

Introduction To The Bible

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What the Bible says about itself

- ▶ 2 Peter 1:20-21 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God
- ▶ 2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work

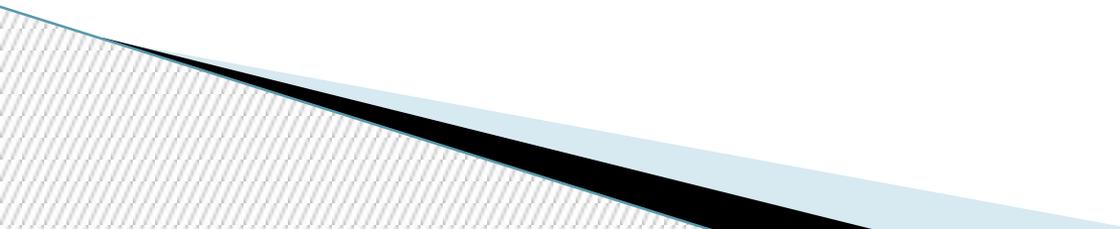
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- ▶ Psalm 119:9-11 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to your word. With all my heart I have sought you; do not let me wonder from your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- ▶ Isaiah 5:24 Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble And dry grass collapses into flame, so their root will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust; for they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

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- ▶ 2 Sam 22:31 As for God, His way is blameless; the word of the Lord is tested; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- ▶ Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.
- ▶ Psalm 138:2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

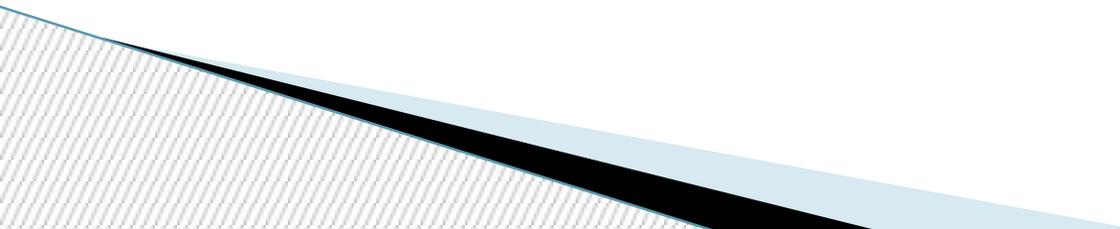
Words used to describe the Bible

- ▶ Inspired – God-breathed. Humans wrote it down, but they were communicating God’s message.
 - ▶ Infallible – completely trustworthy as a guide to salvation and the life of faith, and the Bible will not fail to accomplish its purpose.
 - ▶ Inerrant – If the Bible says something is true, then it is true. If the Bible says something is untrue, then it is untrue.
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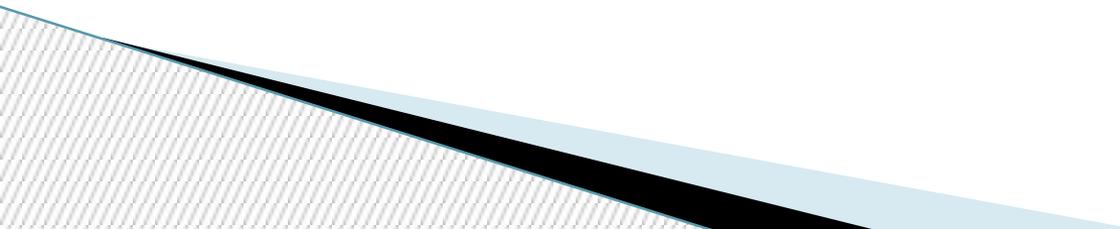
Words used to describe the Bible

- ▶ Authoritative –The Christian should be confident in trusting in the Bible’s message over any alternatives.
 - ▶ Canon – The Bible measures up; it is authentic
 - ▶ Revelation – God showing us (revealing) what He wants us to know about Him; things that we can’t figure out on our own.
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Interesting facts about the Bible

- ▶ How long did it take to write it?
 - ▶ Where was it written?
 - ▶ How many authors did it have?
 - ▶ What were the professions of the human authors?
 - ▶ Does the Bible ever contradict itself?
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The Bible and History

