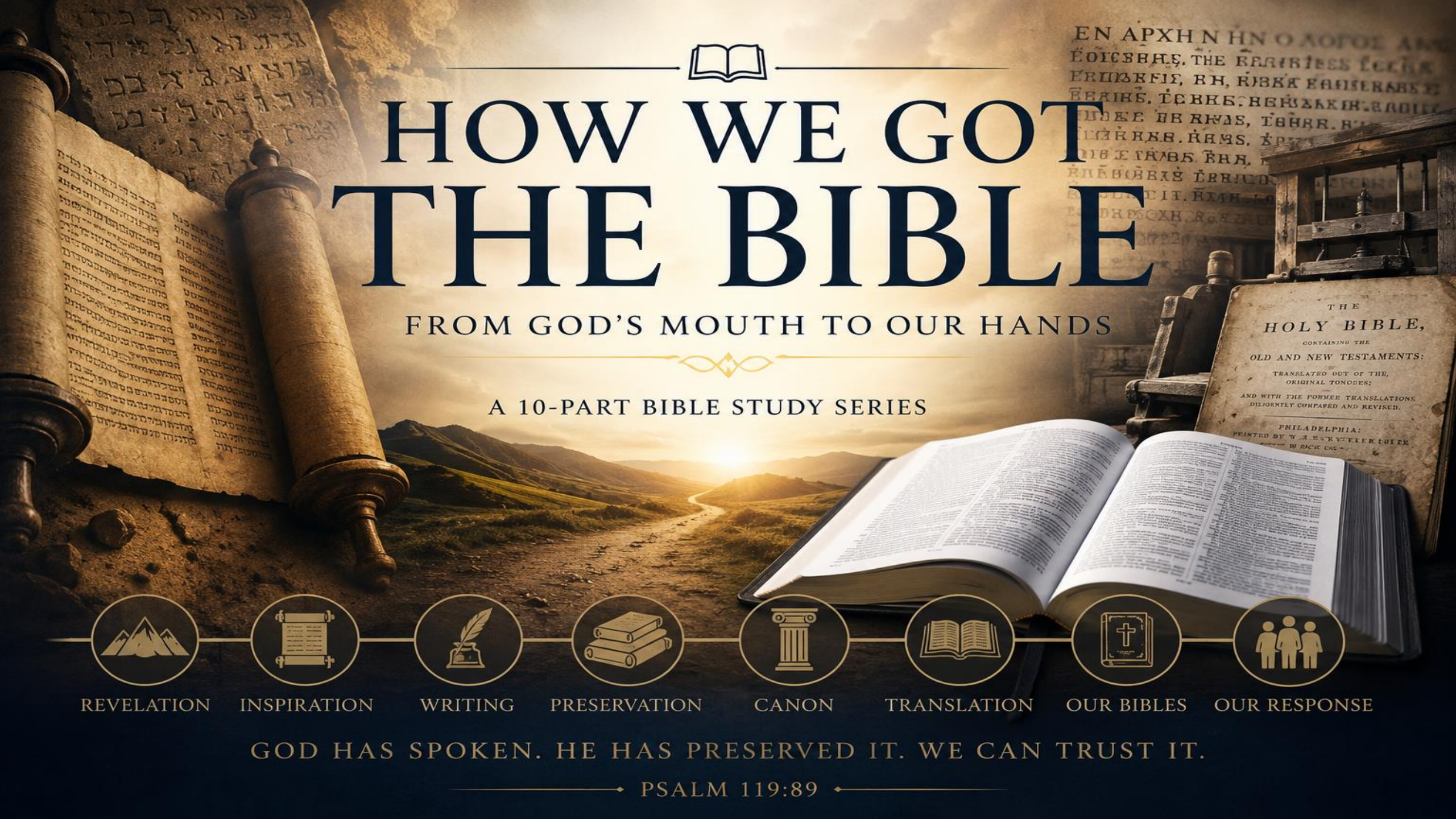




HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

FROM GOD'S MOUTH TO OUR HANDS

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY SERIES



REVELATION



INSPIRATION



WRITING



PRESERVATION



CANON



TRANSLATION



OUR BIBLES



OUR RESPONSE

GOD HAS SPOKEN. HE HAS PRESERVED IT. WE CAN TRUST IT.

