



Day 3: The New Testament: Unparalleled in Ancient Literature

Know it!

Jeremiah 1:12

Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."

2 Peter 1:21

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Shifting our focus to the New Testament, we find a similar story of remarkable preservation but with an added layer of abundance. The New Testament stands alone as the most copied writing of ancient times. Today, scholars have access to thousands of Greek manuscripts, providing an unparalleled wealth of evidence for the faithful transmission of these sacred texts.

Consider the challenge of hand-copying documents over centuries. Despite this daunting task, New Testament manuscripts show an incredible level of consistency. Copies separated by almost two millennia show only the slightest variations. This level of textual agreement is unheard of in other ancient literature.

F. F. Bruce, a renowned theologian, emphasized this point: "There is no body of ancient literature in the world which enjoys such a wealth of good textual attestation as the New Testament." This isn't just academic jargon; it's a powerful statement about the reliability of the Scriptures we read today.

Live it! Share it!

- If you have any lingering doubts or questions about the Bible's reliability, write them down. Commit to seeking answers through prayer, study, and discussions with mature believers.
- Share one or things you have learned from the devotions this week with a friend or coworker in conversation.

*reasons for hope**

