

“How Did We Get Our Bible?”

Introduction—Bible Drill—Hezekiah

I. The LORD revealed His Word through the Prophets and Apostles.

- a. The Lord Speaks to the Prophets
 - i. Role of Prophets/Apostles
 1. Deuteronomy 18:22
 2. John 14:26
 3. John 16:13-14
 4. Acts 2:42
 5. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 6. 2 Peter 1: 20-21
 - ii. The Prophets and Apostles spoke and taught the Word of God.
- b. The Spoken Word Becomes the Written Word
 - i. Exodus 24:4, Joshua 24:26, 1 Chronicles 29:29, Jeremiah 30:2; 36:4
 - ii. Every book that is the written teachings of either a prophet or an Apostle is included.
 - iii. Old Testament--Law, History Books of Old Testament, Prophetic Books, Wisdom
 - iv. Gospels, Acts, Epistles, Revelation
- c. When the Apostles died off so did the cannon.
 - i. Ephesians 2:20
 - ii. Revelation 22:18-19

II. The revealed word was Accepted by early Church Leaders

- a. The Prophets and Apostles would have been able to accept genuine revelation before they died.
 - i. Daniel 9:2
 - ii. Ezra 1:1
 - iii. 1 Timothy 5:18—Quotes Luke 10:7
 - iv. 2 Peter 3:15-16—Equates with other Scriptures
- b. Jesus accepts the Jewish Old Testament as Scripture--Luke 24:44
- c. Accepted by Early Church—Synod of Hippo--393
 - i. Tied to a prophet or an apostle.
 - ii. Theological Consistency
 - iii. Spiritual Power
 - iv. Apocrypha—accepted by only Catholic Church
 1. Jews reject
 2. Early church rejects
 3. Result to combat Reformation

III. The Lord preserved the Bible for us.

- a. Original manuscripts written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.
- b. Original manuscripts were hand copied thousands of times.—5,000 ancient Greek manuscripts.
 - i. Monks, Masoretes, etc.
 - ii. Dead Sea Scrolls revealed extreme similarity over a 1,000 years difference.
- c. Textual Criticism
 - i. Misspelled a word
 - ii. Included commentary
 - iii. Attempt to clarify theology or meaning
 - iv. Example—1 John 5:7-8
- d. Modern Translations PowerPoint Slide

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Conclusion

- Anything else outside of the 66 books of the Bible is not the Word of God.
- It may be helpful and insightful, but it is not the word of God.
- Spend more time reading the Bible than reading books about the Bible.
- Let the Bible lead you and wrap your life around it.

Deuteronomy 18:22 When a prophet speaks in the LORD 's name, and the message does not come true or is not fulfilled, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him. (Deut. 18:22 CSB17)

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. (Jn. 14:26 CSB17)

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. (Jn. 16:13 CSB17)

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. (Acts 2:42 CSB17)

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16 CSB17)

2 Peter 1:20 Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Pet. 1:20 CSB17)

Exodus 24:4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD (Exod. 24:4 CSB17)

Joshua 24:26 Joshua recorded these things in the book of the law of God (Jos. 24:26 CSB17)

1 Chronicles 29:29 As for the events of King David's reign, from beginning to end, note that they are written in the Events of the Seer Samuel, the Events of the Prophet Nathan, and the Events of the Seer Gad, (1 Chr. 29:29 CSB17)

Jeremiah 30:2 "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Write on a scroll all the words that I have spoken to you, (Jer. 30:2 CSB17)

Jeremiah 36:4 So Jeremiah summoned Baruch son of Neriah. At Jeremiah's dictation, Baruch wrote on a scroll all the words the LORD had spoken to Jeremiah. (Jer. 36:4 CSB17)

Ephesians 2:20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. (Eph. 2:20 CSB17)

Revelation 22:18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes away from

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the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book. (Rev. 22:18 CSB17)

Daniel 9:2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the books according to the word of the LORD to the prophet Jeremiah that the number of years for the desolation of Jerusalem would be seventy. (Dan. 9:2 CSB17)

Ezra 1:1 In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken through Jeremiah, the LORD roused the spirit of King Cyrus to issue a proclamation throughout his entire kingdom and to put it in writing: (Ezr. 1:1 CSB17)

1 Timothy 5:18 For the Scripture says: Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain, and the worker is worthy of his wage (1 Tim. 5:18 CSB17)

2 Peter 3:15 Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him. ¹⁶ He speaks about these things in all his letters. There are some matters that are hard to understand. The untaught and unstable will twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures. (2 Pet. 3:15 CSB17)

Luke 24:44 He told them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." (Lk. 24:44 CSB17)

^{KJV} **1 John 5:7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. ⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. (1 Jn. 5:7 KJV)