

Richard,

I will be happy to engage in a discussion with you and to copy Tom on what we write. I am an amateur in a field you practice full time.

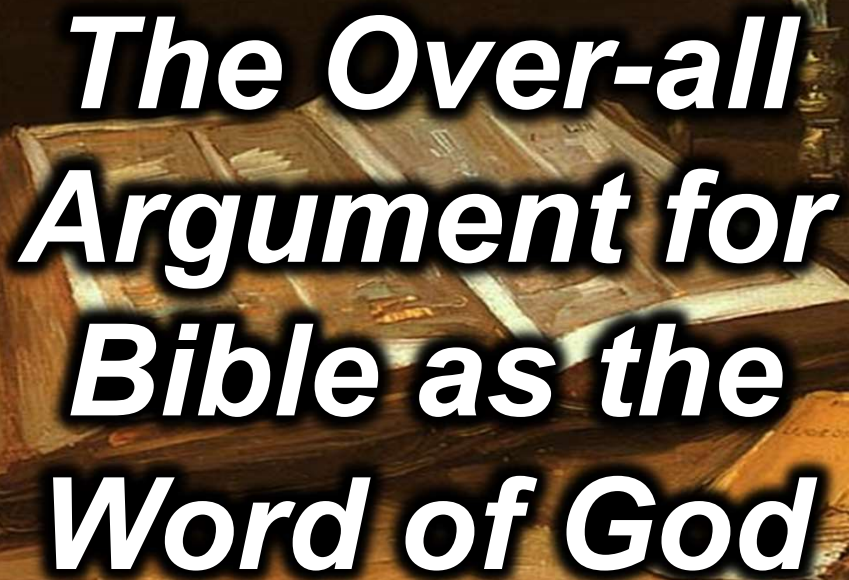
The existence of a god* is a subject I do not generally discuss. I am an atheist but find that argument fruitless. I would not propose a "proof" and would not likely accept anything you propose as "proof". Proof is a term best left to the subjects of mathematics and the judiciary, where the two usages are not even the same. Even in a subject as rigorous as physics, "demonstrates" is the appropriate term.

What interests me more, and what I do discuss are naive Christian beliefs: virgin birth, resurrections, supernatural interventions, and theological misinterpretations of the Bible. There is real history in the OT and NT, but I find that discerning what is likely historical fact or fiction is a fascinating subject. That historical fact and supernatural intervention are not compatible is one of my defensible premises, but not the only one. My positions, you will find, align with many Biblical scholars.

William Lane Craig, Josh McDowell, C. S. Lewis, Gary Habermas and Lee Strobel do not qualify as scholars in my opinion.

I am interested in archaeology, and perhaps we will find reason to call upon this subject.

Choose a subject.



