**Proving the Pages- 10th Class**

Proving the pages of the New Testament

Northern Hills Church of Christ, Class 10, Handout 8

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**REVIEW**

* The Historic Jesus
* Contemporary Documentation
* Historical Context
* Acid Test
* Apostolic Fathers
* Manuscript Attestation
  + Classical Histories vs. Biblical manuscript comparison
* Paleography
* The Resurrection
* The Pentecost Phenomenon
  + Change without time or education
* The Apostles’ Testimony
  + Qualified, credible, purposed, & chosen
* Jesus, the Man of Destiny
* The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus
  + Prejudiced, prominent fanatic against Christians, then for!
* The First Century Church
  + Modern Criticisms don’t hold up, & speak for faith in Christ

**Copying Methods**

* Could only use clean animal skins to both write & bind manuscripts
* No less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & no more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lines per column
* Had to verbalize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ word aloud when writing
* 30 day review- if \_\_\_\_\_\_ or more pages required correction the entire document was redone
* Letters, words, & paragraphs were counted on each page
* Document became invalid if two letters or two words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anywhere
* Middle paragraph, middle word, & middle letter of the copy had to correspond to the original
* No document of God’s word was destroyed, but stored or buried
  + Why we have no originals- almost all were destroyed between 606-586 BC or in AD 70
* Certain way of preparing & dedicating the manuscript & special black ink
* No vowels were written, didn’t develop vowel markings until 700 AD
  + For centuries a group of Jewish scribes called the Masoretes continued to copy & passed the oral tradition down, eventually producing the vowel markings

**Old Testament Manuscripts**

* Silver Amulet Scroll
  + Dates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC, contains only a couple of verses
* Nash Papyrus
  + Dates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC, but contains only a few verses
* Codex Aleppo
  + Oldest copy of Old Testament until 1947, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AD

**Dead Sea Scrolls**

* Discovered in winter of 1946-47 by a 15 year old Bedouin shepherd hidden in a cave in Bethlehem
* 972 manuscripts from 11 different caves
  + 1/3 are Biblical writings with multiple copies
  + 2/3 are other Jewish writings
  + Contains every Old Testament book except \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Significance
  + Dated between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC to before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AD
  + When compared to Masoretic Text they’re virtually the same, up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% identical to then modern day copies

<http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=13&article=357>

**Archeology**

<http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/>

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2014/december-web-only/biblical-archaeologys-top-ten-discoveries-of-2014.html>

<http://www.equip.org/article/biblical-archaeology-factual-evidence-to-support-the-historicity-of-the-bible/>

<http://www.christiananswers.net/q-abr/abr-a005.html>

* Cyrus Cylinder
  + Dates 6th Century BC
  + Contains language that may be referring to his release of the Jews
* Siloam Inscription
  + Dated 8th Century BC
  + Referenced in 2nd Kings 20:20 & 2nd Chronicles 32:3-4 as the tunnel Hezekiah dug to bring water to the city

***THANKS FOR A GREAT STUDY!!!!!***