

# PRAYER UPDATE

## HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

**Gene Cutler** had a brain aneurysm mid-august and is currently at Dominican hospital rehab unit. Please pray for his wife Gini as she cares for Gene and for healing and a miraculous recovery and for comfort and peace for the family.

**Bernice Bergman** fell and broke her elbow and is now at Pacific Coast Manor. Please pray for her recovery and complete healing.

**Grace Rathe** had surgery on October 21st at Stanford Hospital. Please pray for a smooth recovery as she is now home recuperating.

**Dave Notari** Please pray for successful leg surgery on October 27th and a smooth recovery.

**Ralph Mauldin**, father of Pat and Lindsay Mauldin, had surgery on October 19th after falling and breaking his hip. He will be in rehab at Pacific Coast Manor and then hopefully back at Aegis. He loves coming to church so please pray for a quick recovery!

## HOME WITH THE LORD

**Catherine "Cay" Lindblad** entered into God's Presence last Thursday, October 16th. A celebration of her life took place at Oakwood Chapel on October 23rd. Please remember the family in your prayers as they grieve her loss.

**Adriana DiPietro** recently diagnosed with bone cancer woke up in the loving arms of her Heavenly Father on Thursday, October 16th. A celebration of her life will be held on Friday afternoon, November 7th in the sanctuary and a reception following in Monschke Hall. Please remember her husband, Tito and the family during this very difficult time.

**Robert "Bob" Lee** who served as District Attorney of Santa Cruz for the last 8 years, lost his battle to cancer last Saturday, October 18th. Services were held on Saturday, October 25th here at TLC. Please remember his wife Barbara in your prayers as she grieves the loss of her husband and "best friend".

**We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Please contact Carrie Clark at 465.3368 or care@tlc.org**

**A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.**



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## FOUNDATION: CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

OCTOBER 25 & 26 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

"The Bible is a product of man, my dear. Not of God. The Bible did not fall magically from the clouds. Man created it as a historical record of tumultuous times, and it has evolved through countless translations, additions, and revisions." —Leigh Teabing, a fictional character in Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code

How can I know what I read is an accurate representation of the original text?

## A MAP SHOWING THE BIBLE'S RELIABILITY:

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### THE NEW TESTAMENT

"We have 5,664 Greek manuscripts going way back within decades of the life of Jesus. In terms of quantity, the New Testament is represented far more than any other piece of ancient literature."  
—Bruce Metzger, Princeton scholar

Julius Caesar's The Gallic Wars	10 manuscripts	1,000 yr gap
Pliny the Younger's Natural History	7	750 yr gap
Herodotus' History	8	1,350 yr gap
New Testament	5,800 Grk	10-15 w/in 100 yrs

“The remaining interval between the date of writing and the earliest manuscript evidence is so small as to be negligible. The last foundation for any doubt that the Scriptures have come down to us substantially as they were written has now been removed.”

— Sir Frederick Kenyon, former director, British Library

- Better manuscript evidence than \_\_\_\_\_ ancient book
- Only about \_\_\_\_\_ of the text is in doubt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ central doctrine of the Christian faith is affected

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

“The scrolls have shown that our traditional Bible has been amazingly well preserved for over 2,000 years.” —Eugene Ulrich, Notre Dame professor and chief editor of the Dead Sea texts for Oxford University

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### Among the examples of amazing discoveries:

- Erastus Pavement (confirms Acts 19:22)
- Bema Seat (confirms Acts 18)
- Hattusa (confirms Hittite Kingdom mentioned in OT)
- Pontius Pilate Inscription (Confirms Matt. 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19)

“It can be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference.”

—Nelson Glueck, famed Israeli archaeologist

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### Among many examples:

- **TYRE (Ezekiel 26)**

Prophecy: To be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, many nations will attack, made like a bare rock, fishermen will spread nets, debris thrown into water. All this is exactly fulfilled.

- **NINEVEH (Book of Nahum)**

Prophecy: To be destroyed in floods, inhabitants drunk, gates dissolved, burned down, never to be rebuilt. All this is exactly fulfilled

- **JESUS**

Over 300 references to the Messiah in Hebrew Scriptures were fulfilled in Jesus.

## SO WHAT?

Jesus said: “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” John 5:39-40

“There is no magic in . . . the mechanical reading of the Bible. The written Word points to the Living Word and says to us, ‘go to Jesus’. If we do not go to the Jesus to whom it points, we miss the whole purpose of Bible reading. We do not worship the Bible; we worship the Christ of the Bible. We love it only because we love him of whom it speaks.” —John Stott

## RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY

- **Is The New Testament Reliable? A Look at the Historical Evidence**, Paul Barnett
- **The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?**, F.F. Bruce
- **Hidden Gospels: How the Search for Jesus Lost Its Way**, Philip Jenkins
- **The Real Jesus**, Luke Timothy Johnson
- **Is the Bible True?**, Jeffery L. Sheler
- Also see: **Biblical Archaeology Review journal**

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

### MEMORY VERSE

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.  
Psalm 119:11

### DAILY VERSE MEDITATIONS

Available in the **40 Days in Word workbook**; sign up at **40ditw.com** for bonus audio or video daily devotions!