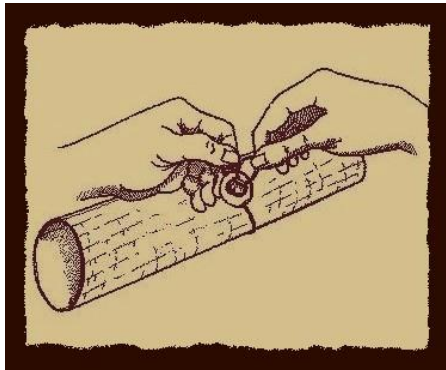


ROCK SOLID EVIDENCE

A *bullā* is a small round piece of clay with an impression on it, made by a seal of some kind - normally a ring.



These button-size pieces of history are one of the ways we have authenticated many Bible characters over the years.

Take the men who conspired against the prophet Jeremiah, for

example. Two of them have their names on clay bullae exactly as we find them in Scripture.

Jeremiah 38:1 speaks of ***“Gedaliah the son of Pashhur”*** and ***“Jehucal the son of Shelemiah”***

who had *“heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people”* and stirred up trouble for him.

Well, Jehucal’s bulla was discovered in Jerusalem, in 2005 with the words



“Jehucal son of Shelemiah” on it.

And Gedaliah’s was found three years later by the same archaeologist, Eilat Mazar, also in Jerusalem.



His bulla reads:

“Gedaliah son of Pashir”.

These two seals were found in the area being excavated just south of the

Temple Mount, only yards apart. They are amazing finds and consistent with the location and time frame of Scripture (both men served King Zedekiah, the last monarch of Judah until 587 BC).

If archaeology turns up evidence for such minor Bible-characters as these, surely, we can have confidence in all of its text.

As proverbs 30:5 says, ***“Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.”*** Will you?