The Reliability of The Bible – Part II

Introduction

MAPS = Manuscripts, Archeology, Prophecy, Science

I The Prophetic Evidence

A. The prevalence of prophecy
   1. There are 737 separate predictive topics in the Bible
   2. There are 1,817 predictions in the Bible
   3. There are 8,362 predictive verses in the Bible

B. The purpose of prophecy
   1. To reveal His plans to mankind - Amos 3:7
   2. To authenticate His claim to deity - Is 42:8-9; 41:21-23; Jn 13:19
   3. To express friendship - Am 4:13; Jn 15:15
   4. To authenticate the Bible as God-inspired - 2 Pt 1:20-21

C. The persuasiveness of prophecy
   1. The probability of 8 prophesies being fulfilled
      a. His place of birth - Micah 5:2; Matt 2:1
      b. Time of birth - Dan 9:25, Gen 49:10
      c. Manner of birth - Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18-25
      d. Price of his betrayal - Zech 11:11-13; Mat 26:15
      e. Manner of death - Ps 22:16; Lk 23:33
      f. Piercing of his side - Zech 12:10; Jn 19:34
      g. People mocking - Psalm 22:7-8; Matt 27:29
      h. Burial - Is 53:9; Matt 27:57-60
   2. The probability of 16 prophesies being fulfilled
      a. There are over 332 fulfilled Messianic prophecies

II The Scientific Evidence

A. Time, space and matter - Gen 1:1; 2 Tim 1:9; Titus 1:2
B. Atomic structure - Hebrews 11:3
C. Earth suspended in space - Job 26:7
D. Round earth - Isa 40:22
E. Ocean currents - Ps 8:8; Is 43:16
F. Wind patterns - Eccl 1:6
G. Water cycles - Amos 9:6; Eccl 1:7
H. The vast number of stars - Jer 33:22
I. The expanding universe - Ps 104:1-2; Is 42:5
J. The orbit of the sun - Psalm 19:6
K. The Laws of Thermodynamics
   1. The Law of Conservation - Gen 2:2; Eccl 3:14
   2. The Law Of Entropy - Ps 102:25-26; Matt 24:35