

How the Bible Came to Us



REVELATION

God makes Himself known

GENERAL

External (Creation, Romans 1:20)

Internal (Conscience, Romans 2:14-15)

SPECIAL

The Bible



INSPIRATION

God makes Himself known in human words

WRITINGS

“God-breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16)

WRITERS

“Carried Along” (2 Peter 1:20-21)



INSCRIPTURATION

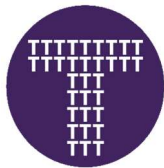
God causes His Word to be written

OLD TESTAMENT

Hebrew and Aramaic

NEW TESTAMENT

Greek



TRANSMISSION

God’s Word copied

OLD TESTAMENT

Hebrew and Aramaic

NEW TESTAMENT

Greek



TRANSLATION

God’s Word made available in other languages

OLD TESTAMENT

Hebrew and Aramaic

NEW TESTAMENT

Greek



CANONIZATION

God’s Word recognized by the Church as authoritative

THREE CRITERIA FOR BEING INCLUDED IN THE CANON

Apostolic origin

Doctrinal soundness

Wide acceptance by the Church