



**FAQ**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED  
QUESTIONS**

# Why Believe in Anything at All?



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evidence we trust.*



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# External Evidence



# Text of Scripture

External  
Evidence



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Archaeological  
Evidence

External  
Evidence





# The Merneptah Stele

Poetic eulogy to pharaoh Merneptah, who ruled Egypt after Rameses the Great, ca. 1212-1202 BC

One line mentions Israel: "Israel is laid waste, its seed is not." Here we have the earliest mention of Israel outside the Bible and the only mention of Israel in Egyptian records.

**Discovered in 1896 in Merneptah's mortuary temple in Thebes by Flinders Petrie**





# The Moabite Stone

- **Discovered in Dhiban, Jordan, in 1868 by F. A. Klein.**
- **Stone slab, or stela, 3 ft high and 2 ft wide**
- **2 Kings 3 and stone describe the same event from different perspectives.**

*Specifically  
mentions Israel and  
the Omri dynasty*

# Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III



**Tribute of Jehu, son of Omri**

# The Taylor Prism



- Records the victories of the Assyrian king Sennacherib
- 2 Kings 19:35-37



**The Cyrus Cylinder**

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**“... I am Cyrus. King of the world. When I entered Babylon... I did not allow anyone to terrorize the land... I kept in view the needs of people and all its sanctuaries to promote their well-being... I put an end to their misfortune. The Great God has delivered all the lands into my hand; the lands that I have made to dwell in a peaceful habitation...”**

# Tel Dan Inscription

Found in 1993, it refers to the “House of David” and David was “King of Israel.” This is the first mention of King David found outside the Bible.



# Internal Evidence



# Historical Nature

Internal  
Evidence





# Historical Nature Unity

Internal  
Evidence



Historical Nature  
Unity  
**Morality**

Internal  
**Evidence**



Historical Nature

Unity

Morality

**Indestructability**

Internal

**Evidence**



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# What is Keeping Me From Belief?

