

Supported by Archaeology

If the Old and New Testament writings are indeed the revelation of the one true God, then there shouldn't be any factual errors. While archeology in and of itself does not prove that the Bible is the Word of God, it does lend credibility to the claims of Biblical writers.

Over the years, work by archaeologists has confirmed many of the details contained in the Old Testament. Here are a few.

- The existence of the Hittites. Genesis 15:20, Judges 1:26, and others.
- The existence of cities named in the Bible including Jericho, Hazor, Samaria, Shiloh, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gath, and others.
- The Egyptian conquest of Judah. 1 Kings 14:25. 2 Chronicles 12:1-4.
- King Uzziah. 2 Chronicles 26:1-3.
- Hezekiah's water tunnel. 2 Kings 20: 20.
- The return of the Jews to their land following the Babylonian captivity. 2 Chronicles 36:22-23. Ezra 1:1-11.

For more information on the above, see:

Biblical Archeology: Factual Evidence to Support the Historicity of the Bible.

<https://www.equip.org/article/biblical-archaeology-factual-evidence-to-support-the-historicity-of-the-bible/>

Other archaeological discoveries supporting Old Testament reliability include:

- The existence of Belshazzar as King of Babylon. Daniel 5:1-30.
- The existence of King David. 2 Samuel 5:1-3 and others.
- The existence of Assyrian king Sargon. Isaiah 20:1.

For more information on these three items and others, see:

A Brief Sample of Old Testament Archaeological Corroboration.

<https://coldcasechristianity.com/writings/a-brief-sample-of-old-testament-archaeological-corroboration/>

Archeological discoveries related to the New Testament include:

- The existence of a Roman official named Quirinius. Luke 2:1-3.
- The existence of a tetrarch named Lysanius. Luke 3:1.
- The existence of a city in Phrygia named Iconium. Acts 13:51, 14:1.
- The Pool of Bethesda with five Porticos. John 5:1-9.
- The use of the term "Politarch" to describe a city ruler. Appears in the Greek in Acts 17:6 and Acts 17:8.
- The existence of a Roman official named Pilate. Matthew 27:1.

For more information on the above, check:

A Brief Sample of Archeology Corroborating the Claims of the New Testament.

<https://coldcasechristianity.com/writings/a-brief-sample-of-archaeology-corroborating-the-claims-of-the-new-testament/>

In view of these discoveries, critics might do well to avoid efforts to identify problems with Bible history as archeologists just might not have found evidence yet.

For more information, check these sites:

- Archaeology. <https://answersingenesis.org/archaeology/>
- Ten Top Biblical Archeology Discoveries. <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/free-ebooks/ten-top-biblical-archaeology-discoveries/>
- 10 Crucial Archeological Discoveries Related to the Bible. <https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-crucial-archaeological-discoveries-related-to-the-bible/>
- 10 Exciting Discoveries in Biblical Archaeology in 2018. <https://factsandtrends.net/2019/01/03/10-exciting-discoveries-in-biblical-archaeological-in-2018/>
- The Comparatively Rich Archaeological Corroboration of the Old Testament. <https://coldcasechristianity.com/writings/the-comparatively-rich-archaeological-corroboration-of-the-old-testament/>
- 6 Archaeological Discoveries that Support the Bible. <https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/christianity/6-archaeological-discoveries-that-support-the-bible.aspx>
- Archaeological Finds that Support the Bible. <https://www.bibleuniverse.com/articles/bible-universe-blog/post/id/14250/t/archaeological-finds-that-support-the-bible>
- Archaeology and the Old Testament. <https://probe.org/archaeology-and-the-old-testament/>
- Archaeology and the Historical Reliability of the New Testament. <https://www.bethinking.org/is-the-bible-reliable/archaeology-and-the-historical-reliability-of-the-new-testament>
- Does Biblical Archaeology Help the Case for Biblical Reliability? <https://torahclass.com/archived-articles/1009-does-biblical-archaeology-help-the-case-for-biblical-reliability-page-1-by-walter-c-kaiser-jr>
- Archaeology and the Old Testament. <http://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=13&article=1347&topic=82>
- Archaeology and the New Testament. <http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=22&article=1420>
- Searching for Sargon. <http://apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=13&article=852>