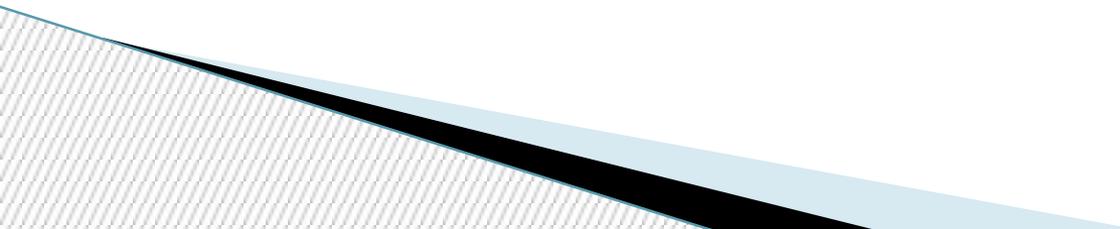
- ▶ The Hittites
 - ▶ The Bible correctly identifies about 40 different ancient kings and is always correct with regard to chronology, geography, and interactions with the Israelites.
 - ▶ Writing existed long before Moses wrote down the Pentateuch.
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The Bible and Science

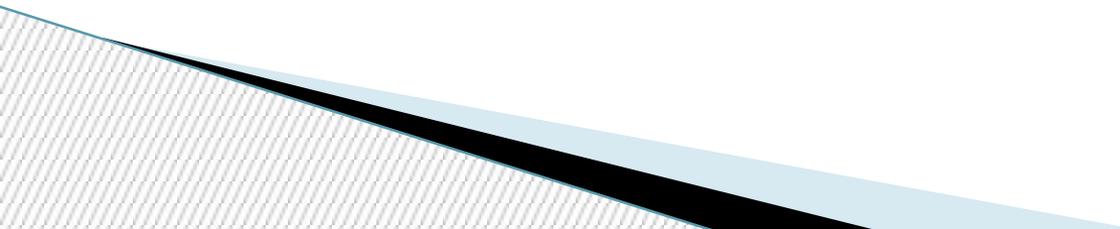
1.The world is round – Isaiah 40:22

2.Life is in the blood – Leviticus 17:11

Meteorology, oceanography, agriculture, biology, cosmology, physics, medicine, astronomy, ecology etc.



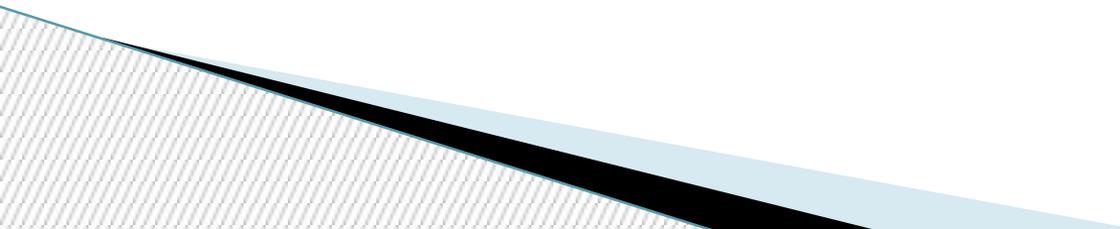
How did books get into the OT?

- ▶ 1. Must have been written before 400 BC.
 - ▶ 2. Must have been written by a prophet (an individual with the prophetic gift). Moses through Malachi – It was believed that no prophet was ever raised up by God after Malachi.
 - ▶ 3. If God would inspire a man to write Scripture, then God would insure that His message would be preserved through every subsequent generation.
 - ▶ 4. Most important canonical requirement was inspiration – literature written under the direct influence of God.
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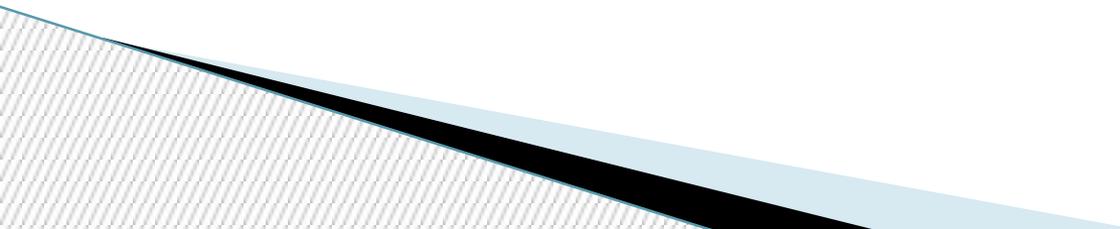
Jesus and the OT

- ▶ Luke 24:44 Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, **that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses** and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
- ▶ John 7:19 “**Did not Moses give you the Law**, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”

How did books get into the NT?

- ▶ 1. Written by a prophet/Apostle or written under the approval of an Apostle. Oftentimes the prophet's message was confirmed by his ability to do miracles.
 - ▶ 2. Did the message tell the truth about God? God cannot contradict Himself (2 Cor. 1:17-18) nor can He utter what is false (Heb. 6:18).
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How did books get into the NT?

