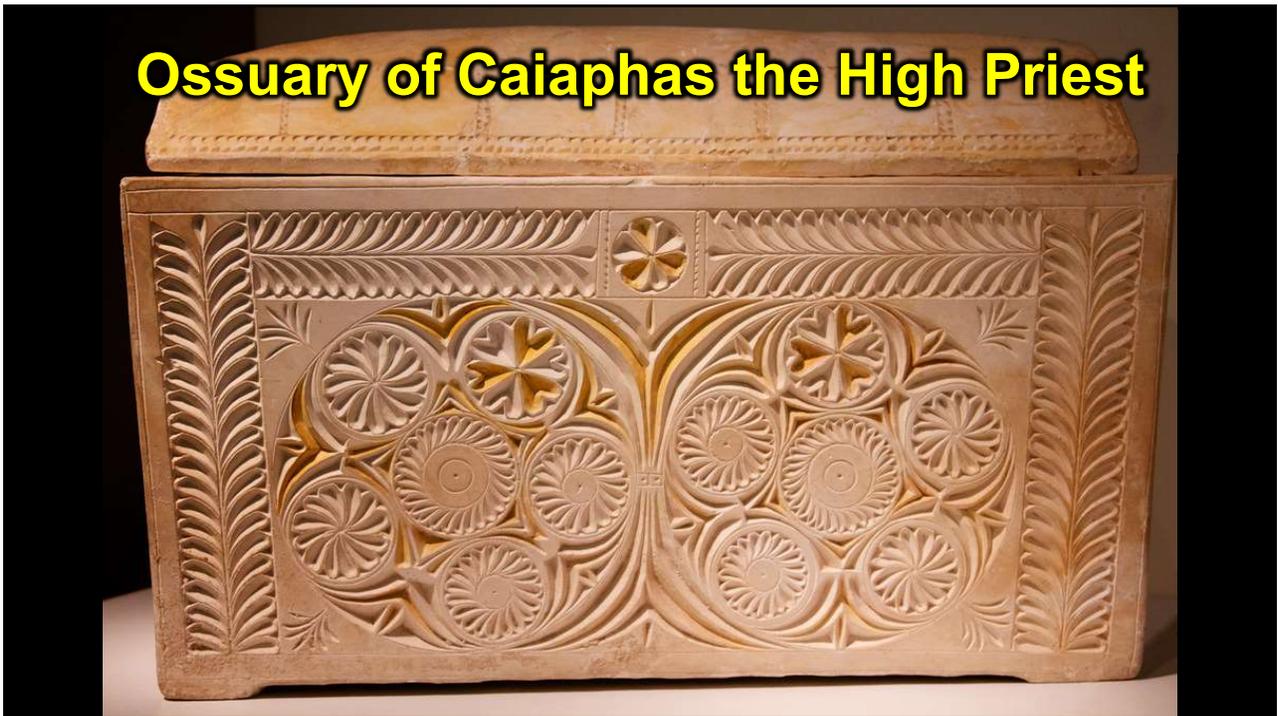
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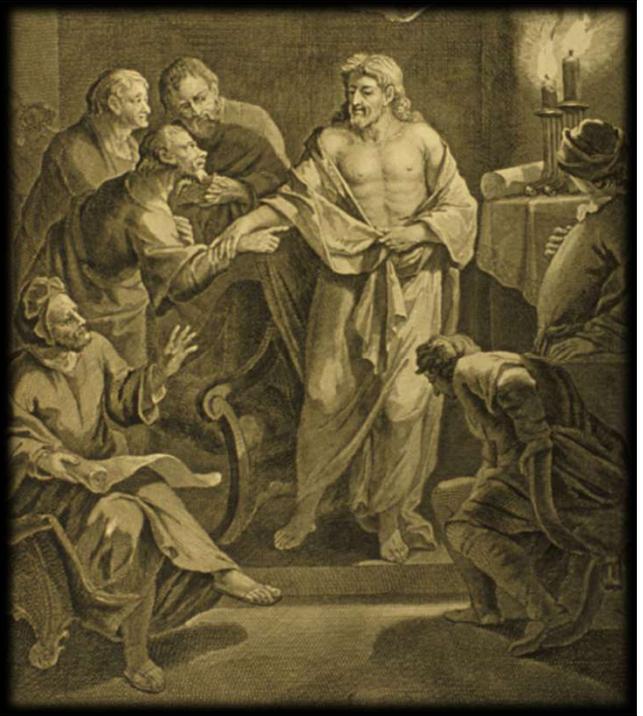
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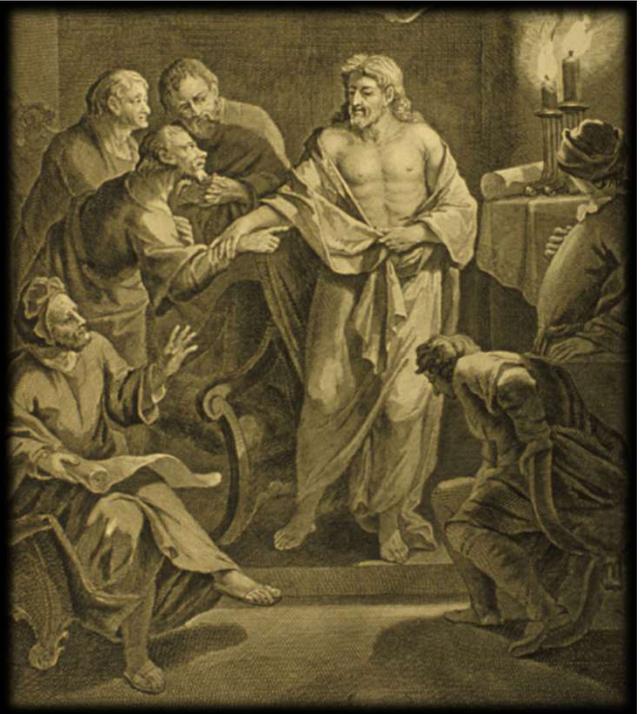
🌀 John 20:24-31 🌀

