



Week 4 – Days 22 - 28 - NOTES

Is the Bible God's Word? Part 1
BIBLE SCIENCE
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The Bible is not a science book, yet it is scientifically accurate. The following concepts are found in the pages of Scripture, many written hundreds or even thousands of years before being recorded elsewhere.



Small Group Questions

- 1) What is the definition of science? What is the difference (if any) between worldly science, and Godly science? How would you explain Godly or Bible science to a non believer?
- 2) What is apologia? Define what it means to defend something on a historical level. Define what it means to defend something on a philosophical level.
- 3) Read **Proverbs 8:27, Isaiah 40:22** and **Job 26:7**, do you get from this that the earth is round and hangs in space? How could this have been missed by people reading prior to 1475?
- 4) Discuss the other facts mentioned in the sermon, how could they have been interpreted wrong? Discuss how HUGE our God is! Do you think He had a plan in coming up with all of this?
 - Air has weight (**Job 28:25**)
 - Winds has regular circuits and rain clouds are merely evaporated water (**Ecclesiastes 1:6-7**)
 - Empty space in northern sky (**Job 26:7**)
 - Stars are innumerable (**Genesis 15:5, Jeremiah 33:22**)
- 5) How does Bible Science impact your life today? What have you learned from this study? How can you apply the facts to your life today? How would you communicate the things you learned to a non-believer?



Sermon Notes

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SCIENCE: Knowledge gained by experimentation and observation

APOLOGIA: To defend on both _____ (*Historical*) _____ and _____ (*Philosophical*) _____ levels

God claims responsibility for the existence of scientific realities. (Job 38 –39).

WHAT '**BIBLE SCIENCE**' TEACHES US ABOUT THE UNIVERSE:

2. The earth is round and hangs in space (Proverbs 8:27; Isaiah 40:22; Job 26:7). Man discovered this in 1475.
3. Air has weight (Job. 28:25). Galileo discovered this in 1630.
4. The winds have regular circuits and rain clouds are merely evaporated water (Ecclesiastes 1:6-7). Man discovered this in 1630.
5. There is a great empty space in the northern sky that contains no stars (Job 26:7).
6. The stars are innumerable (Genesis 15:5; Jeremiah 33: 22). Galileo was the first to teach that they could not be numbered.

WHAT '**BIBLE SCIENCE**' TEACHES US ABOUT THE HUMAN MIND AND BODY:

1. Human _____ (*biology*) _____. (Genesis 2:7)
2. Human _____ (*embryology*) _____. (Psalms 139:13-14)
3. Human _____ (*psychology*) _____. (Proverbs 14:30)
4. Blood _____ (*function*) _____. (Leviticus 17:11)
5. Blood _____ (*clotting*) _____. (Leviticus 12:3)
6. Blood's _____ (*reaction to stress*) _____. (Psalm 69:20)
7. Blood _____ (*content*) _____. (Luke 22:20)





I. STATEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH ASTRONOMY

The Bible talks about the great number of stars in the heavens.

Genesis 22:17

blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

Jeremiah 33:22

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me."

Today we can see with the naked eye more than 3000 stars. Astronomers estimate that the number or actual stars is close to 10 to the 21st power. For a comparison the number of grains of sand on the earth's seashores is estimated at 10 to the 25th power. Astronomers are discovering new stars all the time it would come as not surprise if the stars and the sand ended up being the same. Remember God's promises to Abraham and David?

Genesis 15:5

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Psalms 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

The Bible states that each star is unique

1 Corinthians 15:41

There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

All stars look alike but when one analyzes their light spectra it reveals that each one is unique and different.

The Bible describes the precision of movement in the universe

Jeremiah 31:35-36

Thus says the LORD,
Who gives the sun for a light by day,
The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night,
Who disturbs the sea,
And its waves roar
(The LORD of hosts is His name):
"If those ordinances depart
From before Me, says the LORD,
Then the seed of Israel shall also cease
From being a nation before Me forever."





The Bible describes the suspension of Earth in space

Job 26:7

He stretches out the north over empty space;
He hangs the earth on nothing.

II. STATEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH METEOROLOGY

The Bible describes the circulation of the atmosphere

Ecclesiastes 1:6

The wind goes toward the south,
And turns around to the north;
The wind whirls about continually,
And comes again on its circuit.

The Bible includes some principles of fluid dynamics

Job 28:25

To establish a weight for the wind,
And apportion the waters by measure.

Did you know that air has weight? That fact was discovered about 300 years ago. The relative weights of air and water are needed for the efficient functioning of the planets hydrologic cycle. What's that? It is the movement of water through the globe, specifically cyclical movement of water from the ocean to the land and then back to the ocean.