The Over-all Argument for Bible as the Word of God

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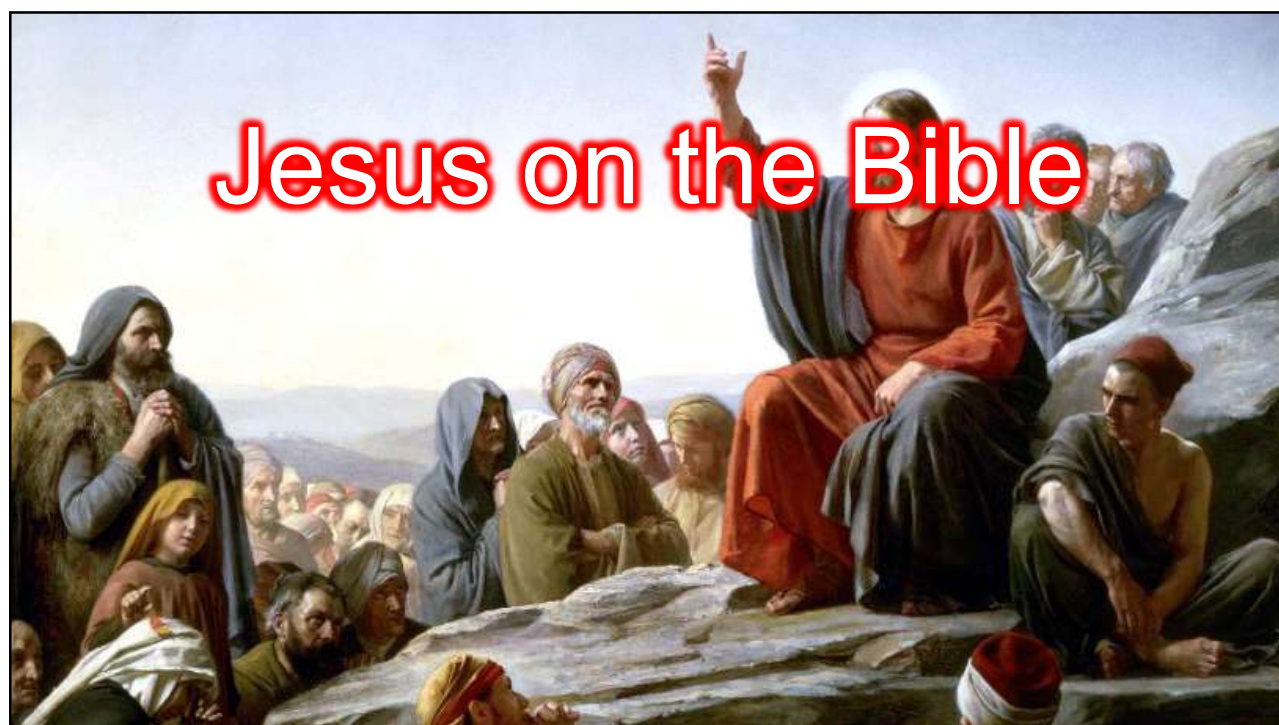