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."



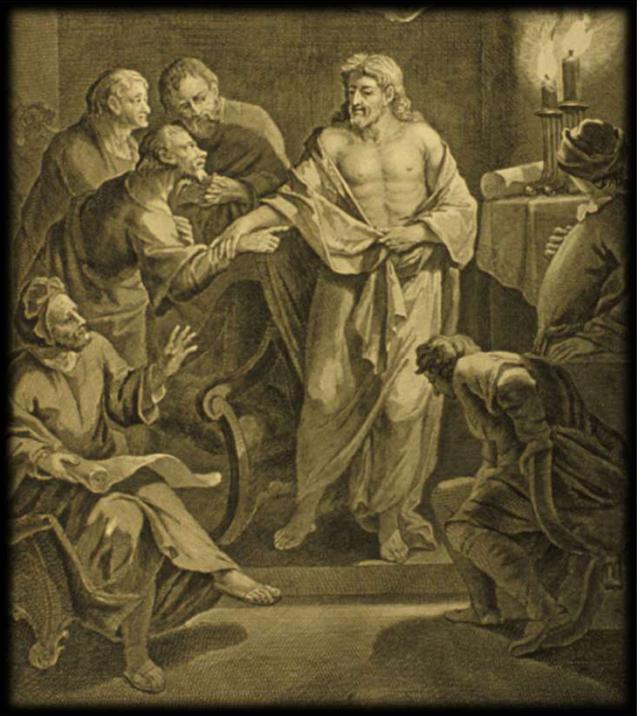
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And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."



