

HOLY

BIBLE

What is the Word of God and how did we get it?

Why is this of major importance for the believer?

Bibliology: The Bible

The term Bibliology (from Greek biblos meaning "book") refers to the study of the nature of the Bible as revelation. It often includes such topics as revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, illumination, and interpretation. The term "Bible" comes from the Greek word 'bíblos' ($\beta i \beta \lambda o \varsigma$), meaning 'book', 'scroll' or 'parchment'.

The word of God came directly from God to men; it was then given the title in the Old Testament: WORD OF THE LORD, GOD 500 **STATUTES 141** PRECEPTS 27 **ORDINANCE 41 LAWS 16** JUDGMENTS, **SCRIPTURE 32 AS IT IS WRITTEN 222**

Canonicity is the process in which the church recognized the divine origin of the 39 books in the Old Testament (OT) and 27 books in the New Testament (NT).

The church did not give the writings authority. The writings themselves demonstrated their authority to the church. In other words, the church simply recognized what the Scriptures had made clear about itself.

The internal verification of the Scriptures authenticated its claim as holy writ.

The present copies of the OT used by the Protestant churches today derived its origins from the same Scripture used by our Lord when He read before the people.

For example, God gave Moses His written word:

"The LORD gave me the two tablets of stone written by the finger of God; and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

DEUTERONOMY 910

"If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

DEUTERONOMY 28:58

God also condemned those who pretended to be His prophetic

voice:

'But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

DEUTERONOMY 18:20

Moses then took the words given to him by God, and Moses wrote them down:

"If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

DEUTERONOMY 28:58

God reiterated to Joshua everything He told Moses, demonstrating that Moses was indeed His mouthpiece and that Moses' writings was that of God. Note God's words to Joshua:

"Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

JOSHUA 1:7

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have

success.

JOSHUA 1:8

"Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God gives you rest and will give you this land.'

JOSHUA 1:13

Joshua viewed the words of Moses not as that of the man but as that of God. Joshua himself then became God's mouthpiece as well: And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

JOSHUA 24:26-27

Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be for a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us; thus it shall be for a witness against you, so that you do not deny your God."

JOSHUA 24:26-27

After Moses, God began to use those men whom He had called to write down the words and the works of God as He dealt with His people Israel and the nations around.

"He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which He spoke through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher".

2 Kings 14:25

"It came about the same night that the word of God came to Nathan" (1 Chr. 17:3).

"Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah" (Isa. 1:10).

"Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, "Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making My words in your mouth fire and this people wood, and it will consume them" (Jer. 5:14).

"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book" (Jer. 30:2).

"In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans – 2. in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years" (Dan. 9:1-2).

These 39 books were canonized before the first advent of our Lord and were placed in the Protestant Bible without any changes to the text. It was Christ and His apostles who validated the historicity, immutability, authority, inspiration, inerrancy, and sufficiency of the OT.

Matthew 26:24 "The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; **Mark 1:2** As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Luke 2:23 As it is written in the Law of the Lord.... Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet

John 6:31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written..." John 12:14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, Acts 7:42 "But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets...."

Acts 13:33 That God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm.... Acts 15:15 "With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, **Romans 1:17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Romans 2:24

For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written. Romans 3:4 May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, "That You may be justified in Your words, and prevail when You are judged." **Romans 3:10** as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;

Romans 4:17

(as it is written, "A father of many nations have I made you") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls.... Romans 8:36 Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." **Romans** 9:13 Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Romans 9:33

Just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed." **Romans 10:15** Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" **Romans** 11:8 Just as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes to see not and ears to hear not....

Romans 11:26 Just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." **Romans** 14:11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." Romans 15:3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

Romans 15:9 As it is written, "Therefore I will give praise to You among the Gentiles, and I will sing to Your name." **Romans** 15:21 But as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, and they who have not heard shall understand." 1 Corinthians 1:31 So that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 2:9 but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 10:7 As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

2 Corinthians 8:15 As it is written, "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little had no lack." 2 Corinthians 9:9 As it is written, "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever." Galatians 3:10 For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.

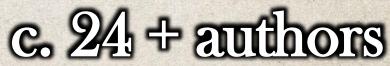
The Old Testament is not one book

39 O.T Books

Middle East & Africa Geographically

Two Languages

Over a period of c.1450-1500 years



1. Moses 2. Joshua 3. Samuel 4. Ezra 5. Nehemiah 6. Job 7. David 8. Solomon

9. Isaiah 10. Jeremiah 11. Ezekiel 12. Daniel 13. Hosea 14. Joel 15. Amos 16. Obadiah

17 Jonah 18.Micah 19.Nahum 20.Habakkuk 21.Zephaniah 22.Haggai 23. Zechariah 24.Malachi

Each book is uniquely inspired by God They are written in a variety of genres Law History Songs (Pentateuch, (Narrative) Torah) Prophetic Poetry & Wisdom

The Word of God was for instructions in worship



The sons of the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of God led His people to tears



Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.

The Word of God stands forever



The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.