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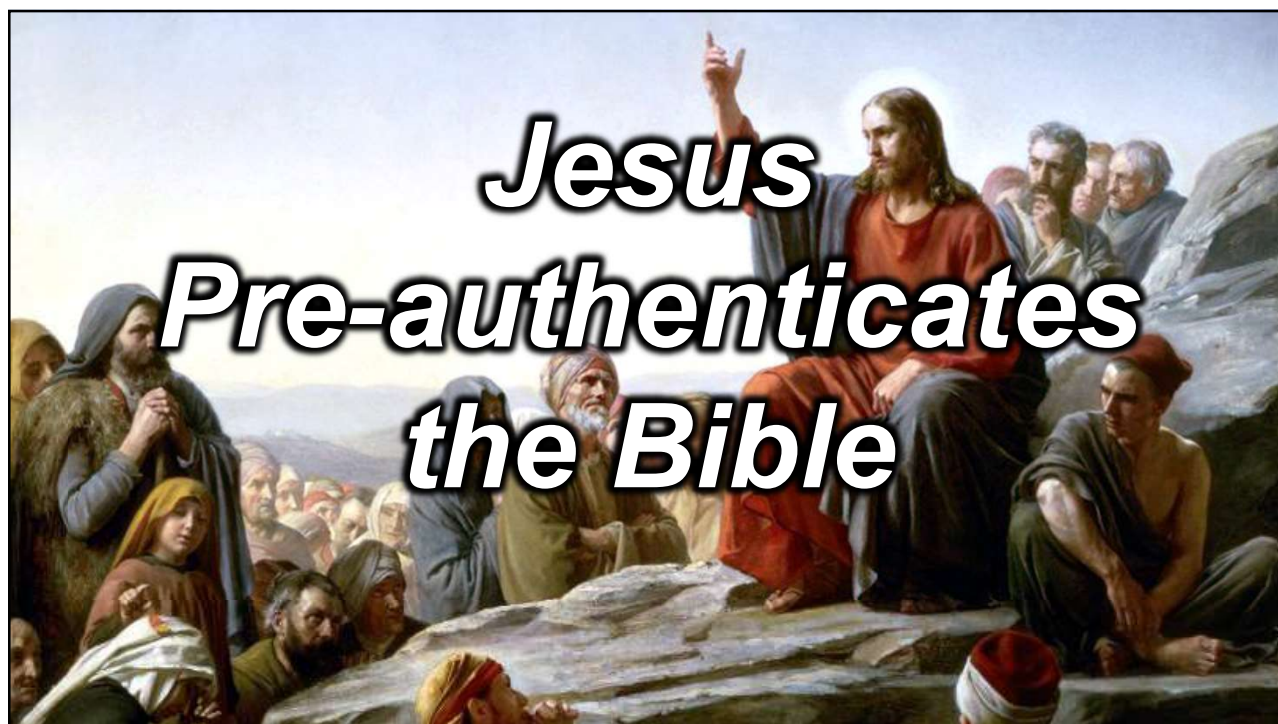
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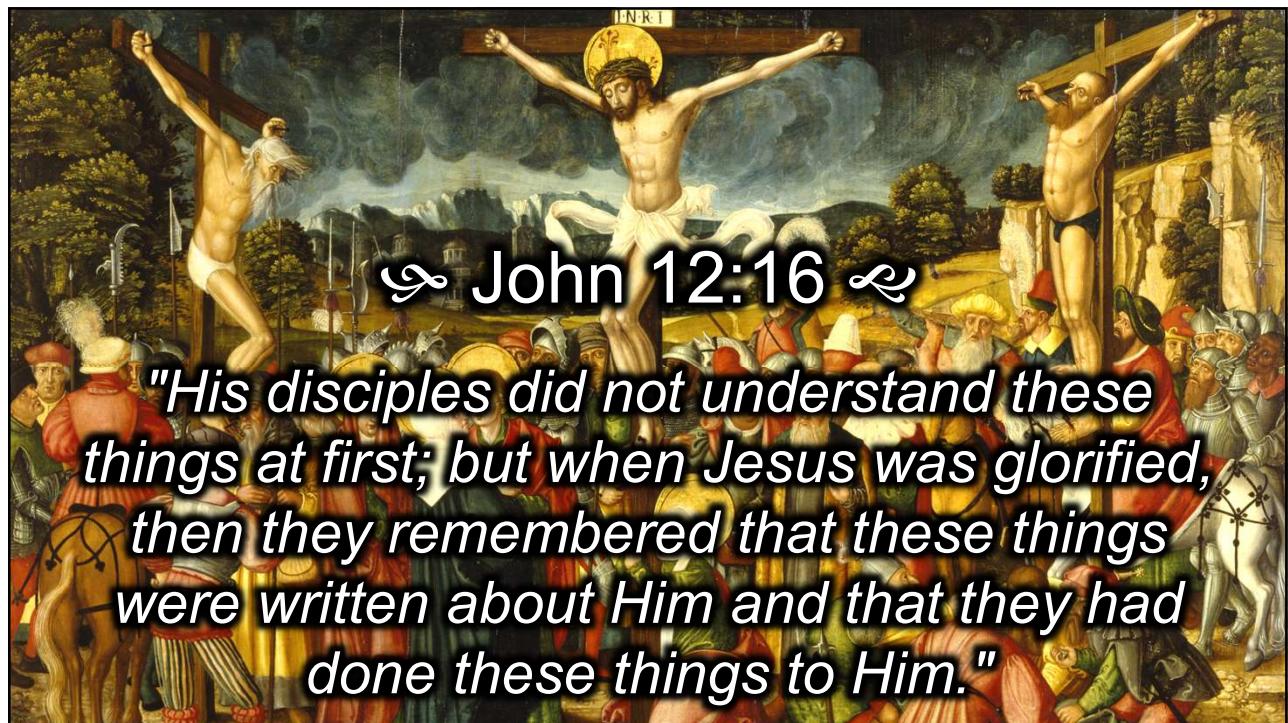


