

UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE

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1. Unique in its continuity--(a) 1500-year span (b) over 40 authors (c) from 3 continents (d) 3 languages (e) hundreds of controversial subjects--but in harmony and continuity from Genesis to Revelation. And one unfolding story: God's redemption of man.

2. Unique in its circulation--read by more people and published in more languages than any other book in history.

3. Unique in its translation--translated, retranslated & paraphrased more than any other book in history.

4. Unique in its scientific, medical, and historical events and persons--it is written with constraint, accurately, and concisely which you would not expect from the prescientific era.

5. Unique in its survival--copied for hundreds of years yet did not lose its style, correctness or existence.

6. Survival through persecution--many tried to burn it, ban it and outlaw it from Roman times up to the present day in communist countries.

7. Survival through criticism--no other book has been chopped, sifted and scrutinized with such hate, skepticism and thoroughness.

8. Unique in its history--the table of nations.

9. Unique in its influence on surrounding literature--there are more side books from the bible than any other book.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY FULFILLED IN HISTORY

Isaiah 44:28; 54:1 written 700 B.C. Prophecy of Cyrus 539 B.C.

HISTORICAL CITIES

TYRE

Ezekiel 26:3,4,7,8,12,14,21

- A. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the mainland city (v-8)

- B. Many nations will come against Tyre (v-12)

- C. She will be made a bare rock; flat like the top of a rock (v-4)

- D. Fisherman will spread nets on the site to dry (v-5)

- E. The debris will be thrown into the water (v-12)

- F. She will never be rebuilt (v-14)

- G. She will never be found again (v-21)

SIDON

EZEKIEL 28:22,23

- A. There is no mention of her destruction or extinction
- B. Blood will be in the streets (v-23)
- C. A sword will be on every side (v-23)