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[00:04:07] I am not going to spend time trying to prove the Bible is true. In the 19th century, when men who ought to know better were trying to find fault with the Bible, discredit it, say that certain things that were in the Old Testament particularly never happened, then there were those that went out into the Middle East and they started to make digs, and they found, lo and behold, that there was evidence, strong evidence, evidence that accounts that are in the Old Testament were in fact true. But we can only go so far back. We can only go back maybe to the times around that of King David or King Solomon, and there's even those who believe that those two kings never lived. [00:05:02] But to go back much further, we know of ancient Egypt, and yet

I hardly ever come across the idea that something that is being introduced into the church, something that's going to be more relevant for Christianity, something that's going to be more relevant for Christianity in the modern world, that the Bible is looked at. In fact, Christianity cannot be adapted to the world.

[00:11:11] The church does not belong to this world. The Lord Jesus Christ himself said, my kingdom is not of this world. So to try and think that the Bible is an anachronism and it doesn't fit in with our modern ways, in actual fact, the Bible is more up-to-date than tomorrow's newspaper. Because if we want to know how things

So with Joshua, Judges, not Ruth, Samuel as one book and Kings as one book, and then Isaiah, Jeremiah, not Lamentations, Ezekiel, and then the 12 minor prophets put together. The rest of the books are headed by the Psalms, and they're called the writings. So what you've [00:17:03] got in a Hebrew Bible is the law, the prophets, and the writings, or the Psalms. I say this because the Lord Jesus Christ himself refers to this in Luke chapter 24, when he says to his disciples, that ought not the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were spoken in the

Some versions have one word and another version has that word missing or some have parts that others don't have and so on. To put this in its context there are slight variations between manuscripts but the variations are slight and do not alter Christian doctrine substantially.

All right.

Greek mythology, writers like Plato, Aristotle, less evidence for them than for our New Testament [00:24:03] and yet no one is going to deny that there were these men in ancient Greece and the philosophies or the mathematics

