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The New Testament Scripture

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**Acts 20:27 For I have not
shunned to declare unto you
all the counsel of God.**

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The Paradox of the Lying Pen



(KJV) Jeremiah 8:8 How do ye say, We are wise, and **the law of the LORD is with us?** Lo, certainly in vain made he **it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.**

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Matthew 23:2-3 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: **All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.**

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. Reasons People DOUBT the New Testament

- Historical and Textual Criticism
- Authorship and Dating questions
- Alleged Contradictions and Inconsistencies
- Some say its just Commentary but Not Scripture

. Reasons People TRUST the New Testament

- Eyewitness Testimony
- Archeological Evidence
- Early Manuscripts
- Fulfilled Prophecy
- Changed Lives/Impact

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EYEWITNESSES

2 Peter 1:16 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.

1 John 1:1-3 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. 8

Resurrection: Day of the Living Dead

# 1: Mary Magdalene John 20:11-17	# 7: The Seven Apostles John 21:14
# 2: Other Mary & Salome Matt 28:1 & Mark 16:1	# 8: The Apostles in Galilee Matt 28:16-20
# 3: Simon Peter Luke 24:34	# 9: 500 People at One Time 1 Cor 15:6
# 4: The Two Disciples Emmaus Luke 24:13-32	# 10: James 1 Corinthians 15:7
# 5: The 10 Apostles Luke 24:33-49	# 11: The 11 Apostles Acts 1:4-9
# 6: The 11 Apostles John 20:26-30	# 12: The Apostle Paul Acts 9 & 1 Cor 15:8

In total, **at least 513 people saw Jesus alive after His death and resurrection.** In any courtroom, this number of witnesses would be far more than needed to establish the accuracy of an event. **Further, many of these eyewitnesses suffered and died for their belief that Jesus had risen from the dead. The overwhelming evidence points to Jesus literally returning to life on the third day after His death, appearing to many people, and ascending to heaven 40 days later.**

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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AUTHORITY

Matthew 10:40 **He that receiveth you receiveth me**, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had **twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

Luke 9:1-2 Then he called **his twelve disciples** together, and **gave them power and authority** over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them **to preach the kingdom of God**, and to heal the sick.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That **ye which have followed me**, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, **ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

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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Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in **the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2 Timothy 4:2-4 **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering **and doctrine**. For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching **ears**; And they shall **turn away their ears from the truth**, and shall be turned unto fables.

Titus 1:9 Holding fast **the faithful word** as he hath been **taught**, that he may be able by **sound doctrine** both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Titus 2:1 But **speak** thou the things which become **sound doctrine**:

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- **John 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**
- The Gospels were written between 50-70 AD, during a time when there were many eyewitnesses who could have disputed their accuracy.
- There's no record of anyone alive at the time questioning their accuracy.

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

Colossians 4:16 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.

Revelation 1:3-4 Blessed is **he that readeth, and they that hear the words** of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand. John **to the seven churches** which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, **from him** which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

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Textual Evidence

RESOURCE: New Testament Virtual Manuscript Room <https://ntvmr.uni-muenster.de/home> or not secure <http://ntmanuscripts.org>

This site is devoted to the study of Greek New Testament manuscripts. The New Testament Virtual Manuscript Room is a place where scholars can come to find the most exhaustive list of New Testament manuscript resources, can contribute to marking attributes about these manuscripts, and can find state of the art tools for researching this rich dataset.

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Total Greek New Testament Witnesses:

5,700

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Inventory New Testament Fragments

In addition, there are **over 19,000** copies in the Syriac, Latin, Coptic, and Aramaic languages. The total supporting New Testament manuscript base is **over 24,000**.

