



Cyrus cylinder



Royal Game of Ur

## Itinerary

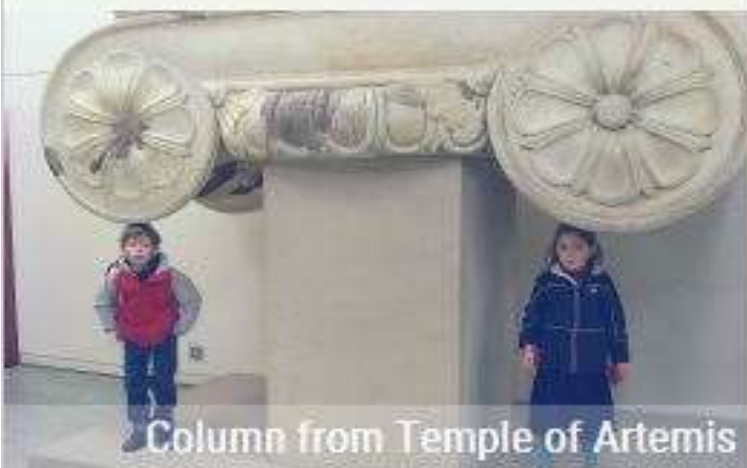
Part I: British Library Manuscripts

(60 mins)

Walk and Lunch

Part II: British Museum

(90 mins)



Column from Temple of Artemis

## For further reading:

- Edwards & Anderson, Through the British Museum – with the Bible,

(DayOne publications)

- A. Millard, Discoveries from Bible Times,

(Lion 1997)

- Biblical Archaeology Review,

[www.biblicalarchaeology.org](http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org)

- T.C.Mitchell, The Bible in the British Museum,

(London, 1988)

- N. Lightfoot, How we got the Bible

(Grand Rapids 1988)

