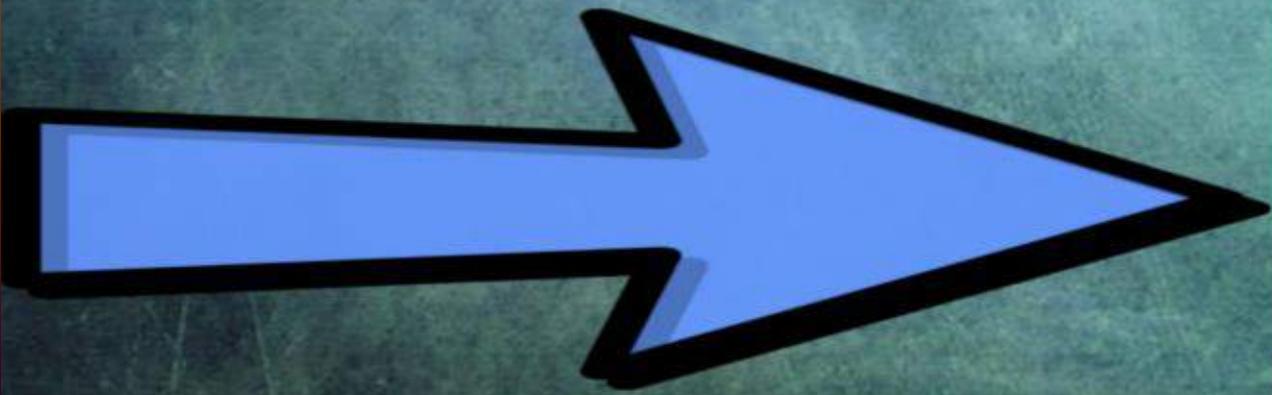
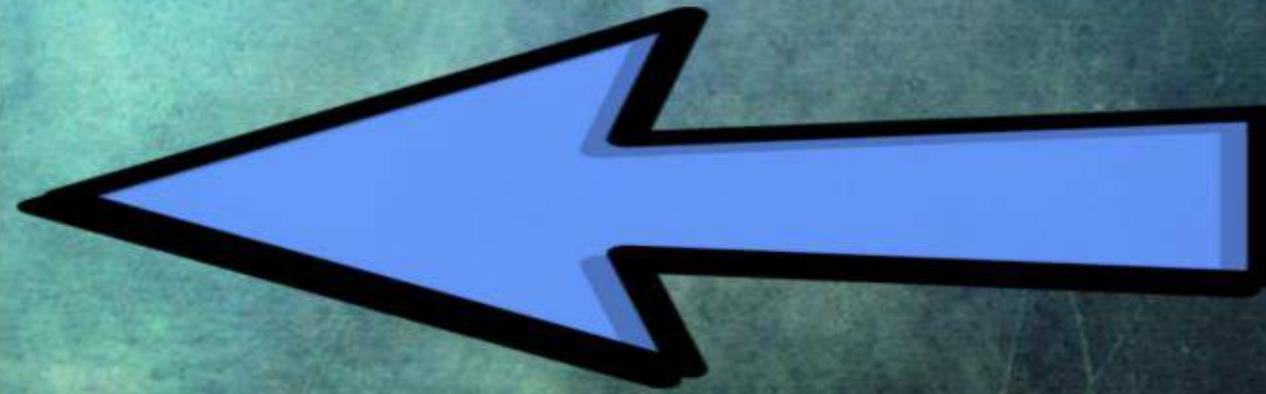


