**GOSPEL MEETING, APRIL 26-28, 2019, Mountain View church of Christ, Sevierville, TN**

**THEME: “That you might believe”: Evidences of Christianity, The Bible, Saturday, April 27, 7pm**

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| **Natural Science and the Bible**: Job – [**Job 38:31-32, 39:1-8, 40:15-24, 41:1-8, 18-34, 42:1-6]**; Stars and Constellations, Animals, the Dinosaurs of Behemoth & Leviathon; Rancho La Brea Tar Pits – God used natural science and His creation to convince Job of his proper place. Job had the proper response of repentance, obedience, and submission. **What is your response?** |
| **Archaeology and the Bible:** **Scientific Accuracy of the Bible** – Recent discovery of the signet seal ring of Josiah’s servant, Nathan-Melech (**2 Kings 23:11**). **Daniel 5:5, 13-16, 17-31 (That very night, October 12th, 539 B.C., the Persian army who had diverted the Euphrates River, marched into Babylon up the river bed.]**. The ruins of Nebuchadnezzar’s Palace have been discovered. / **Flood Accounts** (**Genesis 7:17-24, 10:32, 2 Peter 2:5, 3:5-6**) Since the entire human race is descended from the three sons of Noah and their wives, it is only logical that cultures have a flood story. Various stories of a great worldwide flood have been found in ancient cultures from Hawaii, Greece, North America, Babylon, China, etc. Notice the Chinese letter for boat. The Lord saved Noah, his wife, his sons, and their wives and today He wants to save you (**1 Peter 3:20-21**)! **What is your response?** |
| **History and the Bible:** **Ezekiel 26:3-5, 12-14** [Nebuchadnezzar siege of the city of Tyre lasted 13 years and then 240 years later Alexander the great built a causeway by putting the city of Tyre’s ruins into the sea in order to take the island portion of the city] – when it comes to History the Bible is always accurate! / The Holy Spirit (**2 Peter 1:19-21**) has made sure that all can have access to the Bible. Sometimes at great cost. Now anyone can read the Bible from a hard copy, from the computer, from your phone. What other book answers the questions: Why am I here? Who created me? Who is God? Where am I going? Why did the Creator die for me? Who is the Holy Spirit? What is true love and true life? What do I need to do to live forever (**Matthew 7:21-24**)? **What is your response?** |
| **Unity and claims of the Bible itself:** **2 Timothy 3:16-17** – **Chart on Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:4)** [**Exodus 20:11, Isaiah 45:18, Hebrews 1:1-2 & 10, 11:3**] – The Bible is in complete harmony on the account of creation and any other event mentioned. The Bible claims to be the Word of God. It reveals History, the Law under the Patriarchs, the Law of Moses, and the Law of Jesus Christ. Forty authors of 67 books, unite to reveal God’s Will for man. But the Bible is living; and we must put into action in our lives for it to accomplish its intended purpose (**Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 5:18, 1 Timothy 4:15-16**)! **What is your response?** |
| **Fulfilled Prophecy:** There are hundreds of prophecies in the Bible that have been fulfilled! Tonight we focus on a few those related to Jesus. Jesus born in Bethlehem (**Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-7**), taken to Egypt (**Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:13-18**), raised in Nazareth (**Matthew 2:23**), went back to Nazareth (**Isaiah 61:1 & Luke 4:16-21**), preached about the Kingdom of Heaven (**Isaiah 9:1-2 & Matthew 4:13-16**), fulfilled all prophecy from the prophets, Moses, and the Psalms concerning Him (**Luke 24:44-45**), and became the Savior of the world (**Isaiah 53, Psalm 22:1-18, 23:1-6, John 1:29 & Revelation 7:13-17**)! We do not have time to study all the prophecies about Jesus, but I guarantee if you do your faith will increase significantly! I have a class study that anyone can have! **What is your response?** |

**Evidences of Christianity (”That you might believe”): The Bible!** My grandfather on my mom’s side of the family had a large and beautiful Bible sitting in his home. He would not let anyone put anything on it or even touch it. It was very special to him. But my grandfather never opened the Bible and never went to any church services. We have covered a lot of wonderful things contained in the Bible tonight. But we miss the point if we do not open it up, read for ourselves what God would have us do to be pleasing to Him, put it into our minds and our hearts, and then put that same Word of God into action in our lives; all the beautiful things God (the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Son) has done for us would be totally wasted if we just make ornaments or idols out of our Bibles!

No other book can lead you to Jesus and the salvation of your soul (**1 Peter 1:17-23**). But, only those who obey the Bible can be saved eternally! How about you? Do you believe the Bible? Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you realize you need to have your sins washed away? Why not repent and be baptized to wash all your sins away (**Acts 8:35-39**)?

Maybe you are a Christian who has not been putting the Bible into action the way the Lord would want you to. No better time to repent and be determined to truly hear and do God’s Word! Please come forward now if we can assist you, while we stand and sing!