

# The Bible, God's Revelation to Man

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- How we got the Bible
- The Bible is the Inspired Word of God
- God's Word is the Final Authority for Man's Actions
- God's Word is Truth and we can Know it
- How Do I Study the Bible?
- The Role of the Apostles
- Making a Distinction in God's Word in Matters of Faith and Indifference

# Why Should I Be Interested in the Bible?

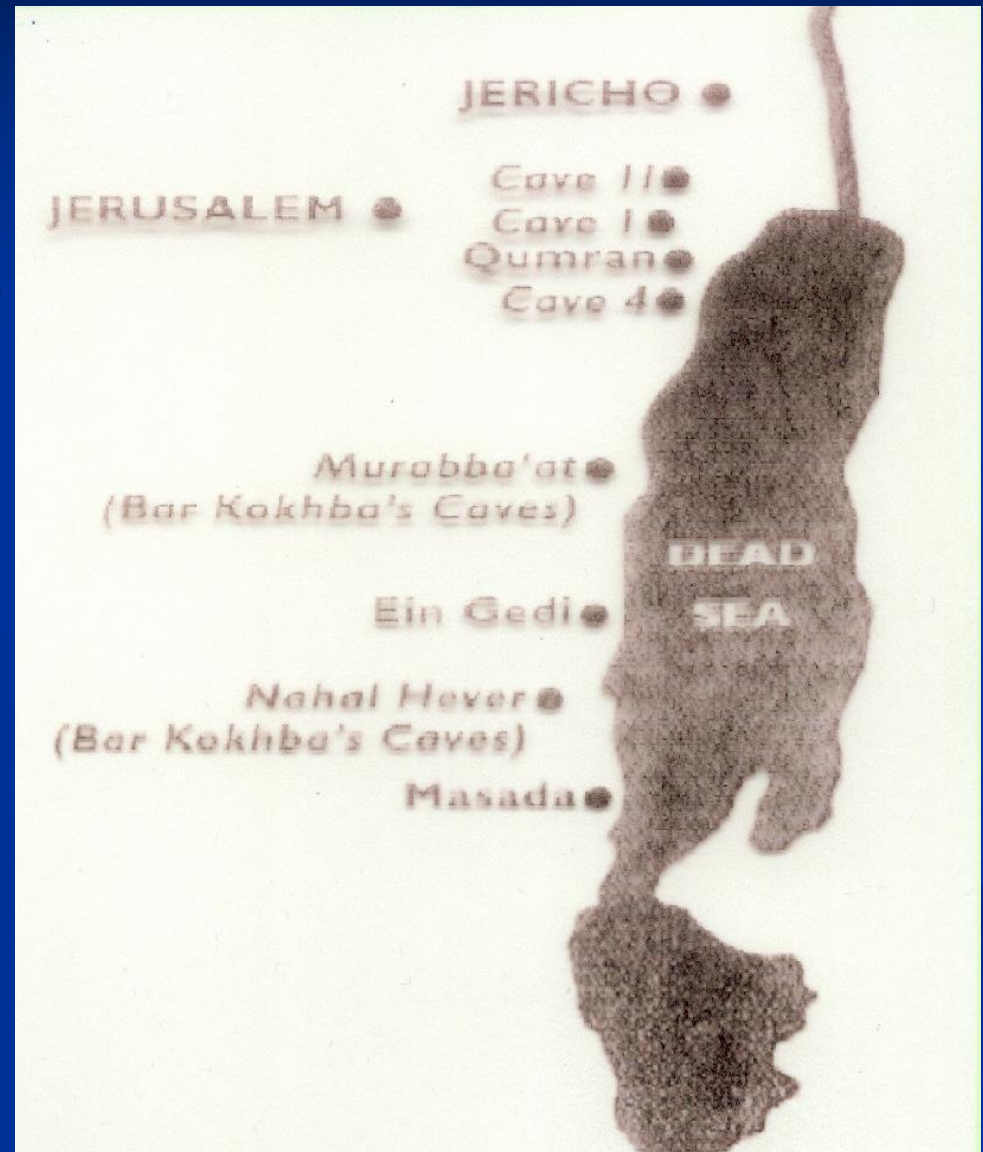
- The Bible is the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1:1-2)
- Jesus heard this testimony (truth) from God (Jn. 8:40) and declared the truth as His teaching (Jn. 7:16-17).
- Where I spend eternity will depend upon my attitude toward truth (cf. II Jn. 9; I Jn. 2:24-25).
- Teaching's of Christ = Word of God = truth = Gospel (Eph. 1:13).
- God is (Isa. 46:9-10) and therefore I should be interested in His Word.