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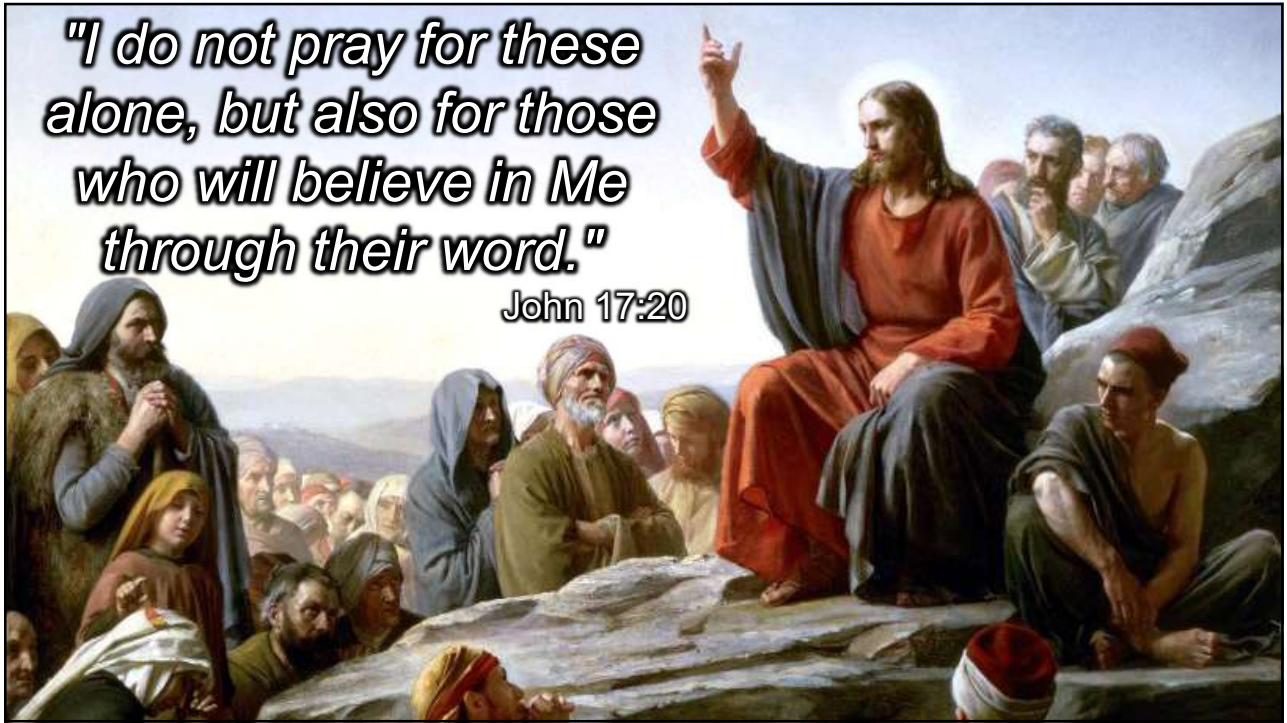
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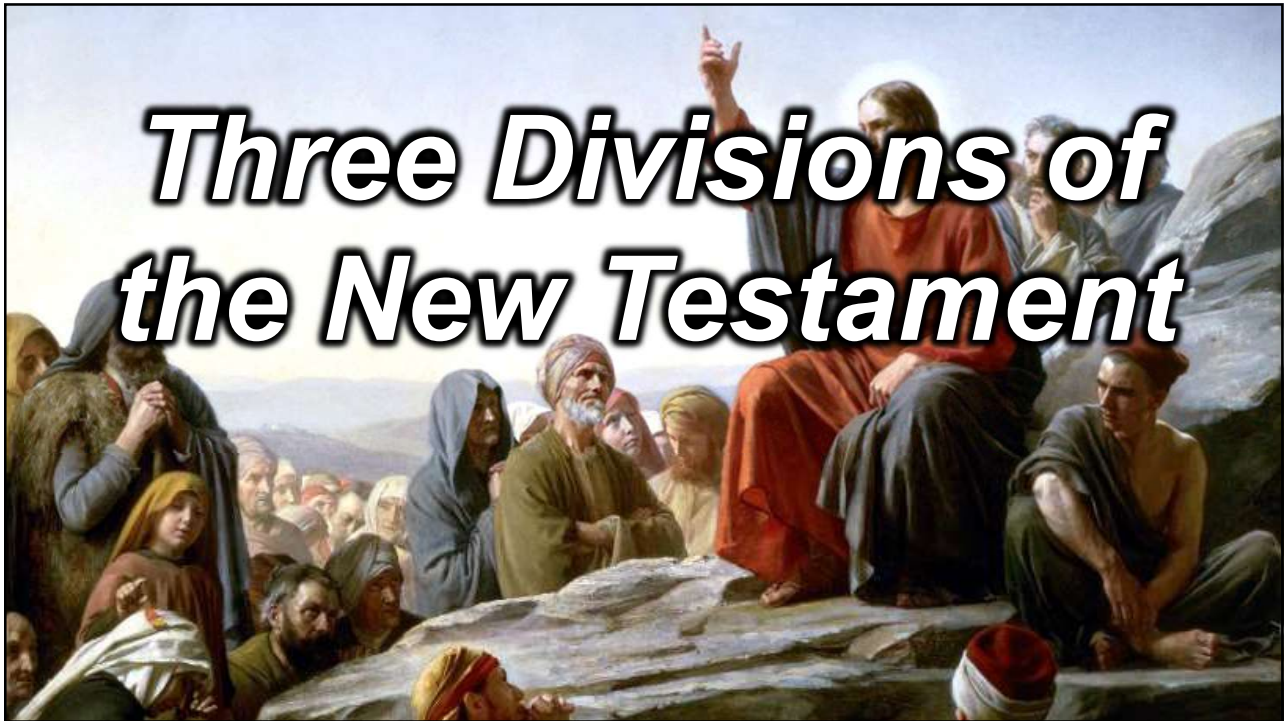
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*"I do not pray for these
alone, but also for those
who will believe in Me
through their word."*

