PRESERVATION:
THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE BIBLE

DEFINITION OF PRESERVATION:

God has providentially guarded (protected) His Word, so that it would be kept completely intact, pure, and trustworthy throughout all ages.

a. **Psalm 119:89 - "Forever, O LORD, Thy word is settled in heaven" ("settled" = stands firm).**

b. **Psalm 119:152 - "Concerning Thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever."**

c. **Psalm 119:160 - "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever."**

d. **Isaiah 40:8 - "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever."**

e. **Matthew 5:18 - "For verily (truly) I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled" (cp. Lk. 16:17).**

f. Matthew 24:35 - "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away."

g. I Peter 1:23-25 - "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. . . The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

New Testament: Multitudes of Bible manuscripts have been discovered (when compared with each other, the agreement is outstanding). Consider these comparisons:

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Document Name	# of Manuscripts	Date
Caesar's Gallic Wars	10	A.D. 900
Livy's History of Rome	20	A.D. 400
Thucydides' History	8	A.D. 900
Herodotus' History	8	A.D. 900
The New Testament	14,000	A.D. 125

NOTE: The 14,000 New Testament manuscripts include:
5,000 mss (manuscripts) in Greek
8,000 mss in Latin
1,000 ancient versions (EX: Syriac and Egyptian coptic translations which are dated pre-200 A.D.)