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concerning the destruction of the walls of Jericho? <http://christiananswers.net/q-abr/abr-a011.html>.)

- Historians believed that certain Assyrian and Babylonia kings were made-up myths, because they only appeared in the Bible, with no independent historical writings or evidence to confirm them. But again, new archeological discoveries of kings' palaces and tablets confirmed the Bible's accuracy. (Source: In what ways have the discoveries of archaeology verified the reliability of the Bible? <http://christiananswers.net/q-abr/abr-a008.html>.)

The list of archeological evidence supporting the accuracy of the Bible goes on and on, but it can be summarized in by the following statement from Dr. Nelson Glueck, one of the greatest modern authorities on Israeli archeology:

No archeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries. (Source: http://christiananswers.net/q-edn/edn-t003.html?zoom_highlight=archeology)

Fulfilled prophecy.

Greg mentioned that there are over 300 Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Let's look a little deeper into this area and take a look at just one passage of Old Testament prophecy about Jesus.

Ask for a volunteer to read Isaiah 53: 3-10. As the passage is being read, ask the students to listen for words and phrases in this prophecy written 700 years before the time of Christ that they think clearly foretell Jesus' death.

*He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

*Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.*

*But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.*

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

*Yet the Lord laid on him
the sins of us all.*

Invite students to trust in Christ or to commit to living in a way that genuinely reflects their belief that the Bible is God's inspired word. Encourage teens to talk with their friends who need Jesus about these external and internal evidences for the Bible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Questions About the Bible: http://www.gotquestions.org/questions_Bible.html

Is the Bible True?: <http://www.allabouttruth.org/is-the-bible-true-c.htm>

Bible Difficulties: <http://www.carm.org/bible-difficulties>

Archeology and the Bible: <http://christiananswers.net/archaeology/home.html>

Prophecy, the Bible and Jesus:

<http://www.carm.org/christianity/bible/prophecy-bible-and-jesus>

Messianic Prophecy: <http://www.allabouttruth.org/messianic-prophecy.htm>

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