John 17:20



Three Divisions of the New Testament



Historical

"... bring to your remembrance ..." John 14:26

Matthew - Acts

Teaching

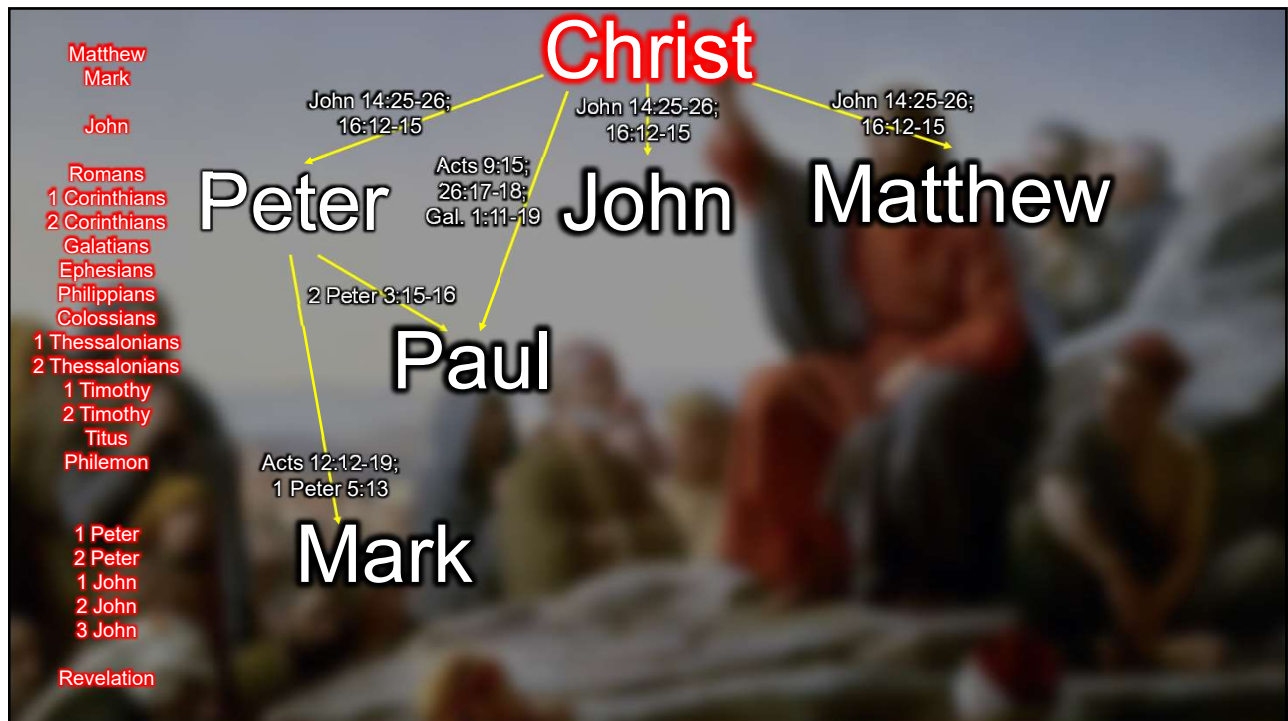
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Romans - Jude