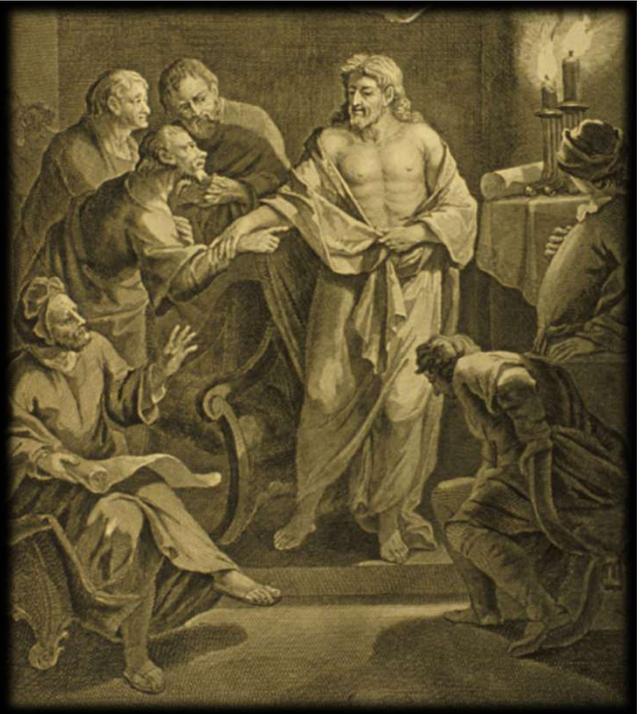
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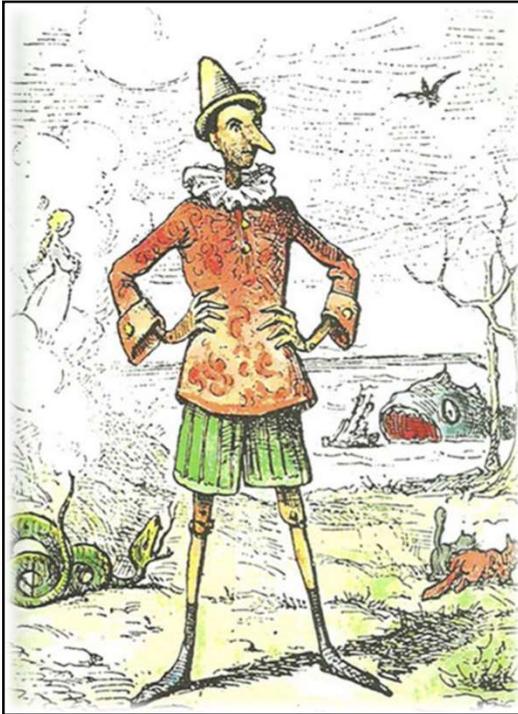
And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."