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Textual Evidence

Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Appr years between	# of Copies
Pliny	A.D. 61-113	A.D. 850	750 yrs	7
Plato	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200 yrs	7
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	A.D. 1100	800 yrs	8
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8
Suetonius	A.D. 75-160	A.D. 950	800 yrs	8
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1300 yrs	9
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200	10
Caesar (Gallic Wars)	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	1000	10
Tacitus	circa A.D. 100	A.D. 1100	1000 yrs	20
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1400	49
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1000	1400 yrs	193
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643
Josephus	93AD	1,093AD	1000 yrs	120
New Testament	35-69AD* <small>NOT 90-250AD AS SOME 'SCHOLARS' GUESS. MORE ON THAT IN A FEW MOMENTS!</small>	114AD fragments 200AD books Full NT 325AD	40-90 years 170-200 years 100-300 years	5700+

* By comparing with historical events or lack thereof

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Archeological Evidence



1.) The Pilate stone or Pilate's inscription was found in Caesarea Maritima in 1961. The inscription reads, "**Tiberium Pontius Pilate – Prefect of Judea**". Prefect was a military term used in the Roman empire. Pilate has been attested by Josephus, a 1st century Jewish historian, by Philo, a 1st century Jewish philosopher, and by Tacitus, a 1st century Roman historian.

2.) **Herod** (Herod the Great/ King) who sought the wise men in Matthew Ch. 2.



3.) **The Bethesda Pool**, where Jesus heals the paralytic man in the Gospel of John, is a complex site. It appears to have been a *mikveh*, or ritual bath. As the spot of one of Jesus' miracles, the Bethesda Pool was built over in subsequent periods with chapels and churches that are still visible today.



4.) **Ossuary** (bone box) of **Caiaphas**, who was the high priest during Jesus' crucifixion, mentioned in **Matthew 26:57**.



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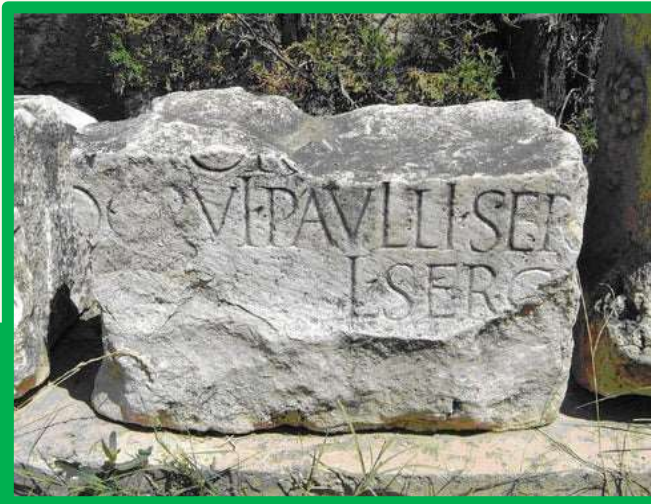
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1.) In 2004, they found the Pool of Siloam, in Jerusalem, which is the site of Jesus' miracle, recorded in John 9:1-11. Here is a picture (below) of the pool of Siloam.



2.) Another find is from Romans 16:23, which introduces us to **Erastus, the city Steward/Manager**. Among the ruins that were found at Corinth is this pavement stone, which says, "Erastus the Steward, at his own expense..." and then is cut off, but probably says, "Laid this pavement". This inscription dates to the 1st century AD.



3.) Archaeologists have found his inscription, around 1996, just outside of Paphos. The inscription reads, "**Paulus proconsul...**" (again, proconsul was an office in ancient Rome). Sergius Paulus, who we meet in the New Testament, in Acts 13:6-12.

4.) **Gallo's Inscription", aka Delphi Inscription**



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EARLIER NT?

An Important Witness: The Muratorian Fragment

- Named after L. A. Muratori, who discovered the list and published it in the 18th century.
- The fragment dates from the late 2nd century.
- In its list it mentions:
 - Gospel of Luke as 3rd gospel, implying Matthew and Mark were first.
 - Gospel of John
 - Acts
 - 13 letters of Paul
 - Jude
 - 2 letters of John
 - Revelation
- Not mentioned:
 - Hebrews
 - James
 - 1 and 2 Peter
 - 3 John (maybe)



