

HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

Many people feel like the Bible just appeared out of nowhere or that God just dropped it down from Heaven. Contrary to that point, it was given to man through a divinely order process.

GOD'S PEOPLE MUST UNDERSTAND HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO US

- To understand the process in which we got the Bible.
- To let us know that the Bible is reliable.
- To answer the critic's claims.

REVELATION

- God revealed His Word to Man through:
- Angels (Dan. 9:20-27; Heb. 2:2)
- The Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21)
- Dreams (Dan. 2)
- Visions (Dan. 9:20-27)
- An audible voice (Ex. 17:14; Rev. 1:11, 19)
- Oral tradition (Example: Genesis 1-11)

INSPIRATION

The Doctrine of Inspiration says that the Bible is a book which came to man from the very breath of God (2 Tim. 3:16). This means:

- It is inspired (2 Tim. 3:16)
- It is inerrant (2 Pet. 1:21)
- It is infallible (Prov. 30:5)
- It is inclusive (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

The words that God breathed out were penned by the writers. These writing are known as the “original autographs.”

The Bible was written on stone, clay, leather, papyrus and animal skins. Writing instruments were stylus made of metal, ivory, or bone for stone, clay and leather; and pens made out of reeds and filled with ink for papyrus and animal skins.

DUPLICATION

Copies were made of the originals and shared with others. Those who made copies were:

- Tremendously Dedicated
- Extremely Careful
- Devoted to Accuracy

CANONIZATION

The word canon comes from the Greek word *kanon* and referred to “a ruler or measurement rod.” In the Biblical sense, it referred to the principles that were set as the criteria for determining which books were divinely inspired.

CANONIZATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- **M**osaic Authorship
- **A**cceptance by God’s People
- **P**rophetic Authorship

CANONIZATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

- **A**postolic Authorship
- **C**hurch Acceptance
- **T**eaching Sound Doctrine
- **E**dification of the Soul
- **R**ecognition by the Church Fathers