

# THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FAITH:

## AN EXPLORATION OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & DOCTRINE

Fall 2016 - WEEK 4 - Revelation & the Word of God, pt. 2

### ⊕ Terms:

-**General revelation** – God’s self-disclosure which is available to all human beings through nature/conscience.

-**Special (specific) revelation** – God’s self-disclosure to Israel and eventually to all nations through, among other things, Jesus Christ and the Scriptures.

-**Illumination**: The Holy Spirit assists the believer in interpreting and applying God’s Word to everyday life.

-**Canon**: The entire body of Scriptures considered \_\_\_\_\_ for authentic faith in God through Christ.

#### How did we get the Canon?

•c. 800 BC – The first collection of written Scriptures was the \_\_\_\_\_, or the Pentateuch.

•AD 170 – Melito, bishop of Sardis publishes the official list of the Old Testament canon.

•AD 367 – Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, publishes the official list of the NT canon in his Easter letter.

•AD 1546 – At the Council of Trent, the Roman Catholic Church officially votes to include the Apocrypha as part of their canon.

### ⊕ Can we really trust the Bible?

•The Bible is made up of \_\_\_ books, written by \_\_\_ different authors (who came from many walks of life), over \_\_\_\_\_ years, in \_\_\_ different languages, and on \_\_\_ continents.

•**Internal Evidence** for the Bible: \_\_\_\_\_, consistency, prophecy, transformation of lives.

•**External Evidence** for the Bible: manuscripts, archeology, history, \_\_\_\_\_ outside sources.

### ⊕ What the Bible means to believers:

\_\_\_\_\_ : All the words in Scripture are God’s words in such a way that disbelief and disobedience of Scripture are disbelief and disobedience of God. (*Matthew 4:4, John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17*)

\_\_\_\_\_ : The Bible is written in such a way that is possible to understand all of its teachings when the reader seeks God’s help and is willing to follow His instructions. (*1 Corinthians 2:14*)

\_\_\_\_\_ : The Bible is necessary for knowing the good news of the gospel, for growing spiritually, and for knowing God’s will. (*Romans 10:13-17*)

\_\_\_\_\_ : The Bible contains all the words of God that He intended His people to have at each stage in His redemptive History. (*Hebrews 4:12*)

“Ultimately, we base our confidence in the correctness of our present canon on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

–Wayne Grudem

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*The Various Contexts of Any Passage*