✠ John 20:24-31 ✠

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

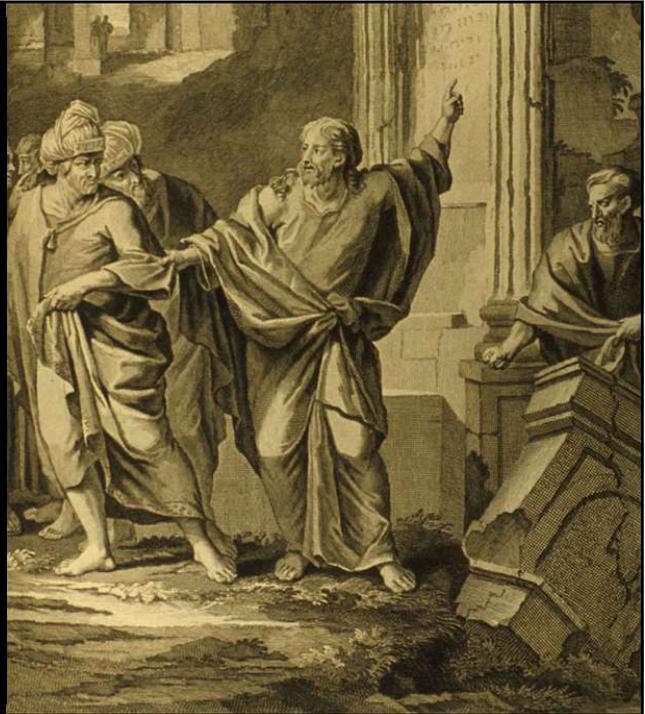


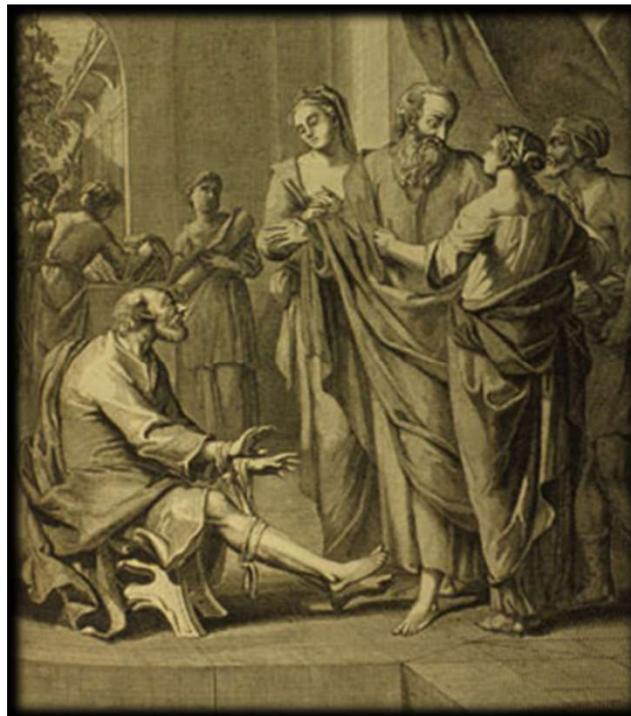
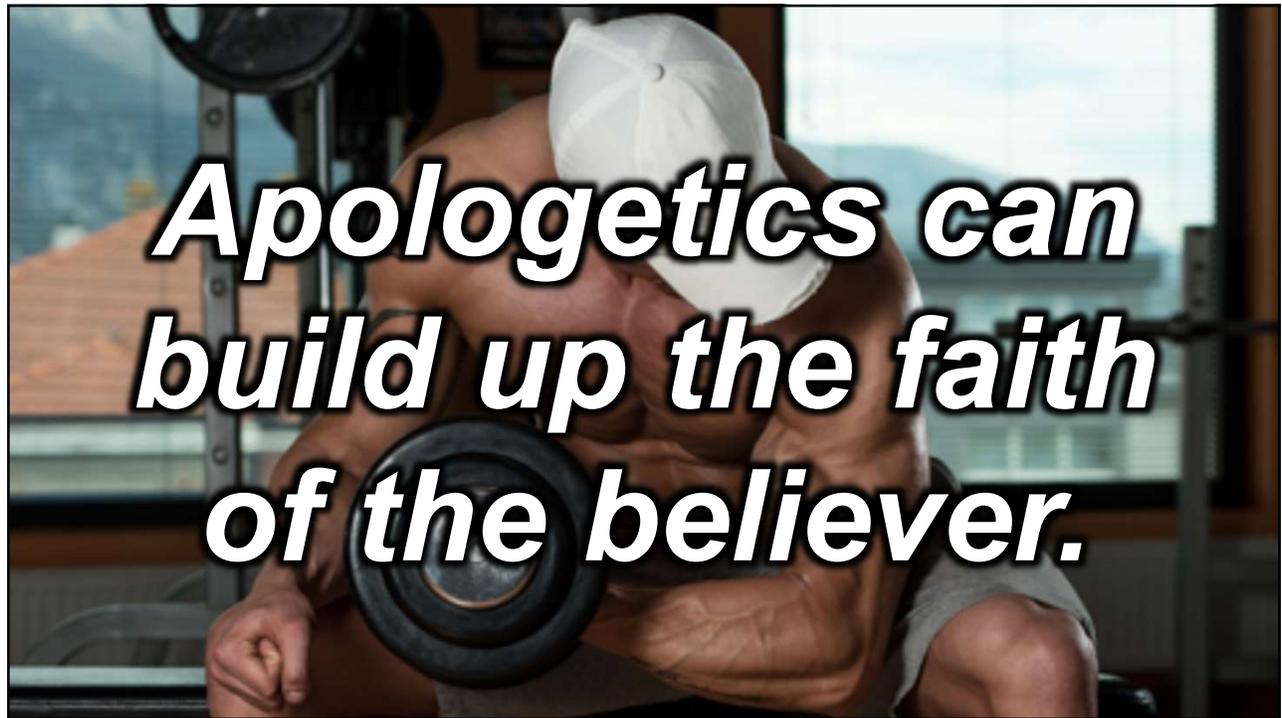


