

Apologetics Lecture Outline

Week 2

Review Week One

- Our book of truth, our book of authority is God's Holy Word
Not written by a single writer, 40 writers over 1500 years
- The early church used "scripture" to point to Jesus it was The Old Testament
- Our testimony can't be just about our life change after we accepted Christ, other religions and cults can point to life change as proof they're right – ours must be that Jesus is the Messiah and the only way to heaven
- Eye witness testimony is powerful – 1 John 1:1-3

Week Two - Manuscripts

John 5:24 – "Very Truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged, but has crossed over from death to life."

MANUSCRIPTS – Ancient ones, the further back the better, the more reliable

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Pre-historic vs historic periods

- 3500 BC a lot happening, Hieroglyphics, Calligraphy, and Cuneiform, systems developed to communicate and record

Chronology

- Manuscripts, ancient ones, provide some of the best evidence for the validity of the Gospel Message and Jesus as the Messiah.
- To fully understand them we need to first have a chronology – an ordering of events by time.
- Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Methuselah, then Noah, etc. – Biblical Chronology
- Beginning of civilization – Sumerians, Akkadians, Old Babylonian Empire, Hittite, etc.

Synchronicity – Events and cultures in the bible synchronize with the events and cultures of the world around them. You need a good biblical timeline.

Neolithic – Post Flood World

Chalcolithic - Copper

Early Bronze Age – Tower of Babel and rise of urbanization and great walled cities

Middle Bronze Age – Time of Abraham and the Patriarchs

Late Bronze Age – Moses, Joshua and the Judges

Iron Age – Time of David, Solomon and the Judahite kings