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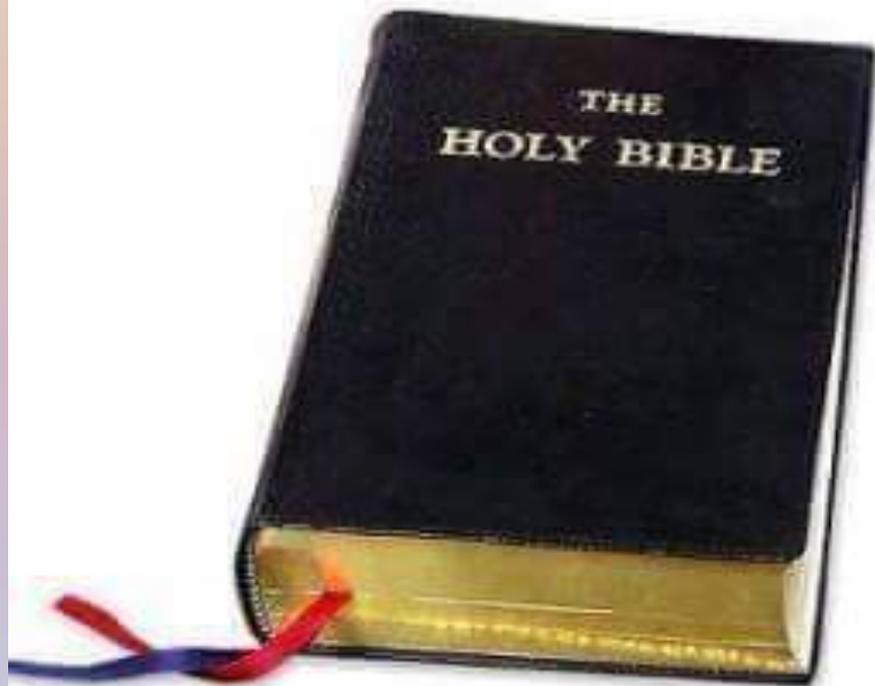


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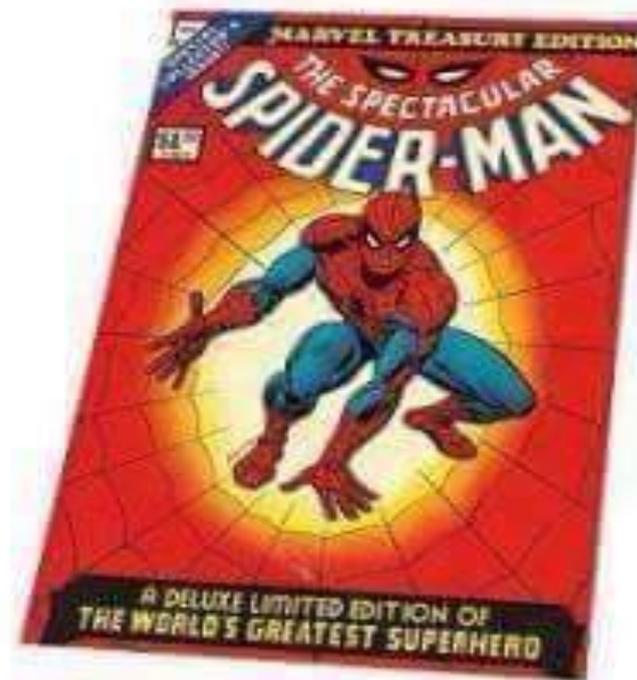


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Deut. 19:15 “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

Matt. 18:16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ [a]

1 Tim. 5:19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

Biblical Evidence

- Witness
 - Believing witnesses/historians – Are they reliable?
 - Do they make truth claims?
 - Dependable Documents
 - Historical Accuracy
 - Free from contradictions – corroboration
 - Non-Believing historians
 - Accounts of Christ
 - Accounts of the Church

Witness

- The writers claimed to be witnesses or talked to witnesses
- No “Once upon a time”
 - Luke 1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, 3 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, 4 that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

Witness

- John 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 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.
- John 21:24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.
- 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Witness

- 1 John 1 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— 2 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— 3 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. 4 And these things we write to you that your[a] joy may be full.

Witness

- 1 Cor.15 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 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. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Witness

- Belief does not equal bias
- The change in the Apostles behavior
- Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Historical Accuracy

- The Strength of the Manuscripts
- Corroborating History
- Archaeological Evidence