- ▶ Does it come with the power of God? Does it accomplish God's goals by having the ability to change people's lives. The word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), a transforming force for edification 2 Tim 3:17, and evangelization (1 Peter 1:23).
 - ▶ Was it accepted by the people of God? 1 Thes. 2:13
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Preservation of the NT

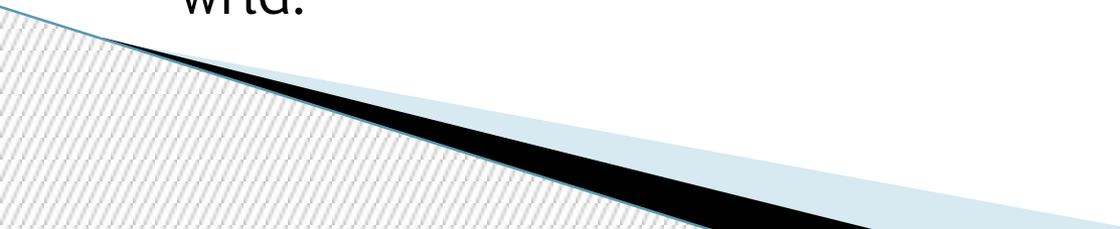
▶ Manuscript #1: Jesus Christ is the Savior of the whole world.

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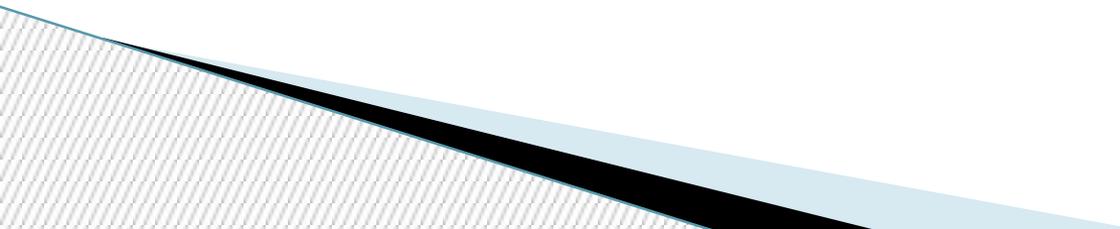
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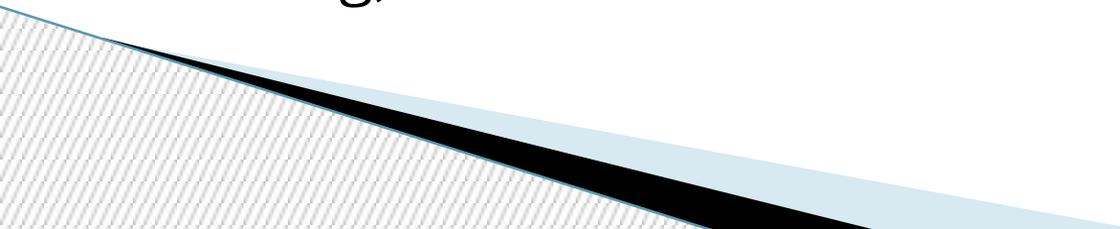
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▶ Ancient works	# copies	time from copy to original
▶ Plato	7	1,300 years
▶ Caesar Gallic Wars	10	1,000 years
▶ Homer's Iliad	643	400 years

Preservation of the NT

- ▶ NT manuscripts 5,600 (Greek)
 - ▶ Fragments of some within 50 years of the originals. Complete books within 100years.
 - ▶ Complete NT within 225 years
 - ▶ Between 24,000-25,000 manuscripts of piece of the NT.
 - ▶ Don't have original books of the Bible; only copies.
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Preservation of the OT

- ▶ No word or letter could be written from memory. The scribe must always look back at the original copy before writing a letter.
 - ▶ Between every consonant the space of a hair must intervene.
 - ▶ The scribe must wash his whole body before copying
 - ▶ Never write the name of God with a pen newly dipped in ink.
 - ▶ The scribe must take no notice of anyone, including a king, if he is addressed while writing God's name.
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Bible Prophecy

- ▶ The Bible on occasion accurately predicts future events.
 - ▶ Jesus fulfills 50+ prophecies in the book of Matthew alone.
 - ▶ Some prophecies are unique in their size and scope –destruction of Tyre
 - ▶ Ezekiel 26:12 - “They will throw your stones and timber into the water.”
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