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🌀 John 10:24-26 🌀

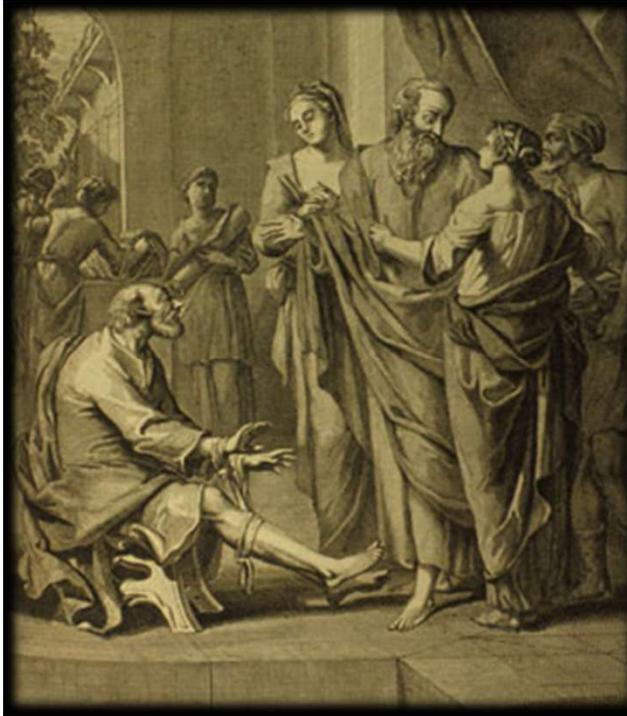
Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." {25} Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. {26} But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.





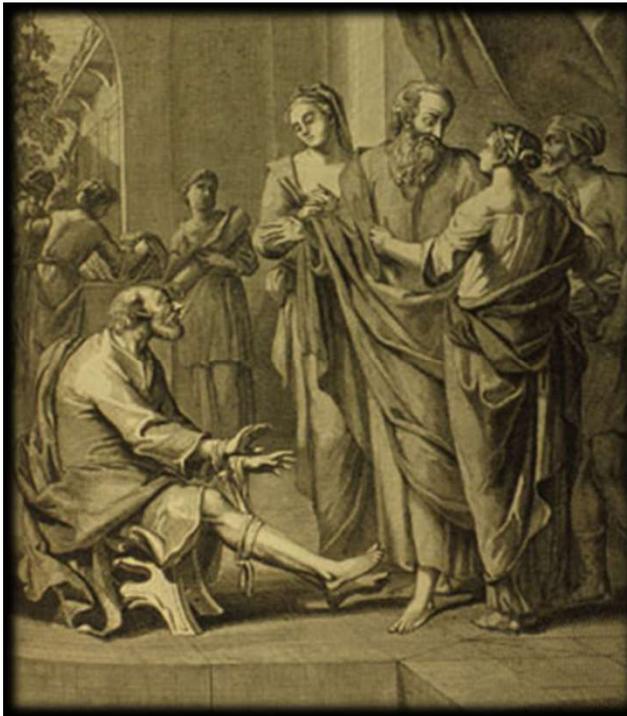
☞ Acts 18:24, 26-28 ☞

"Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. ... So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately."



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*Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. **The Lord opened her heart** to heed the things spoken by Paul.*

Acts 16:14



- *Apologetics can't change the heart.*
- *Apologetics can't make everyone believe.*

***"And some were persuaded
by the things which were
spoken, and some
disbelieved."***

Acts 28:24



- *Apologetics can't change the heart.*
- *Apologetics can't make everyone believe.*
- *Apologetics can't settle every doctrinal issue.*