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Testam^{to}
Dionis herison

In the name of god amen In the year of o^r Lord god 1562 the xixth of october I Dionis herison
of the towne of gateshead widowe Like in bodye but x^{fit} in remembrance doth make this my
Last will and testament in maner and forme following first I bequith my soull vnto almighty god
my seruis and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of gateshead also I bequith & geue vnto
margaret vntanke my daughter my house that I dwell in at this present tyme in gateshead wth the
appurtenances ther vnto & same belonging after my decease to have & hold the same house during hir
Lyfe naturall and after hir dyss^e I do geue the same house vnto my daughter elisabeth catthbert during
hir dyss^e naturall & following of the two my daughters abone namyd I do geue it vnto willm
herison my sonne child & to his heires of his body lawfully begotten & salue of him & his heires
of his bodye lawfully begotten I do geue it vnto margaret herison my syst^r and to his heires of his
bodye lawfully begotten & salue of hir and his heires foretome to Robert vntanke my daughter
child & to his heires foretome also I bequith vnto elisabeth catthbert an old agell a gowne & a kirtill
f^{ur} I bequith vnto Robert catthbert on charges & a laver f^{ur} I bequith vnto my daughter
margaret vntanke one old agell f^{ur} I geue to thomas catthbert one yone f^{ur} to Robert vntanke
the best the best brasse pottle & and to his brother willm vntanke one yone & on brasse pottle I
bequith vnto willm daye one sealing ring of siluer f^{ur} I geue vnto george daye one chest f^{ur}
I geue vnto y^e pore maner boxe in gateshead church — in all the rest of my gooder moveable
& vnmovible I do geue & bequith vnto my daughter margaret vntanke whome I do make my helle
ex^{ec}utor of this my last will and testament & I make Robert daye my brother my s^{up}visor
of this my last will to whome for his payres in doing here his d^entie I geue two spane vials
the witness thomas pygge willm herison John armstrong Henry hoppe

is feisted? A Court zeele and Court Baron holden for the said Monno upon Wednesday in Easter week
the twentieth day of April In the year of our Lord according to the Statute now used in England
the threescore and six hundred and fiftie and two before John Althoe Esquire Steward thereof by Patton

Whereas at a Court holden for the said Monno upon Wednesday in Easter week the twentieth day of
May in the third and twentieth year of the reign of the late King Charles Joseph Hart was admitted
tenant of the Lord to firm and his heirs in reversion after the death of Edward Hart and Marie his wife to
Messuage or Condemment with all the yards ditches and buildings therunto belonging and a piece or parcel of
land adjoining to the said yards called by the name of woods containing two Acres and one half as
by the rolls of the said Court appeared Now at this Court it is found by the Verdict that since the last Court
and before this Court (that is to say) the twentieth day of January last past the said Edward Hart
Joseph Hart did Surrender into the hands of the Lord of the said Monno by the hands of George Churill instead
of the Feoffee and in the presence of John Wood and Robert Savill two of the Customary Tenants of the said
Monno witnessing the same according to the custom thereof The premises aforesaid with Chappuaries
and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof to the use and behoofe of John Wood
of feisted the younger and of his heirs and assigns forever Carthome sent in Court the Lord of the said
Monno by his Steward aforesaid hath granted thereof by the word to have and to hold to him and
his heirs of the Lord by the word at the will of the Lord according to the custom of the said Monno by the
customs and Statutes thereof due and of right accustomed And he gave to the Lord for a fine and did his
feallid and was admitted thereof Tenant.

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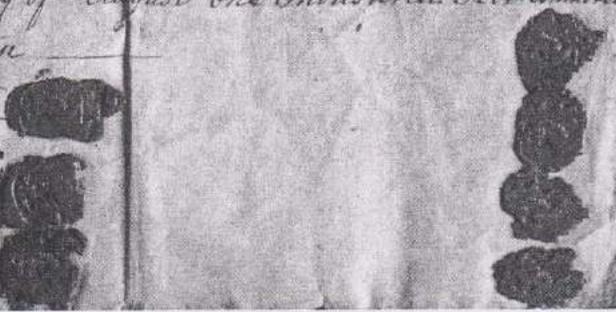


