

## ***T.A.P. into your Bible - Transmission***

Premise: 'Inspired by God' would make the Bible Unique

### **1. Unique in its continuity**

- Written over a 1,500 year span,
- By more than forty authors, from every walk of life,
- In different places,
- At different times,
- During different moods,
- On three continents,
- In three languages,
- With a variety of literary styles,
- Taking on various controversial subjects

YET A SINGLE THEME OF GOD AND HIS REDEMPITIVE PLAN IS SEEN THROUGHOUT,  
CULMINATING IN JESUS CHRIST, ALL WITHOUT CONTRADICTION!

### **2. Unique in its translation.**

- Few books have been translated in 10 languages.
- Bible has been translated into
  - 2,200 languages
  - this represents over 90% of the world's communication.
  - Translators predict by 2022 the Bible will be available in all known languages.

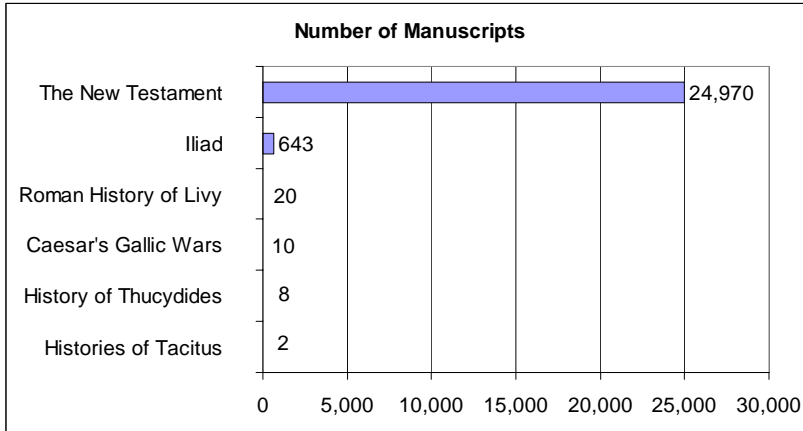
### **3. Unique in its historic reliability**

#### ***Historic Reliability of Old Testament***

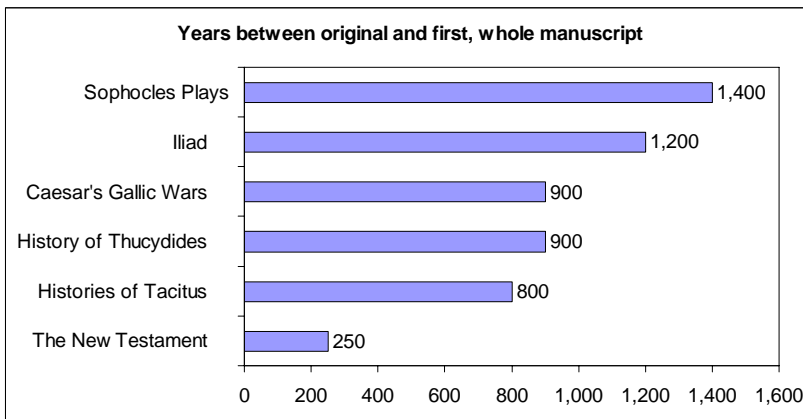
- Scribes
    - No letter or word can be written for memory.
    - Ignore a King if you are writing God's name.
    - Counted the number of times a letter occurs in each book.
    - Knew the middle letter of books and sections.
    - "Everything countable seemed to be counted".
- Historic Reliability of Old Testament*
- Oldest manuscript 900 A.D.
  - Dead Sea Scrolls 125 B.C.
    - Book of Isaiah
    - 95% accurate.
    - 5% Spelling, Slips of pen. Message of revelation not affected.
    - Isaiah 53 (166 words total, One 3-letter word in question)
  - Prophecy & Archeology

## ***Historic Reliability of New Testament***

- Number of manuscripts



- Length between manuscripts



### **DaVinci Code: Was Jesus married to Mary?**

*In my office are 38 volumes of early church documents, each ... several hundred pages, double columns, in small print. The fact that out of all this material, only two texts could be brought forward as even ancient candidates for the theory shows how utterly unlikely it is. (p.27)*

-Darrel Bock , Breaking the DaVinci Code

- Was the NT considered Scripture by NT authors?
  - 2 Tim. 3:16 "All Scripture"
  - 1 Tim. 5:18  
*For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing," (Deut 25:4) and "The laborer is worthy of his wages." (Luke 10:7)*
  - 2 Pet. 3:16  
*as also in all [Paul's] letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.*

### ***So who decided what books were to be included?***

- *Canon*: "rule"- books that are **inspired** by God.
- God *determined* the canon, and man *discovered* it.
  - "Its authority is *established* by God and merely *discovered* by God's people." - Geisler

NT: Because of persecution, false teachings, rules were established to WEED out bad books.

### **2 key rules for non-inclusion:**

- Apostles' endorsement.
- Was accepted as God's word by the saints since it was written.

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