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1. **Barnabus (70-130 A.D.)** *The Epistle of Barnabas* quotes **Matthew** 22:14; half of Matthew 5:42 (also Luke 6:30); half of Matthew 9:13b; Matthew 20:16b; Matthew 22:43-45 (also Psalm 110:1); half of **Mark** 2:17b (also Matthew 9:13b; Luke 5:32); **Luke** 5:32 (also Matthew 9:13; Mark 2:17); half of Luke 6:30 (also Matthew 5:42); alludes to **John** 1:14; alludes to Acts 14:22, 2 Corinthians, Colossians 1:16, 1 Timothy 3:16, James 1:8, 2 Peter 3:8; quotes **Hebrews** 2:12 (also Psalm 22:23)
2. **Clement of Rome (96-98 A.D.)** *1 Clement* quotes Matthew 18:6 (also Mark 9:42) as by the Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 7:6 1; Matthew 15:8; Isaiah 29:13; 1/4 of Acts 20:35f; quotes **Romans** 1:32b; **1 Corinthians** 2:9; half of **Titus** 3:1b; Heb 1:4; half of **Heb** 3:2b ; three-fourths of Heb 10:37; **James** 4:6 (same as 1 Peter 5:5b; Proverbs 3:34); **Revelation** 22:12 (This is also the same as Isaiah 40:10; 62:11)
3. **Polycarp (100-155 A.D.)** *Letter of Polycarp to the Philippians* ch.2 p.33 (110-155 A.D.) quotes all of Matthew 7:1; Luke 6:36; half of Acts 2:24a; one-fourth of **Galatians** 6:7; half of **2 Thessalonians** 3:15a; quotes 1 Timothy 6:7; half of **1 Timothy** 6:10a; **2 Timothy** 2:12; all of **1 Peter** 2:22; first half of 1 Peter 3:9; last fourth of 1 Peter 1:11; first half of 1 Peter 2:23; half of 1 John 4:3a,c; ****Of particular note is Polycarp quotes Ephesians twice and refers to it as 'Sacred Scripture.** Ephesians 4:26 "For I trust that ye are well versed in the Sacred Scriptures, ...It is declared then in these Scriptures, 'Be ye angry, and sin not,' and , 'Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.'" (12/12 words of the verse); Ephesians 2:8,9;
4. **Ignatius(108-140 A.D.):** Ephesians; 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (Ignatius' *Letter to Polycarp*); one-fourth of 1 Timothy 1:1 (*Ignatius' Letter to the Magnesians*)

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Papias disciple of John (wrote 95-110 A.D.)

Papias refers by name to the books of **Mark, Matthew, First Epistle of John** and the **Epistle of Peter**. Fragment 6 from *Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History* book 3 ch.39 p.173. Eusebius is writing, and Eusebius questioned **2 Peter**, so the Epistle of Peter would refer to 1 Peter.

“I shall not hesitate to put down for you with my interpretations whatsoever things I well learned at one time from the Presbyters,” (the elders of the church) “and well remembered, confidently asserting truthfulness for them. For I did not take pleasure as the multitude does in those who say many things, but in those who teach the things that are true. Nor did I take pleasure in those who recall strange commands, but in those who recall the commands given by the Lord to the Faith and coming from Truth itself. But if, per chance, there came, also, anyone who had followed the Presbyters, I made inquiry concerning the words of the Presbyters, what Andrew or what Peter had said, or what Philip or what Thomas or James, or what John or Matthew, or any of the other disciples of the Lord said. And what things Aristeon and the Presbyter John, disciples of the Lord used to say. For I did not suppose that the things from the books would aid me, so much as things from the living and continuing voice.”

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⊘ (NOT CANON SCRIPTURE) ⊘ Barnabas 16:5 Again, it was revealed how the city and the temple and the people of Israel should be betrayed. For the scripture saith; And it shall be in the last days, that the Lord shall deliver up the sheep of the pasture and the fold and the tower thereof to destruction. And it came to pass as the Lord spake.

- *Epistle of Barnabas* (c.70-130 A.D.) When was the Epistle of Barnabas written?
- Roberts & Donaldson in *Ante-Nicene Fathers* vol.1 p.151 says “[A.D. 100]”
- David W. Bercot’s *A Dictionary of Early Christian Beliefs* p.xvi says “c.70-110” [A.D.]