# Lets Examine the Bible

- Jesus said, “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” (Matthew 24:35)

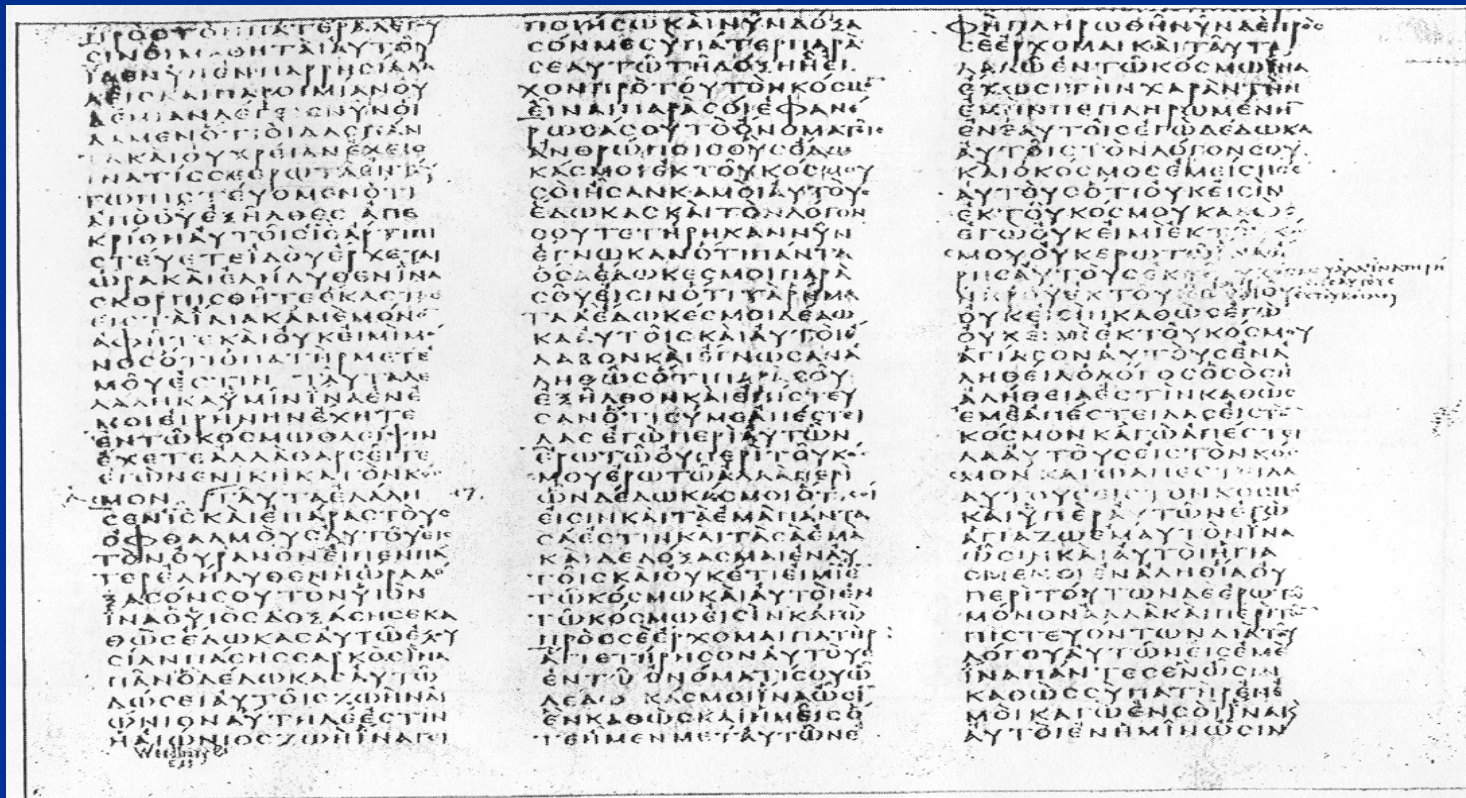
# OT Manuscript Discoveries

- Cairo Codex (895 AD)
- Leningrad Codex of the Prophets (~ 916 AD)
- The British Museum Codex of the Pentateuch (10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> AD)
- Dead Sea Scrolls (1948)



# NT *Koine* Greek Style

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# NT Greek Manuscripts

- Codex Sinaiticus (4<sup>th</sup> Century AD)
- Vatican Manuscript (4<sup>th</sup> Century AD)
- Alexandrian Manuscript (5<sup>th</sup> Century AD)

# The Formation of the “Canon”

- How did the 66 books of our Bibles come into being?
- Canon = “a straight rod ... incapable of bending... a standard”
- Through time, spiritually minded men began using the word to distinguish inspired manuscripts from uninspired

# Conclusion

- I should be interested in the Bible because it is the testimony of Jesus Christ which He received from God. This word shall judge us and determine our eternal abode (Jn. 12:48).
- Internal evidences of God (Isa. 46:9-10; Heb. 11:1-3).
- External evidences of God (Manuscripts from various times agree and are consistent).
- Are you interested in the Word of God?