Prophecy

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Revelation



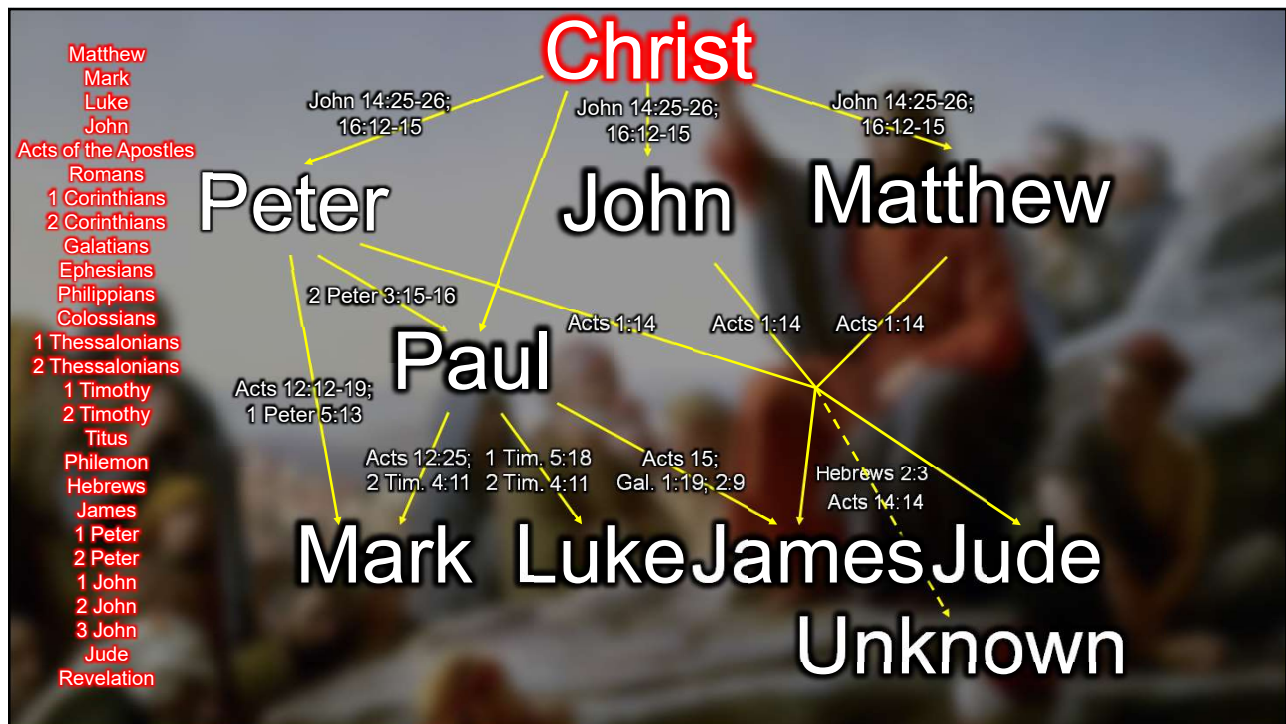
"And John the Presbyter also said this, Mark being the interpreter of Peter whatsoever he recorded he wrote with great accuracy but not however, in the order in which it was spoken or done by our Lord, for he neither heard nor followed our Lord, but as before said, he was in company with Peter, who gave him such instruction as was necessary,



"but not to give a history of our Lord's discourses; wherefore Mark has not erred in any thing, by writing some things as he has recorded them; for he was carefully attentive to one thing, not to pass by any thing that he heard, or to state any thing falsely in these accounts.

Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History Bk. III Ch. XXXIX.





"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

John 13:20

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**A GENERAL
INTRODUCTION
TO THE
BIBLE**



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