

Day 2: The Meticulous Preservation of the Old Testament

Know it!

Psalm 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure,

making wise the simple.

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true;

he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Matthew 5:18

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Imagine a time before printing presses and digital technology, when every word of Scripture had to be painstakingly copied by hand. The dedication of Jewish

scribes to preserving the Old Testament was nothing short of extraordinary. These devoted individuals didn't just copy text; they engaged in a level of precision that borders on the miraculous.

Picture a scribe, hunched over a scroll, not just writing but counting each individual letter. This wasn't mere perfectionism; it was a sacred duty. The reverence for God's Word was so profound that if even a single error was found in a copied scroll, the entire document was destroyed. This meticulous approach to preservation yielded astounding results. God has gone to great lengths to preserve His Word because it contains a life-giving message for all that is worth hearing—and truth worth living. Carry its message confidently and boldly to offer its message of hope to a lost and dying world.

Live it! Share it!

- Memorize a verse about the reliability of God's Word, such as 2 Timothy 3:16 or Isaiah 40:8.
 - Pray for an opportunity to share what you're learning or know about the
 preservation of God's Word with either another believer or an unsaved friend
 and use that opportunity when it presents itself.

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