THE UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE Is. 55:10-11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21

Unique facts about the Bible.

- Written over 1,500 **years** ago, by over 40 authors, on three continents, in three languages.
- Written at different places, times and moods.
- Written with a <u>wide</u> variety of literary styles.
- Written to address **many** controversial subjects.
- Written with <u>one</u> theme—God's redemption of man.
- Written with one central <u>person</u>—The one true living God made known through Jesus Christ.

Uniqueness—The Bible is the authority of God's Word.

- It was attested to by <u>God</u> Himself. Ex. 20:1-17; 34:27; Deut. 32:46-47; Hab. 2:2
- It was attested to by <u>Jesus</u> Christ. Matt. 4:1-10; 21:42; 22:29; 26:56; Luke 24:27; John 10:35; 6:32; 3:14; Luke 16:7; 17:8
- It was attested to by the Apostles. Rom. 3:2; Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- It was and is attested to by the fulfillment of the <u>prophecies</u>. Deut. 18:22;
 Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-23; Mic. 5:2; Luke 2:11; Ps. 41:19; Matt. 10:4; Is. 53:5;
 Matt. 27:26; Ps. 86:10; Matt. 28:5-6
- Archeology does not prove the Bible—it never did that—but it does <u>confirm</u>
 it.

Manuscripts of the Bible.

- New Testament <u>surviving</u> manuscripts: 5,686 known Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, over 10,000 Latin Vulgate, 9,300 other earlier versions for a total of almost 25,000.
- Old Testament manuscripts—The Dead Sea Scrolls.
- The care taken by **scribes** of translating and copying the New Testament.
- What do <u>you</u> think?