Whereas a Pen is intended to be Erected & build
 for Edward Witts Esq^r at the upper end of the said
 Church immediately under the Salspit which doth
 enclose a Seat hitherto used and Occupied by Elizabeth
 Humphres or her Tennant or Tennants the said
 Elizabeth Humphres and Robert Harbridge Sonster to Elizabeth
 Humphres Daughters likewise Richard West & Henry Carter
 Churchwardens her by agree to the said Enclosure and to
 relinquish the said Seat to Edward Witts Esq^r upon Condition
 that the Seat hitherto used and Occupied by John Franklin
 and William Franklin the seat seat behind be for the future
 Appropriated to the sole use of the said Elizabeth Humphres's
 Farm And the said John Franklin and William Franklin
 Do hereby declare for themselves and their Heirs and Assigns
 that they never will on any Occasion whatsover molest or
 disturb the said Elizabeth Humphres or her Tennant or
 Tennants in the full possession of the seat so given up And
 they the said John Franklin and William Franklin Do hereby
 fully and wholly relinquish with all the Rights they possess in
 the said Seat. And the said Edward Witts Esq^r Doth
 hereby covenant promise and agree to Erect & build a Seat
 for some other convenient part of the Church for the use of the
 said John Franklin and William Franklin or their Tennant
 or Tennants in lieu of their seat relinquished and given up
 for the use of Elizabeth Humphres's Farm In Witness
 whereof we have interchangably sett our Hands and Seals
 this Second day of August One Thousand Seven hundred
 and seventy seven

Edward Witts

John Franklin

William Franklin



Return concluded

Causes of Increase & Decrease & No.	Sex		Name	Age	Colour	Country	Employment		Total
	Males	Females					Domestic	Slaves	
		1	Mary Hill	4 1/2	Black	Barbadian			
		1	Mary Thomas	4 1/2	Coloured	do			
		1	Franette	4	do	do			
		1	William Ann	3	do	do			
		1	Sarah Jane	18	do	do			
		1	Hannah	13 1/2	do	do	D		
Number of last Registrations	102	104							206
	1		George	1 1/2	Black	Barbadian			
	1		John	1 1/2	do	do			
	1		Alexander	1 1/2	do	do			
	1		Francis	1	do	do			
	1		John Henry	1	do	do			
	1		(not named)		do	do			
	1		do		do	do			
By Birth	1		Frederick	7 1/2	Coloured	do			
	1		Carry	7 1/2	Black	do			
	1		Jack Lawrence		do	do			
	1		Jack James	7 1/2	do	do			
	1		Hardy	7 1/2	do	do			
	1		John Richard	7 1/2	Coloured	do			
	1		Polly Betty	7 1/2	Black	do			
	1		Patience Henry	7 1/2	do	do			
	1		Caroline	7 1/2	do	do			
	1		(Not named)	7 1/2	do	do			
	11	0							17 increase
			1						223
By Manumission	1		Stacey Ann		Coloured	do			
	1		Sarah Jane		do	do			
	1		John Richard		do	do			
	1		Thomas Edmund		do	do			
	1		Thomas Stephen		do	do			
	1		(Not named)		Black	do			
By Death	1		do		do	do			
	1		Jack Lawrence		do	do			
Total Number of Slaves this 17 th day of March 1834	108	107							215
The Return of Mary Ashby of Slaves her own property									
		1	Mercy	67	Black	Barbadian			
		1	James	48	do	do			
		1	Polly	34	do	do			

Return continued & concluded

Causes of Increase & Decrease & No.	Sex		Name	Age	Colour	Country	Employment		Total
	Males	Females					Domestic	Slaves	
		1	Mary	41	Coloured	Barbadian			
		1	Elizabeth	18	do	do	D		
		1	Lucretia	57 1/2	Black	do			
		1	Jack Henry	19	do	do			
		1	George	37 1/2	do	do			
		1	Polly Betty	11 1/2	do	do			
Number of last Registrations	2	7							9
Total Number of Slaves this 18 th day of March 1834									224
The Return of Mary Ashby of Slaves her own property									
		1	Polly	52	Black	Barbadian			
		1	Oliver	24	do	do			
		1	Lilly Ann	21	do	do	D		
		1	Alfred	18	do	do			
		1	Edwin	17 1/2	do	do	D		
		1	Joseph	4 1/2	do	do			
Number of last Registrations	3	3							6
By Birth	1		Coridon	7 1/2	Black	Barbadian			1 increase
	1		Polly		Black	Barbadian			7
By Death	1		Oliver		do	do			2 decrease
Total Number of Slaves this 18 th day of March 1834									225
The Return of John Armstrong of Slaves his own property									
		1	Tom Wanner	43	Coloured	Barbadian			
		1	Jack	27	Black	do			
		1	Sambo	67 1/2	Coloured	do			
		1	Net Duco	27 1/2	Black	do			
		1	Rose	77	do	do			
		1	Edy Ludo	31	do	do			
Number of last Registrations	4	2							6
By Birth	1		Thibo Rose	17 1/2	Black	Barbadian			
Gift of J. M. Sturt	1		Jubba Betty	22	do	do	D		2 increase
	2								
Total Number of Slaves this 26 th day of Mar: 1834									231