***Epistle of Barnabas* ch.16:3-5 refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., so it undoubtedly was written after that.**

- Clement of Alexandria (193-217/220 A.D.) quoted from the Epistle of Barnabas, so it had to be before 220 (or 193) and after 70AD.

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When Was The Apostle James' (Zebedee) Death?

Encyclopedia Britannica: 44 AD

NewAdvent.org: 44AD

Library of Biblical Archeology: Early 40's AD



REF: Acts of the Apostles 12:2 "killed with the sword"

When Were The Jews Expelled by Claudius?

Cassius Dio: 41AD

Cambridge.org: 49AD

JewishVirtualLibrary: 41-50 AD (*Tiberius Claudius Drusus Nero Germanicus* Roman emperor 41–54 C.E.)



REF: Acts of the Apostles 18:2 ...(because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) ...

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When Was The Trial of Paul by Agrippa II?

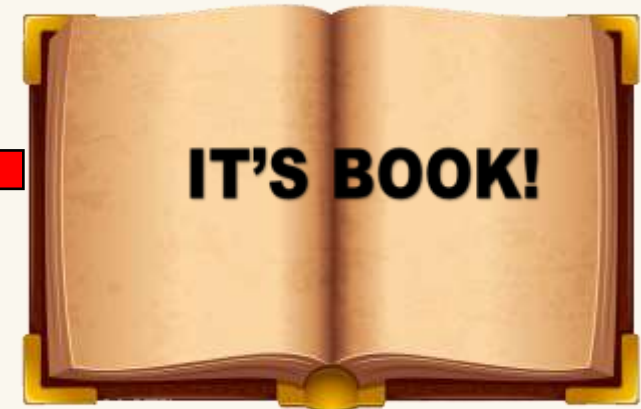
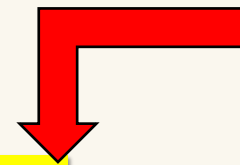
Encyclopedia.com: 57-60AD

BibleStudyTools.com: 62AD

AncientResource.com: 59-62AD

REF: **Acts of the Apostles ch. 24-26**

Porcius Festus was governor approx. 59-62AD



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Matthew 24:1-2 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

John 5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

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When Was Masada Taken?

Britannica.com: Antiquities: 73 AD

JewishVirtualLibrary.org: 73 AD

The Archaeological Encyclopedia of the Holy Land: 73 AD



Matthew 23:36-38 Verily I say unto you, **All these things shall come upon this generation.** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not! **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

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When Was The Temple Destroyed?

Britannica.com: Antiquities: 70 AD

JewishVirtualLibrary.org: 70 AD



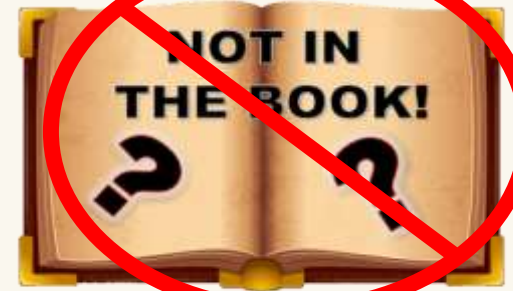
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When Was Great Fire of Rome?

History.com July 18th, 64AD

Encyclopedia Britannica: 64AD



When Was The Great Revolt (aka First Jewish War) ?

Britannica.com: 66-73AD

newworldencyclopedia.com: 66-73AD

Josephus: Jewish Wars: 66-73AD



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When Was James' (Lord's brother) Death?

Josephus: Antiquities: 62AD

ChristianHistory.org: 62 AD



When Was The Apostle Peter's Death?

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia 66-67AD

Encyclopedia Britannica: 62-64AD



When Was The Apostle Paul's Death?

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia 66-67AD

Encyclopedia Britannica: 62-64AD



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2 Timothy 3:13-17 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; And that from a child thou hast known the **holy scriptures [gramma]**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All scripture [graphe] is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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Apostolic Authority

1 Corinthians 9:1 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? **have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?** are not ye my work in the Lord?

