

Evidence Case File

CASE No.

777 - 16

Case Description:

"Manuscript Evidence"

Manuscript Evidence for Ancient Writings

| Author | Written | Earliest Fragment/copy | Time Span in Years | Number of Manuscripts |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Caesar | 100 to 44 B.C. | A.D. 900 | 1,000 | 10 |
| Plato | 427 to 347 B.C. | A.D. 900 | 1,200 | 7 |
| Thucydides | 460 to 400 B.C. | A.D. 900 | 1,300 | 8 |
| Tacitus | A.D. 100 | A.D. 1100 | 1,000 | 20 |
| Suetonius | A.D. 75 to 160 | A.D. 950 | 800 | 8 |
| Homer (Iliad) | 900 B.C. | 400 B.C. | 500 | 643 |
| New Testament | A.D. 40 to 100 | A.D. 125 | 25 to 50 | 24,000 |

Manuscript evidence is determined by:

- 1) the time span between the manuscript in possession date compared to the date of the original manuscript, and
- 2) the number of manuscript copies in current possession.

As shown in the above table, the New Testament provides staggering proof that New Testament we have today is the same that was originally written ~2,000 years ago!



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