

# THIS IS MY BIBLE

## How Did We Get the Bible?

### I. God TO MAN: Revelation

Revelation: God used a variety of means to communicate to the Scripture writers exactly what He wanted them to know. (Hebrews 1:1)

#### God spoke through:

1. Angels ("messengers"): Genesis 18,19; Daniel 9:21; Luke 1-2; Matthew 28; Acts 8 & 12
2. Audible Voice: Genesis 3; 6; 12; Exodus 20; Josh. 1; 1 Samuel 3; 2 Samuel 7; 1 Kings 17; Jer. 1.
3. Nature: Psalm 19:1-3; Romans 1:18-20; Acts 14:15-17
4. A Donkey: Numbers 22:28
5. Nature: Genesis 28; 1 Kings 3 & 9; Matthew 1 & 2.
6. Visions: Genesis 46; 1 Chronicles. 21; Isaiah 6; Daniel 7,8 & 10; Ezekiel 37; Acts 9, 10, 16, 19, 23, 2 Corinthians 12;
7. Christ as the Angel/Messenger of the Lord: Genesis 32; 48; Exodus 3; 14, 23, Joshua 5:13-15); Judges 6; 1 Kings 19; Isaiah 37; Daniel 3

### II. MAN TO PAPER: Inspiration

Inspiration: God supernaturally oversaw the writing of the Scriptures so the writer, in his own personality, composed and recorded, without error, God's exact words. 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:2-21

1. All of the Bible is "*inspired*" or "*the product of God's breath*" 2 Timothy 3:16
2. The men did not just say or write whatever they wanted, they spoke or wrote under the direct supervision of the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Samuel 23:2-3; 1 Corinthians 2:13)
3. The result is that what was recorded by those men is the Word of God. Jeremiah 1:9; Matthew 4:4; 5:17,18; Romans 3:1-2

### III. SEVERAL BOOKS TO ONE BIBLE: Canonicity

Canonicity: "Canon" means a general law, rule, principle, or criterion by which something is judged. A set of guidelines to determine inspiration. God oversaw the process by which the people of God recognized the writings in which God had revealed and inspired and collected them into one book, the Bible.

#### The criteria for recognizing a book as part of the Bible:

- A. For Old Testament:
  1. Written by a Prophet?
  2. Approved in the New Testament authors?
  3. Authentic?
  4. Reliable?
  5. Dynamic?
- B. For the New Testament:
  1. Written by an Apostle or one close to an apostle?
  2. Immediately accepted by the churches?
  3. Testified to by the church fathers?
  4. Authentic?
  5. Reliable?
  6. Dynamic?

### IV. ORIGINAL LANGUAGES TO ENGLISH: Translation

### V. GOD HELPS US UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE: Illumination

#### TEN COMMANDS FOR BETTER BIBLE READING

1. Have a <u>plan</u> .	6. Read carefully until God speaks to you, then stop.
2. Have a set <u>time</u> .	7. Remember the goal is not to merely educate your mind, but to change your life.
3. Block out an amount of time.	8. Read in different <u>translations</u> on occasion.
4. Have a <u>place</u> .	9. Underline or mark key <u>words</u> , names or verses in the Scripture.
5. Start with a word of prayer.	10. Write down a one sentence <u>application</u> from your Bible reading.