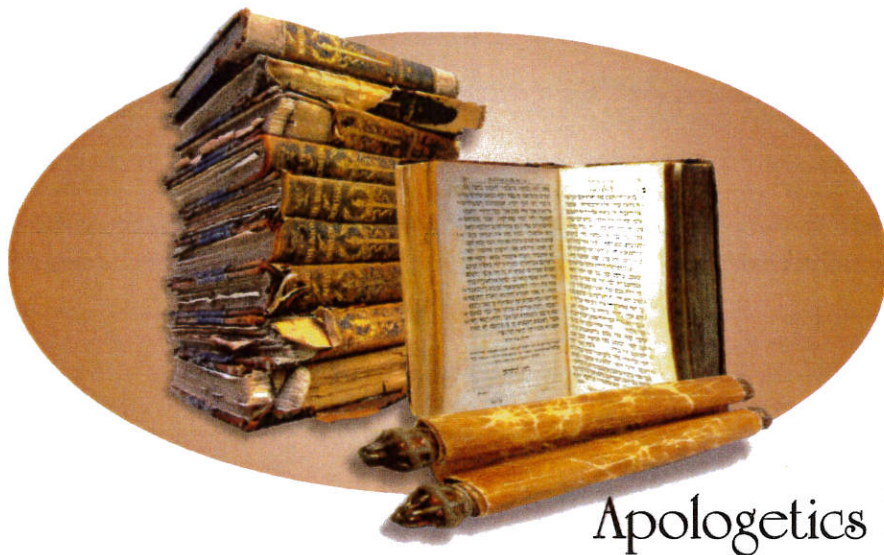


Study Guide

Historical Christian Evidences

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Apologetics I

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Instructions and Requirements for Level II Students (Non-Transferrable)

Each lesson is built around the instruction in either the VHS tape, DVD, CD, or audio cassette tape lectures. Listen to the recorded lecture as you follow along in this course Study Guide book.

Tests: There will be two major tests to complete for this course. The mid-term test is to be done at the end of lesson six (6) and the final exam will at the end of the study, after lesson twelve (12). All assignments must be finished by the time of your final test. Each test must receive a passing grade of 70% or above to pass this course. **(This will be 90% of your grade).**

Memory Work: Memory work will be done on the honor system. You are asked to write your verses from memory in the presence of the administrator, correct it with a different colored pen and give it to your administrator for verification. Or you may quote the verses to the administrator during the course. He/she will keep track of the verses completed and report them to us. Please be diligent in doing your memory work. All memory work must be completed to pass this course. You will have eleven (11) verses to memorize. **(This will be 10% of your grade).**

Due by the Mid-Term Test: (5 verses)

Proverbs 28:26, 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23; Romans 10:17; John 19:35.

Due by the Final Test: (6 verses)

John 20:30-31; Acts 2:32, 10:39-41.

Assignments

- ▶ The Self Exam for each lesson is to be read previous to listening or viewing the material on the tapes.
- ▶ All Self Exams are to be completed at the end of each lesson.
- ▶ All assignments **must be completed and turned in** at the time of the final exam to pass this course.

Grading Scale:	Memory Work	10%
	Two Tests	<u>90%</u>
	TOTAL	100%

Instruction and Requirements for Level III Students (Transferable)

Each lesson is built around the instruction on either the VHS tape, DVD, CD, or audio cassette tape. Listen to the lecture on the tape as you follow along in the course Study Guide book.

Reading: Two books are required. *The Case For Historic Christianity*, by Ed Wharton, and *The New Testament Documents – Are They Reliable?*, by F.F. Bruce. Both books must be read in their entirety. A two page evaluation is required on *The New Testament Documents – Are They Reliable?*, and must be sent in with your final test. **(This is 5% of your grade).**

Research Paper: Write a 6-10 page theme at the close of the study giving all the arguments for the historicity of Jesus and the reliability of the New Testament as contained in this study. Use the textbooks, the Study Guide, your Bible and any other material you want to use. Turn it in with your final test. **(This will be 20% of your Grade).**

Memory Work: Memory work will be done on the honor system. You are asked to write your verses from memory in the presence of the administrator, correct it with a different colored pen and give it to your administrator for verification. Or you may quote the verses to the administrator during the course. He/she will keep track of the verses completed and report them to us. Please be diligent in doing your memory work. All memory work must be completed to pass this course. You will have thirty-one (31) verses to memorize. **(This will be 10% of your grade).**

Due with the Mid-Term Test: (15 verses)

Acts 2:32, 10:39-41; Jeremiah 10:23; John 19:35, 20:30-31; Luke 1:1-4; Proverbs 14:12, 28:26; Romans 10:17.

