



QA: How does Scripture align to contemporary history?
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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: How does Scripture align to contemporary history? I heard it is full of untruths about historical events and people.

ANSWER: More Accurately Than External Histories. Every discovery in ancient civilizations, in fact, proves the Bible narrative is the factually established truth.

- 1) **Text Is Completely Preserved.** When Jehoiakim, king of Judah, had the prophet Jeremiah's scroll read to him, he cut it apart and burned in in the fireplace. At God's command,

Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the instruction of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And besides, there were added to them many similar words. (**Jeremiah 36:32**)

God has kept His Word complete, so we have, "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." (**Jude 1:3**)

- 2) **Text Is Precisely Written.** Paul wrote:

How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel. (**Ephesians 3:3-5**)

"Briefly written" in the original text is "few words," but with full expression of Holy Spirit-guided truth! Those chosen words completely express what the Holy Spirit intended for all to know and understand throughout the span of time.

- 3) **Text Is Historically Accurate.** No other historical record has been so scrutinized, and found to have a correctly written account that perfectly matches all the archeological evidence which has ever been uncovered to date.

The appropriate manner, both as to time and place, with which the proper names of cities and countries are used in the Old Testament defies all hostile criticism directed against the genuineness of the narratives.

The marvelous way in which such countries, nations, and cities as Elam, the Hittites, the old Babylonians, the Assyrians, the Egyptians and Ethiopians, the Moabites, and the Edomites; Tyre, Sidon, Damascus, Hamath, Separad, and scores of other names of places, are brought into the biblical narrative, each in its proper place and time, and generally with the very spelling as accurate as could be expected, is beyond comparison in any ancient document." (**A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament**, by Robert Dick Wilson, Ph.D., D.D., pp. 173-174, The Sunday School Times Company, Philadelphia, Publication Date 1926)

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