

Biblical Writers



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- **About 40 Different Writers**
- **Prince and shepherd (Moses); Kings (David and Solomon); musician (Asaph); herdsman (Amos); prince and statesman (Daniel); prophets (Samuel, Isaiah, etc.); priest (Ezra); tax collector (Matthew); physician (Luke); tentmaker and scholar (Paul); and fishermen (Peter and John)**

Biblical Writers (Old Testament)

1. Moses

2. Joshua

3. Samuel

4. Ezra

5. Nehemiah

6. David

7. Asaph

8. Sons of Korah

9. Heman

10. Ethan

11. Solomon

12. Lemuel

13. Agur

14. Isaiah

15. Jeremiah

16. Ezekiel

17. Daniel

18. Hosea

Biblical Writers (Old Testament)

19. Joel

20. Amos

21. Obadiah

22. Jonah

23. Micah

24. Nahum

25. Habakkuk

26. Zephaniah

27. Haggai

28. Zechariah

29. Malachi

30. Others Unknown

Biblical Writers (New Testament)

- 31. Matthew
- 32. Mark
- 33. Luke
- 34. John
- 35. Paul
- 36. James
- 37. Peter
- 38. Jude

Biblical Writing Material



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- Stone
- Clay
- Wood
- Leather
- Papyrus
- Parchment (Vellum)

Stone

Code of Hammurabi – c. 1750 B.C.



Stone



- **Exodus 31:18** And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, **tablets of stone**, written with the finger of God.

Stone

- **Deuteronomy 10:1** “At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Cut for yourself **two tablets of stone** like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood.
- **Deuteronomy 10:2** And I will **write on the tablets** the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.’



Stone



- **Deuteronomy 10:3** So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the **two tablets** in my hand.
- **Deuteronomy 10:4** And **he wrote on the tablets**, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me.

Stone

- **Deuteronomy 10:5** Then I turned and came down from the mountain and **put the tablets** in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me."



Stone



- **Exodus 34:1** The LORD said to Moses, “Cut for yourself **two tablets of stone** like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.
- **Exodus 34:28** So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And **he wrote on the tablets** the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Stone

- **Deuteronomy 27:1** Now Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, “Keep the whole commandment that I command you today.

Deuteronomy 27:2 And on the day you cross over the Jordan to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, **you shall set up large stones and plaster them with plaster.**

Stone

- **Deuteronomy 27:3** And **you shall write on them all the words of this law**, when you cross over to enter the land that the Lord your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you.

Clay

- **Ezekiel 4:1** “And you, son of man, take **a brick** and lay it before you, and engrave on it a city, even Jerusalem.
- **Jeremiah 32:14** ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and **put them in an earthenware vessel**, that they may last for a long time.

Wood

- **Numbers 17:1** The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

Numbers 17:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, and get from them staffs, one for each fathers' house, from all their chiefs according to their fathers' houses, twelve staffs. **Write each man's name on his staff,**

Wood

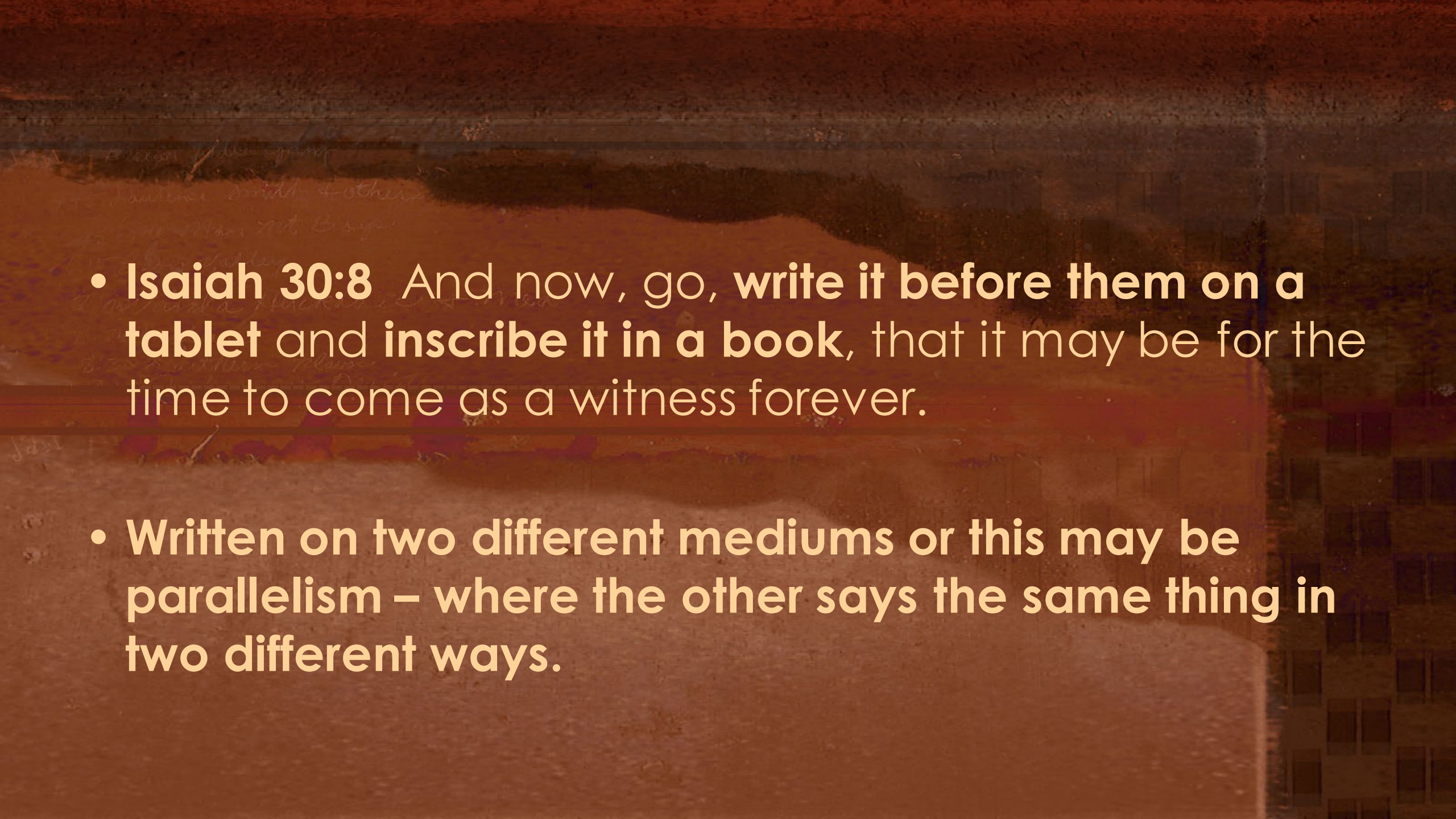
- **Numbers 17:3** and **write Aaron's name on the staff of Levi.** For there shall be one staff for the head of each fathers' house.

