Psalm 33:4 "For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything He does is worthy of our trust." (NLT)

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3. ARCHEOLOGICAL Evidence: Discoveries verify the Bible.

Psalm 85:11 "Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven." (NIV)

Luke 19:37-40 "37 When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "38 Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 I tell you," Jesus replied, "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." (NIV)

Old Testament Example:

- Belshazzar
- Solomon
- the Hittites.

New Testament Example:

- Lysanias, the tetrarch of Abilene
- The Areopagus
- The Pool of Siloam

Keith N. Schoville, retired from the Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin, says:

> "It is important to realize that archeological excavations have produced ample evidence to prove unequivocally that the Bible is not a pious forgery. Thus far, no historical statement in the Bible has proven false on the basis of evidence retrieved through archeological research."

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4. SCIENTIFIC Evidence: The Bible is scientifically accurate.

Psalm 148:4-6 "4 Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the sky. 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at His command they were created, 6 and He established them for ever and ever—He issued a decree that will never pass away." (NIV)

a. The Earth is a SPHERE and not flat.

Isaiah 40:22 "He sits enthroned about the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers." (NIV)

b. The POSITION of the Earth.

Job 26:7 "He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; He suspends the earth over nothing." (NIV)

c. The NUMBER OF STARS in the sky.

Jeremiah 33:22 "I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as **countless** as the stars of the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore." (NIV)

d. BLOOD is a source of life and health.

Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of a creature is in the blood …" (NIV)

e. The SPREAD of contagious diseases by close contact.

Leviticus 13:45-46 "45 Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' 46 As long as they have the disease they

remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp." (NIV)

f. The HYDROLIC cycle of evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

> **Job 36:27-29** "27 He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; 28 the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind. 29 Who can understand how He spreads out the clouds, how He thunders from His pavilion." (NIV)

g. GRAVITY.

> **Isaiah 55:10-11** "10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth; It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (NIV)

h. The effect of EMOTIONS on physical health.

> **Proverbs 17:22** "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." (NIV)
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> **Proverbs 23:7** "… For as he thinks within himself, so he is." (NASB)

i. The importance of SANITATION to health.

> **Deuteronomy 23:12-13** "12 Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself. 13 As part of your equipment have something to dig with, and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement." (NIV)

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Bottom Line:

1 Peter 1:24-25 "24 For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the

word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you." (NIV)