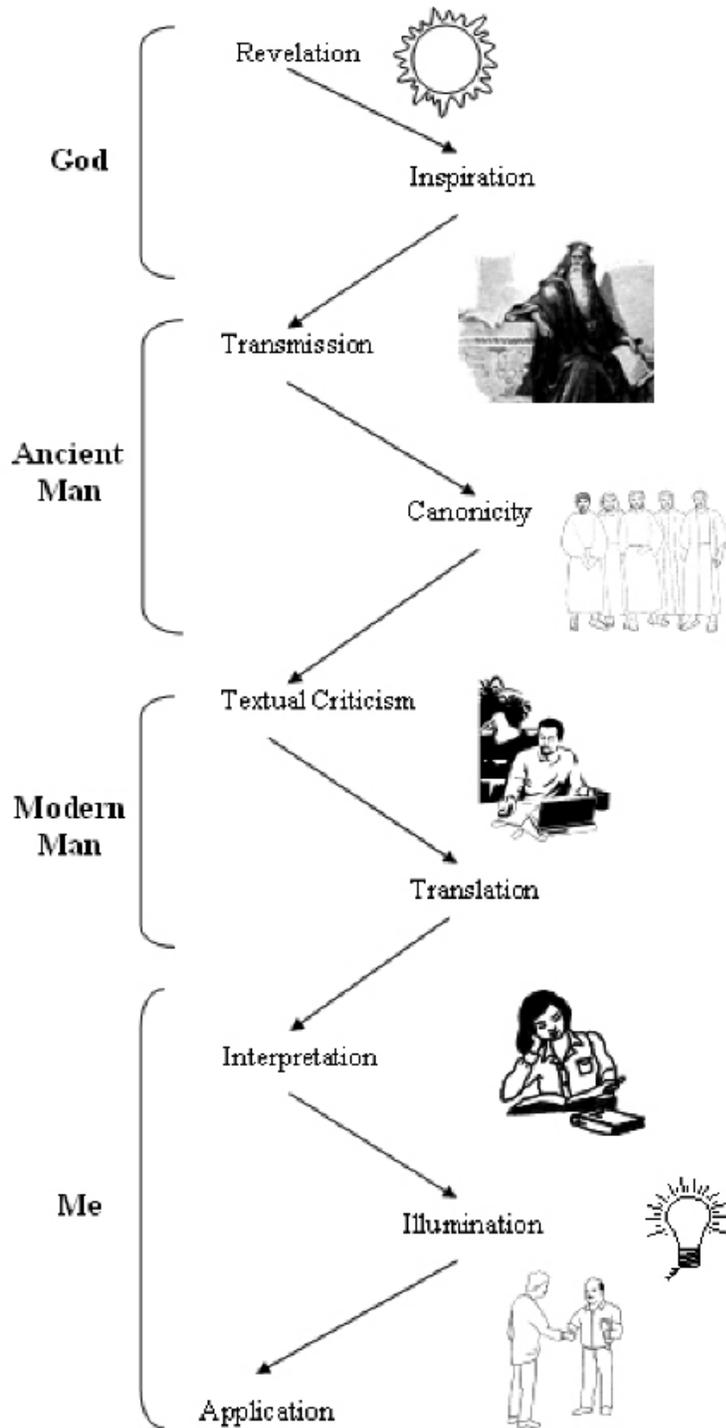


THROUGH THE BIBLE SERIES

How we got the Bible

Brief Overview



1. **Transmission** The ancient process of accurately copying Hebrew and Greek scriptures for successive generations

a. Writing Materials:

- i. Stone (Exodus 31:8; 34:1,28)
- ii. Papyrus (2 John 12)
- iii. Parchment (2 Timothy 4:13)

b. Types of Books

- i. Scroll (Luke 4:17)
- ii. Codex – very similar to our form of a book. Only 5 N.T. books written in this format.

c. Biblical Languages – What! The Bible wasn't written in English?

- i. Old Testament:
- ii. New Testament:

2. **Canonicity** - God guiding the early church to recognize what books are inspired

a. How do we know that the 66 books in our Bible are the only inspired books?

b. Canon means measuring _____. It is the _____ by which the writings were judged to be divinely inspired.

c. Two reasons for having a system for acknowledging the writings of Scripture as authoritative and from God.

- i. False Teaching (2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-3)
- ii. To be read as part of instruction and worship (1 Timothy 4:13)

d. Tests of canon

i. Is it authoritative (“Thus saith the Lord”)?

- 1. OT was approved by Jesus Christ (Luke 24:44)

ii. Is it prophetic (“a man of God” 2 Peter 1:20)? A book in the Bible must have the authority of a spiritual leader of Israel (O.T. – prophet, king, judge, scribe) or an apostle of the church (N.T. – It must be based on the testimony of an original apostle.).

- iii. Is it authentic (consistent with other revelation of truth)? Sound in doctrine? (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - iv. Is it dynamic – demonstrating God’s life-changing power (Hebrew 4:12)?
 - v. Is it received (accepted and used by believers – 2 Peter 3:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)?
- e. The Apocryphal books are 15 books written in the 400 years between Malachi and Matthew. The _____ Church accepts these lost books as scripture.
- i. These books did not pass the test. Some of the books contain unbiblical and heretical teaching such as prayers for the dead, purgatory, salvation by works.

APOCRYPHAL BOOKS

- 1 Esdras
- 2 Esdras
- Additions to Esther
- 1 Macabees
- 2 Macabees
- Tobias
- Judith
- Wisdom
- Sirach
- Baruch
- Epistle of Jeremiah
- Susanna
- Prayer of Azariah
- Prayer of Manasseh
- Bel and the Dragon
- Laodiceans

Around 500 B.C.	Old Testament transmission was completed
Around 282 B.C.	70 scholars translation of Hebrew Scriptures (added Lost Books not originally apart of scriptures)
1 st century A.D.	New Testament written in Greek and understood as word of God
Around 400 A.D.	Latin translation
1382	First translation of full Bible into English (Wyclif Bible)
1455	Printing Press Invented (Mass Production of books)

1526	First New Testament printed Bible (Tyndale Bible)
1535	First complete printed English Bible (Coverdale Bible)
1611	King James Version completed by committees of scholars. Based on previous versions of translation.

The Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.

In Closing:

The Bible being is essential for believers to study it and live by it. It has been given to us by heaven and brought to us at great expense by those who penned and preserved it.

Read it to be inspired.

Believe it to be safe.

Practice it to be fulfilled.