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Corroborating History

“In all, Luke names thirty-two countries, fifty-four cities and nine islands without error” (Geisler, BECA, 47) McDowell p.64

Luke 2 :1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Corroborating History

Critics Charge:

- No census and Quirinius was not governor at that time.
- People did not need to go to city of origin nor take family

Defense

- Absence of Evidence is not Evidence of Absence
 - Parallel evidence
- Problems with language

Corroborating History

Early in the twentieth century, a papyrus was discovered which contained an edict by G. Vibius Maximus, the Roman governor of Egypt, stating:

Since the enrollment by households is approaching, it is necessary to command all who for any reason are out of their own district to return to their own home, in order to perform the usual business of the taxation... (Cobern, C.M. 1929. The New Archeological Discoveries and their Bearing upon the New Testament. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls, p. 47; Unger, M.F. 1962. Archaeology and the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, p. 64).

<http://www.biblearchaeology.org/post/2008/10/16/A-Brief-Comment-on-the-Census-in-Luke-2.aspx#Article>

Corroborating History

The same papyrus also confirms Luke's assertion that a man had to bring his family with him when he traveled to his place of ancestry in order to be properly counted by the Roman authorities (Lk. 2:5). The document reads:

I register Pakebkis, the son born to me and my wife, Taasies and Taopis in the 10th year of Tiberius Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus Imperator [Emperor], and request that the name of my aforesaid son Pakeb[k]is be entered on the list” (Boyd, R.T. 1991. World's Bible Handbook. Grand Rapids, MI: World Publishing, p. 415).

Translation Difficulties

World vs. Land

the Greek expression *hegemoneuo* in Luke 2:2 which is often translated “governor” really just means “to be leading” or “in charge of”

Corroborating History

Archaeologist Dr. Clifford Wilson writes:

[Critics] challenged the Bible's claim that Quirinius [the Latin spelling of Cyrenius] was governor of Syria at the time. He was governor at the time of the census fourteen years later, in AD 6, but, it turns out that he was also a high official in central Asia Minor in 8 BC, actually being in charge of the Army in Syria. It appears that he was able to repulse a local uprising that probably delayed the implementation of the poll tax in Syria for some time" (Wilson, C. 1980. Rocks, Relics and Biblical Reliability. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, p. 116).

Corroborating History

Critics - Luke's geography has been proven correct

Lystra and Derbe in Lycaonia but Iconium was not.

Acts 14:4 But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles. 5 And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, 6 they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. 7 And they were preaching the gospel there

Corroborating History

Cicero said that Iconium was in Lycaonia.

Sir William Ramsay

What convinced Ramsay that Iconium was in Phrygia was not the discovery of an archaeological artifact, but ancient literary texts. He cites several sources in *The Bearing of Recent Discovery on the Trustworthiness of the New Testament*:

Xenophon identified Iconium as city of Phrygia in 394 B.C. (*Anabasis*).

In AD 145 Pliny says Iconium was a Phrygian city.

In AD 163 several Christians, including Justin Martyr, were put on trial in Rome for their Christian faith. One man at the trial—a slave named Hierax—was asked who his parents were. Hierax replied, “My earthly parents are dead; and I have been brought here (a slave) torn away from Iconium of Phrygia.” This is the only report we have from a native of Iconium.

Firmilian, bishop of Caesarea, is said to have attended a council in AD 232 at Iconium in Phrygia.[2]

- <https://theosophical.wordpress.com/2011/09/26/biblical-archaeology-44-iconium-was-not-in-lycaonia/>

Archaeology

Physical evidence

Direct Evidence – inscriptions

Supporting Evidence -

- Yohana Ben Ha'galgol – Crucifixion victim

Archaeology

Luke 3:1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene

Inscription found at Abila near Damascus speaks of “Freedman of Lysanias the Tetrarch”