Acts 22:14-15 And he said, **The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.**

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1 Corinthians 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.**

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, **when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**

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DISOBEDIENCE = DISCIPLINE

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 And if any man **obey not our word by this epistle**, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

2 Corinthians 13:2-3 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now **I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare: Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.**

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2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that **no prophecy of the scripture** is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

Jeremiah 1:9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

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2 Peter 3:15-17 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.** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.**

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1.) Peter calls Paul “Our beloved brother”

2.) Paul’s Letters of faith were in ‘circulation”

(“As also in all his epistles”)

3.) Paul’s writings were well known.

“our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;” speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood,”

4.) Paul’s Letters equated with OT books.

“wrest, as they do also the other scriptures”

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1 Timothy 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.

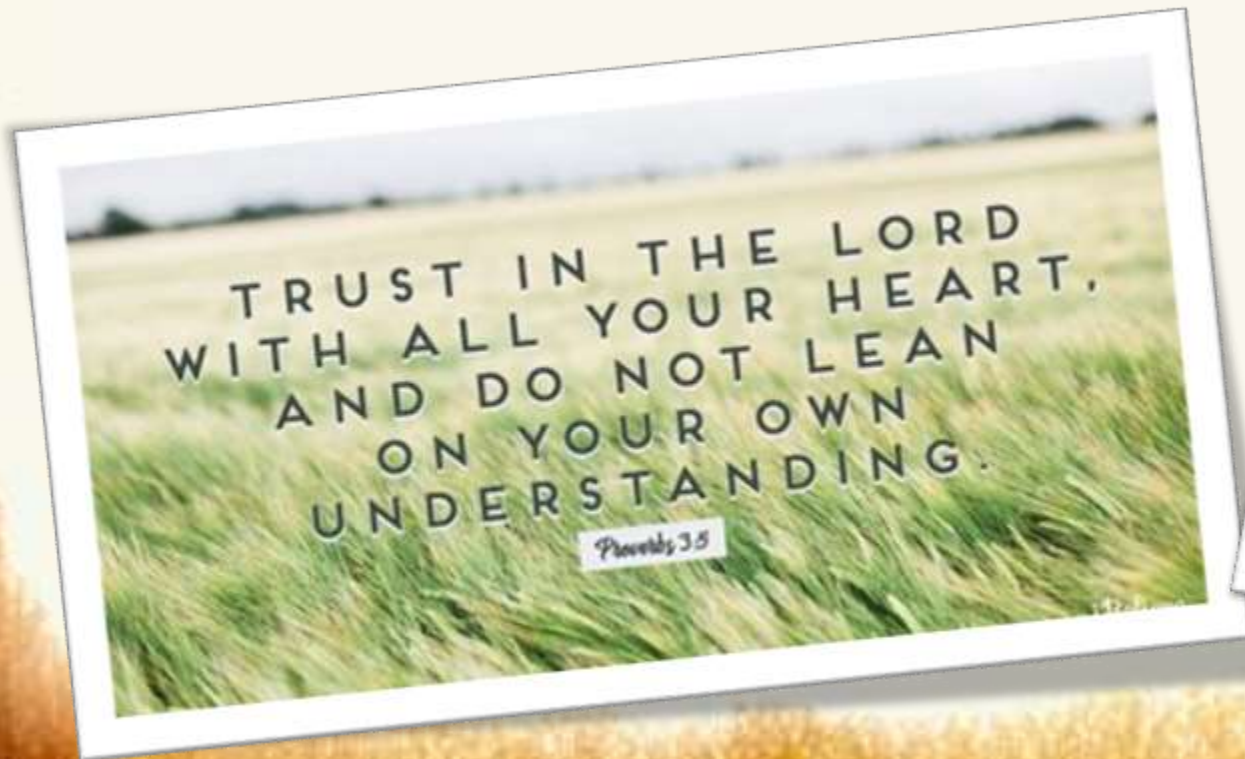
Deuteronomy 25:4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out *the corn*.

Luke 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

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Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth **light**; it giveth understanding unto the simple.



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THANK YOU!



"The bible makes it clear that there are two essentials of the gospel
1.) **BELIEVING IT**
AND
2.) **BEHAVING IT**
... but then I repeat myself"
- SabbathMan7 (Ken Hoeck)

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