Background: **Codex Sinaiticus**

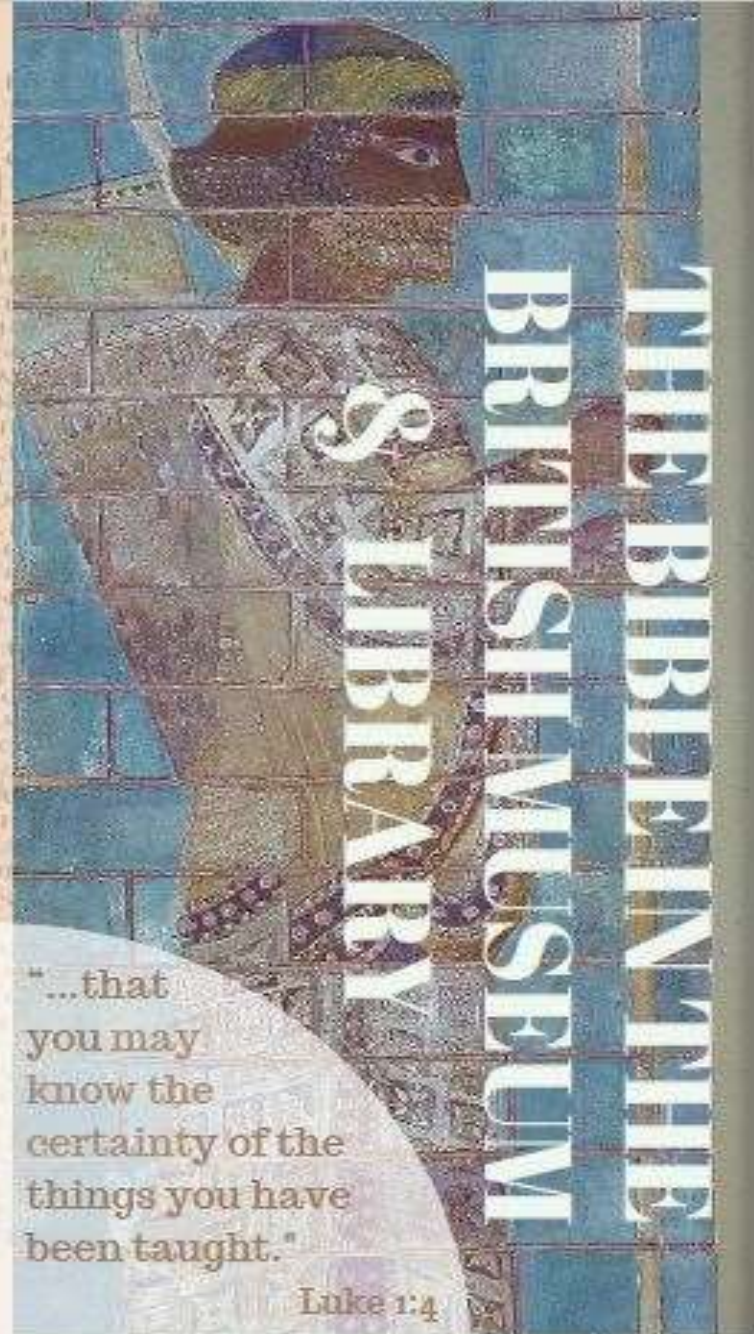
350AD, Greek

The oldest surviving complete New Testament

Front cover: **Persian Archer**

6th Century BC

Susa Palace of Darius I



"...that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."

Luke 1:4

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# Tour Guide

Close up of a panel on the Balawat Gates - 883BC-859BC

Period	Date	Item	Scripture reference	Period	Date	Item	Scripture reference
I. PATRIARCHS: Abraham, Ur	Pre-history – 2000 BC	Atrahasis Epic, Gilgamesh Epic Royal Game of Ur, Origins of writing	Genesis 6 flood Genesis 11.	V. BABYLON Carchemish 612 – 539 BC	586BC	Lachish Ostraca "We no longer see the beacon from Azekah" Cylinder of Nabonidus	Jer 34: 6,7 Dan 5:1, 29, 30
II. EGYPT: Captivity, Exodus, Conquest	2000 – 1400 BC (early date)	"Phamous" Pharaohs Sesostris III (Joseph) Tuthmosis III (Moses) King list and "Amarna" Heresy	Exodus 1:1 vs 1 Kgs 6:1 (480 <sup>n</sup> yr post- Exodus)	VI. PERSIA [Susa] 539 – 331 BC	539BC	Cyrus (II) Cylinder Darius I, Palace decoration [Xerxes = Ahasuerus]	Ezra 6:3 Ezra 4:5, Hag 1:1 Esther 1:1
III. ISRAEL's golden era	c. 1000 BC	[Solomon's Temple] Seals		VII. GREECE [Athens] 331 BC -	450BC	Parthenon, Elgin Marbles Temple of Artemis Ephesus - columns	Acts 17 Acts 19
IV. ASSYRIA [Nineveh] - 612		Shalmaneser III: Black Stele, and grisly Balawat gates Samaritan Ivories Sargon II, Lachish reliefs Taylor Prism (185,000 v 1 angel) Royal Steward Inscription	2 Kings 9 Nahum 3:19 Amos 6:4 Isaiah 20:1, 2 Kgs 17 Ez 23:5, 14 (colours) 2 Kings 18,19 Isaiah 22:15-16	VIII. ROME 27BC – 446 AD	125AD  350AD 450AD	Roman Emperors Qumran Scroll Jar, Politarch inscr John Rylands (John); 170 Magd (Matthew) Oxyrhynchus papyri Codex Sinaiticus (£100,000) Codex Alexandrinus	Lk 2:1, 3:1, Ac 18:2 Acts 17:6 Luke 1:1-4



*Taylor Prism*  
Hexagonal clay prism,  
recording the campaigns  
of Sennacherib  
691BC



*Belshazzar's Feast*  
by Rembrandt



*Gold Finger-Ring*  
belonging to  
Tuthmosis III