Psalms 135:7

He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His treasuries.

Jeremiah 10:13

When He utters His voice,
There is a multitude of waters in the heavens:
"And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth.
He makes lightning for the rain,
He brings the wind out of His treasuries."

In these verses you can see several phases of the hydrologic cycle – the worldwide process of evaporation, transference by atmospheric circulation, condensation with electrical discharges and rain.

Job offers this insight. The drops of water, which eventually pour down as rain, first become vapor and then condense to tiny liquid droplets in the clouds. These





coalesce into drops large enough to overcome the updrafts that suspend them in the air ... and we experience rain.

Job 36:27-29

For He draws up drops of water,
Which distill as rain from the mist,
Which the clouds drop down
And pour abundantly on man.
Indeed, can anyone understand the spreading of clouds,
The thunder from His canopy?



The Bible describes the recirculation of water

Ecclesiastes 1:7

All the rivers run into the sea,
Yet the sea is not full;
To the place from which the rivers come,
There they return again.

Isaiah 55:10

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater...

The Bible refers to the surprising amount of water that can be held as condensation in clouds

Job 26:8

He binds up the water in His thick clouds,
Yet the clouds are not broken under it.

Job 37:11

Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds;
He scatters His bright clouds.

Hydrothermal vents (submarine volcanic ecosystems) are described in two books of the Bible written before 1400 BC – more than 3000 years before their discovery by science.

Genesis 7:11

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Job 38:16

"Have you entered the springs of the sea?
Or have you walked in search of the depths?"



III. STATEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH BIOLOGY

The book of Leviticus was written prior to 1400 BC and it describes the value of blood.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

The blood carries water and nourishment to every cell, maintains the body's temperature, and removes the waste material of the body's cells. The blood also carries oxygen from the lungs throughout the body. In 1616, William Harvey discovered that blood circulation is the key factor in physical life—confirming what the Bible revealed 3,000 years earlier.

The Bible describes biogenesis (the development of living organisms from other living organisms) and the stability of each kind of living organism.

Genesis 1:11,12

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:21

So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:25

And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

The phrase "according to its kind" occurs repeatedly, stressing the reproductive integrity of each kind of animal and plant. Today we know this occurs because all of these reproductive systems are programmed by their genetic codes.

The Bible describes the chemical nature of flesh.

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 3:19

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread





Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you *are*,
And to dust you shall return.

It is a proven fact that a person's mental and spiritual health is strongly correlated with physical health. The Bible revealed this to us with these statements (and others) written by King Solomon about 950 BC.

Proverbs 12:4

An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband,
But she who causes shame *is* like rotteness in his bones.

Proverbs 14:30

A sound heart *is* life to the body,
But envy *is* rotteness to the bones.

Proverbs 15:30

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones healthy.

Proverbs 16:24

Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart does good, *like* medicine...



IV. STATEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH GEOLOGY

The Bible describes the Earth’s crust (along with a comment on astronomy).

Jeremiah 31:37

Thus says the LORD:

“If heaven above can be measured,
And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath,
I will also cast off all the seed of Israel
For all that they have done, says the LORD.”

Although some scientists claim that they have now measured the size of the universe, it is interesting to note that every human attempt to drill through the earth’s crust to the plastic mantle beneath has, thus far, ended in failure.

The Bible described the shape of the earth centuries before people thought that the earth was spherical.

Isaiah 40:22

*It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.*

The word translated “circle” here is the Hebrew word *chuwg*, which is also translated “circuit,” or “compass” (depending on the context). That is, it indicates something spherical, rounded, or arched—not something that is flat or square.

The book of Isaiah was written sometime between 740 and 680 BC. This is at least 300 years before Aristotle suggested that the earth might be a sphere in his book, On the Heavens.

We could not find any place in the Bible that claims that the Earth is flat, or that it is the center of the universe. History shows that this conflict, which took place at the time of the Inquisition, was part of a power struggle. As a result, scientific *and* biblical knowledge became casualties—an effect we still feel to this day.





V. STATEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH PHYSICS

The Bible suggests the presence of nuclear processes like those we associate with nuclear weaponry. This is certainly not something that could have been explained in 67 AD using known scientific principles (when Peter wrote the following verse).

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

VI. STATEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH ANTHROPOLOGY

We have cave paintings and other evidence that people inhabited caves. The Bible also describes cave men.

Job 30:5,6

They were driven out from among *men*,
They shouted at them as *at* a thief.
They had to live in the clefts of the valleys,
In caves of the earth and the rocks.

Note that these were not ape-men, but descendants of those who scattered from Babel. They were driven from the community by those tribes who competed successfully for the more desirable regions of the earth. Then for some reason they deteriorated mentally, physically, and spiritually.

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