Wood

- **Habakkuk 2:2** And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it **plain on tablets**, so he may run who reads it.

Wood

- **Ezekiel 37:16** “Son of man, take **a stick and write on it**, ‘For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him’; **then take another stick and write on it**, ‘For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.’
- **Ezekiel 37:17** And **join them one to another into one stick**, that they may become one in your hand.

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- The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of an ancient scroll, likely made of parchment or leather. The scroll is unrolled, showing several lines of text written in a cursive script, which appears to be Hebrew. The lighting is dramatic, with the scroll's surface showing various textures and colors, from deep reds to dark browns. The text on the scroll is partially obscured by the text overlay.
- **Isaiah 30:8** And now, go, **write it before them on a tablet** and **inscribe it in a book**, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever.
 - **Written on two different mediums** or this may be **parallelism** – where the other says the same thing in **two different ways**.

Papyrus



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- **Job 8:11** “Can **papyrus** grow where there is no marsh? Can reeds flourish where there is no water?”
- **Isaiah 18:2** which sends ambassadors by the sea, in vessels of **papyrus** on the waters! Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide.

Papyrus

- **2 John 1:12** Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use **paper** and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.
- **2 Timothy 4:13** When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the **books**, and above all the parchments.

Parchment or Vellum



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Writing Instruments



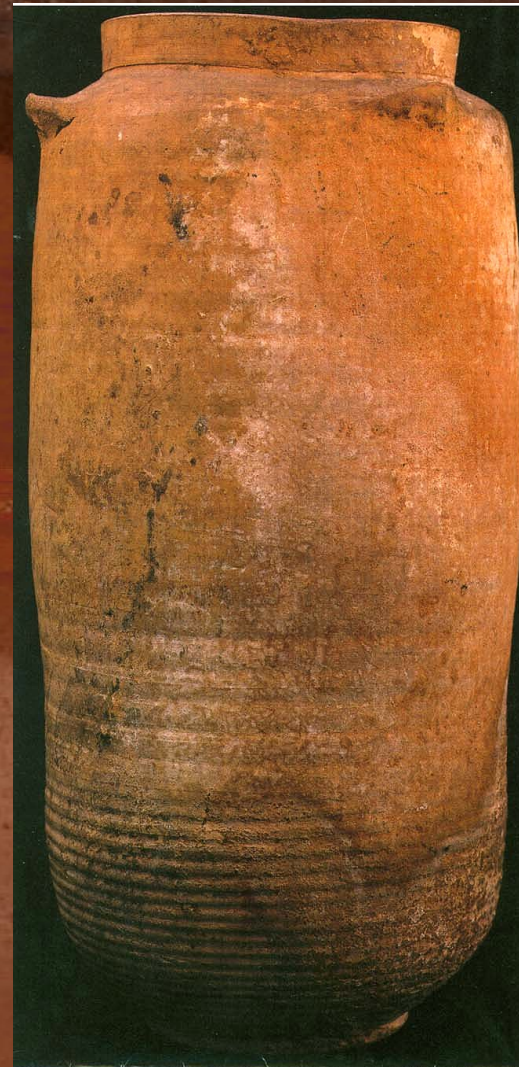
MS 5095/3

Qumran stylus with natural ink groove. Qumran, late 1st c. BC - 68 AD

Ink Well and Storage Vessel



MS 1655/2
Inkwell from the Scriptorium of the Dead Sea Scrolls,
Khirbet Qumran, before 68 AD



MS 1655/1
Dead Sea Scroll Jar from Qumran. Before 68 AD