

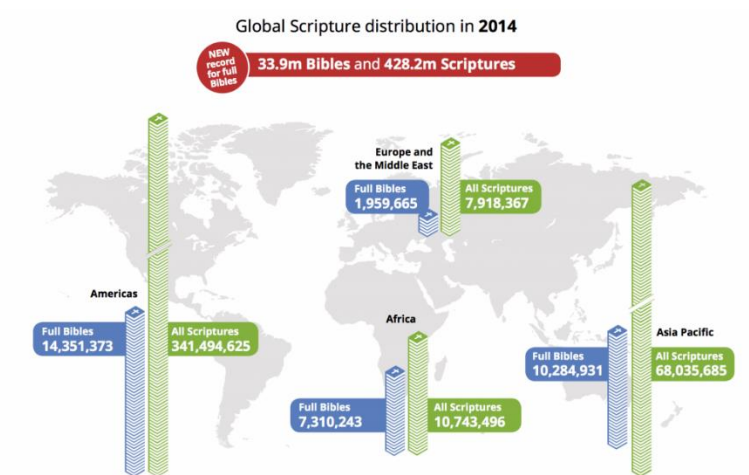
## Lesson 1 Supplement The Uniqueness of the Bible

The *unity and continuity* of the Bible, its *circulation*, the history of its *translation*, its *preservation*, its *accuracy of prophecy*, and in particular its *impact and power* in human hearts and lives all bear witness to one great truth: the Bible is **UNIQUE** and **UNPARALLELED** in the history of writing. This fact, worthy of more indepth study, is stated to demonstrate that a trust in what the Bible says is not irrational or the result of any “blind faith.” Christian faith is based *on fact*.

### Part 1: The unity and continuity of the Bible

1. Even though the Bible contains hundreds of controversial subjects, what do we see among the approximately 40 authors?

### Part 2: The Bible’s circulation and the history of its translation

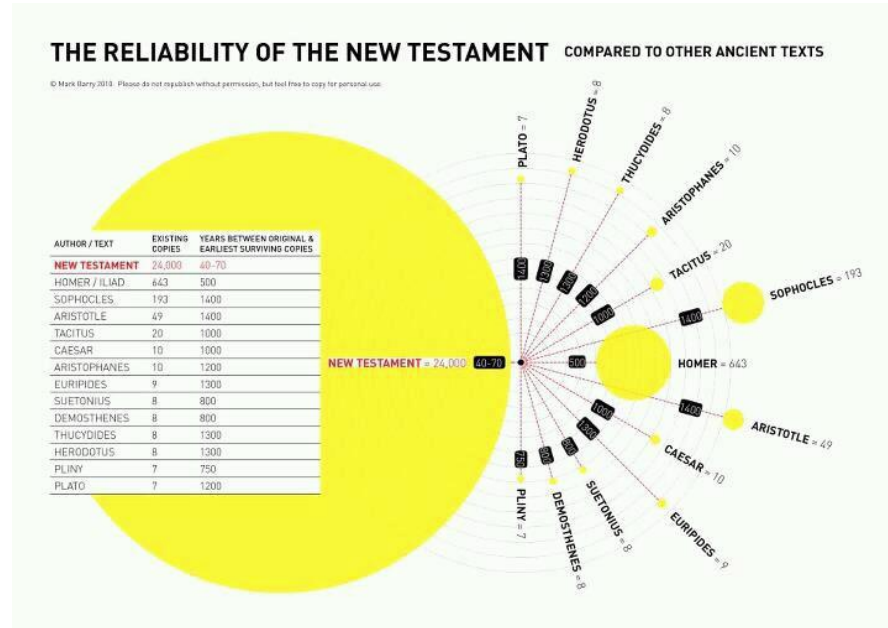


2. Between the years 1815 and 1975, how many copies of the Bible were printed?

### Part 3: The Bible’s preservation

3. How many variants does Bart Ehrman say there are in the Bible?

4. Most of those textual ‘variants’ boil down to what?



5. What are legendary elements, and why do we say that the resurrection of Jesus is not a legendary element?

6. When was the earliest surviving complete manuscript of the Hebrew Old Testament written?

7. What is the Septuagint?



Isaiah Scroll

8. How many differences are between the two manuscripts of Isaiah 53?

#### Part 4: The Bible's accuracy of prophecy

9. At least how many prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament are there?

A Short List of Prophecies About Jesus Christ and their Fulfillment from 4004 BC to AD 33		
Prediction about Jesus	OT Prophecy	NT Fulfillment
Seed of Abraham	Genesis 12:3	Matthew 1:1
Seed of a Woman	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
Seed of Isaac	Genesis 17:19	Luke 3:34
Seed of Jacob	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:2
Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2
Heir to the Throne of David	Isaiah 9:7	Luke 1:32-33
Born in Bethlehem ("House of Bread")	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-6
Time of His Birth	Daniel 9:25	Luke 2:1-2
Born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Luke 1:26-31
Slaughter of the Innocents	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
Flight to Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
Preceded by a Forerunner	Malachi 3:1	Luke 7:24, 27
Declared the Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:17
Galilean Ministry	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:13-16
A Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:20-22
To Heal the Brokenhearted	Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:18-19
Rejected by His Own People, the Jews	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
Priest after the Order of Melchizedek	Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6
Triumphal Entry into City of Jerusalem	Zachariah 9:9	Mark 11:7-9
Betrayed by a Friend	Psalms 41:9	Luke 22:47-48
Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver	Zachariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Silent to Accusations	Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4-5
Accused by False Witnesses	Psalms 35:11	Mark 14:55-64
Spat upon and Smitten	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
Hated without Reason	Psalms 35:19	John 15:24-25
Vicarious Sacrifice	Isaiah 53:5	Romans 5:6-8
Crucified with Malefactors	Isaiah 53:12	Mark 15:27-28
Pierced through Hands and Feet	Zachariah 12:10	John 20:27
Scorned and Mocked	Psalms 22:7-8	Luke 23:35
Given Vinegar and Gall	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34
Prayed for His Enemies	Psalms 109:2-5	Luke 23:34
Soldiers Gambled for His Coat	Psalms 22:17-18	Matthew 27:35-36
No Bones Broken	Psalms 34:20	John 19:32-36
His Side Pierced	Zachariah 12:10	John 19:34
Buried with the Rich	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
To Be Resurrected	Psalms 16:10, 49:15	Mark 16:6-7
His Death Announcement	Daniel 9:24	Matthew 27:46
His Ascension to God's Right Hand	Psalms 68:18	Mark 16:19; 1 Cor. 15:4; Eph. 4:8

**Part 5: The Bible's impact and power in human hearts and lives**

10. What are the four elements of truth?