



From the Mind of God to the  
Pens of Men

How Did We Get the Bible

# The Word "Bible"

- The word "Bible" comes from the Greek word *biblos*.  
"Biblia" is the plural form.

# Overview of Bible

- **Time of writing** – 1500 B.C. – 100 A.D. (1600 years)
- **Place of writing** – From Sinai to Patmos
- **Occupations of writers** – Shepherds, statesmen, kings, physician, fishermen, tax collector, cupbearer, priest.

# Types of Revelation

- **General Revelation** - Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1
  - A person can look at the world (the universe and everything in it) to realize that God exist.
- **Special Revelation** - 1 Corinthians 2:11; 2 Timothy 3:15–17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21
  - While the world shows that God exist, God would have to reveal (communicate) himself in words so that can understand what he requires.

# Special revelation

- **Special revelation** is how God reveals Himself by physical appearances (theophanies), visions, dreams, the written Word of God, and Jesus Christ.

# General Revelation

- **Romans 1:20** For his invisible attributes, namely, **his eternal power and divine nature**, have been **clearly perceived**, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. **So they are without excuse.**

# General Revelation

- **Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

# Special Revelation

- **1 Corinthians 2:11** For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? **So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**
- **1 Corinthians 2:13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.



# Special Revelation

- **1 Timothy 3:15** and how from childhood you have been acquainted with **the sacred writings**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

# Special Revelation

- **1 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
- **1 Timothy 3:17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

# Special Revelation

- **1 Peter 1:20** knowing this first of all, that no **prophecy of Scripture** comes from someone's own interpretation.
- **1 Peter 1:21** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit**.

# Special Revelation (God in the Flesh)

- **John 1:1** In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word was with God**, and **the Word was God**.
- **John 1:2** He was in the beginning with God.
- **John 1:14** And **the Word became flesh** and **dwelt among us**, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son[d] from the Father, full of grace and truth.

# Special Revelation (God in the Flesh)

- **Colossians 2:9** For in him the whole fullness of **deity dwells bodily**
- **1 Timothy 3:16** Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: **He was manifested in the flesh**, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

# Introduction

1. **Biblical Writers**

2. **Biblical Writing Material**

3. **Biblical Inspiration**

4. **Biblical Canon**

5. **Biblical Transmission**

6. **Biblical Translations**

7. **Biblical Interpretation**