Due with your final test: (16 verses)

Acts 2:22-24, 4:18-20, John 10:17-18; 15:26-27, 17:20, I Corinthians 15:15-19.

Tests:

There will be two major tests to complete for this course. The Mid-Term test is to be done at the end of lesson six (6) and the Final Test will be taken at the end of the study, after lesson twelve (12). All assignments must be finished by the time of your final test. Each test must receive a passing grade of 70 or above to pass this course. **(This will be 65% of your grade).**

Grade value Percentage:

Readings and evaluation paper.	5%
Memory Verses	10%
Research Paper	20%
Test	<u>65%</u>
	100%

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Instructions & Assignments

Level III Students

(Transferrable)

The following assignments must be completed by all Level Three Students in order to receive credit toward an S.I.B.I. Ministry Certificate. Courses completed satisfactorily may be transferable into the Sunset International Bible Institute resident school.

Reading:

Two books are required: *The Collapse Of Evolution*, by Scott M. Huse, and *Rock-Solid Faith*, Vol. I by Bert Thompson. These books must be read in their entirety by the end of the course and a **two page evaluation** of each book sent in with the final exam. (This will be 5% of your grade)

You are required to read the book of Genesis two (2) times before this class is over. (Bible)
(This will be 5% of your grade)

Memory Work:

You will have twenty-nine (29) Bible verses to memorize. Memory work will be done on the honor system. You are asked to *either* write your verses out, in the presence of the administrator, then correct them with a different colored pen (**after you have turned in your test**) and turn them in with the mid-term or final test where due or quote them to the test administrator (be finished with the required verses before the test when they are due) and he will keep track of the verses completed. Please be diligent in doing all your memory work. All memory work must be completed to pass this course. (This will be 10% of your grade)

Due with the Mid-term test: (16 verses)

Daniel 2:20-22, 44; 3:17-18; Isaiah 44:6-7, 55:9; Genesis 2:1-3; Psalm 19:1-4

Due with the Final test: (13 verses)

Romans 1:18-23; Daniel 7:13-14; 8:20-21; 9:9; 10:12; Psalm 119:89, 152

Test and Self Exams:

You must complete all the "Self Exam" questions in your Course Guide to pass this course. (These must be shown to the test administrator to verify the completion of each lesson). You must complete the **Mid-term** and **Final** tests in this course with a grade of 70% or over on each test. (This will be 80% of your grade.)

All assignments must be completed and turned in at the time of the final to pass this course.

Grade Value Percentage

Reading of the textbooks and a two page evaluation of each	5%
Reading of Genesis twice (Bible)	5%
Memory work	10%
Mid-term and final test	<u>80%</u>
TOTAL	100%

Instructions & Assignments Level II Students (Non-Transferrable)

Each lesson is built around the instruction on either the video tape or the audio tape. Listen to the lecture on the tape as you follow along in the course Study Guide book.

There is a Self Exam at the end of each lesson. Preview each lesson by reading these questions first. There will be only two tests to complete for this course. One test is to be done at the end of lesson six (12) and the other will be done at the end of the study.

Memory Work:

Memory verses are to be done as you go through the study. You are asked to either write your verses out during the test, in the presence of the administrator, correct them with a different colored pen and turn them in with the mid-term or final test or quote them to the administrator during the course and he will keep track of the verses completed and report them to us. Please be diligent in doing your memory work. All memory work must be completed to pass this course. You have 11 memory verses.

Due by the mid-term test: (6 verses)

Daniel 2:20-22, 44; 3:17-18.

Due with the final test: (7 verses)

Daniel 7:13-14; 8:20-21; 9:9; 10:12.

Assignments:

- The Self Exam for each lesson is to be read previous to listening or viewing the material on the tapes.
- All the memory verses assigned must be completed and either written or quoted before the mid-term or final test is taken.
- All Self-Exams are to be completed at the end of each lesson.
- All assignments **must be completed and turned in** at the time of the final exam to pass this course.

**ALL CHARTS REFERRED TO IN THE VARIOUS LESSONS WILL BE FOUND AT
THE BACK OF THE STUDY GUIDE BEGINNING ON PAGE 191!**