◆ PSALM 119:89 ◆

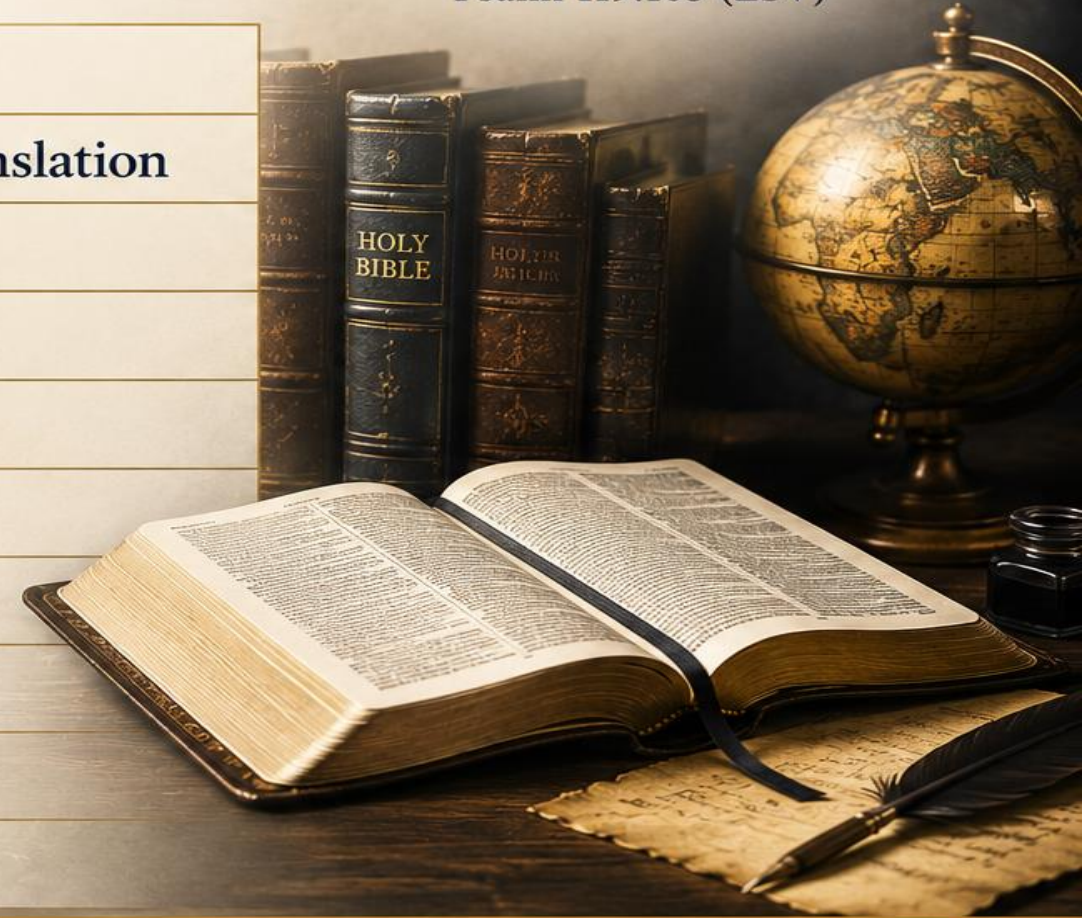
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SCHEDULE OF STUDIES

*“Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a light
to my path.”*

Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

1	Why Does it Matter?
2	Inspiration, Revelation, Transmission, and Translation
3	The Revelation of the Old Testament
4	The Revelation of the New Testament
5	The Canon of Scripture
6	Preservation of Scripture
7	Manuscripts, Chapters, and Verses
8	The Development of English Translations
9	Answering Bible Objections
10	Proper Interpretation of the Scripture



OUR MISSION:

To examine the evidence and strengthen our confidence
that the Bible we hold in our hands is the very word of God.



REVIEW OF PREVIOUS LESSON

1. **REVELATION** — God makes truth known.
2. **INSPIRATION** — God guided men in recording His Word.
3. **TRANSMISSION** — God's Word was copied and preserved from generation to generation.
4. **TRANSLATION** — God's Word was communicated in other languages.

5. **KEY PROGRESSION:**



REVELATION



INSPIRATION



TRANSMISSION



TRANSLATION

IN THIS STUDY:

1.

How did God reveal Himself during the Old Testament period?

2.

Through whom did God reveal His Word?

3.

How was God's revelation recorded?

4.

How did Israel recognize and preserve God's revealed Word?

5.

How does the Old Testament prepare us for God's revelation through Christ?



GOD REVEALED HIMSELF

BEFORE THERE WAS A WRITTEN OLD TESTAMENT



ADAM & EVE
GEN. 2-3



CAIN
GEN. 4



NOAH
GEN. 6-9



ABRAHAM
GEN. 12

GOD SPOKE.
MAN HEARD.
MAN BELIEVED.
MAN OBEYED.

GOD REVEALED HIMSELF “IN MANY WAYS”

HE SPOKE. HE SHOWED. HE SENT. HE GUIDED. HE REVEALED HIS WILL.

DIRECT SPEECH



God spoke
with His
own voice.

Exodus 3:4-6

DREAMS



God spoke
through
dreams.

Gen. 28:10-17;
Gen. 37:5-11;
Dan. 7:1

VISIONS



God revealed
truth through
visions.

Isa. 6:1-8;
Ezek. 1:1;
Dan. 8:1

ANGELS



God used
angels to
communicate.

Gen. 16:7-12;
Gen. 22:11-18;
Ex. 3:2

URIM & THUMMIM



God provided
divine guidance
for His people.

Exodus 28:30;
Numbers 27:21

SIGNS & MIRACLES



God revealed
Himself through
mighty acts.

Exodus 3;
Exodus 7-12;
Exodus 19

THROUGH HIS PROPHETS



God spoke
through His
prophets.

Amos 3:7;
Jer. 1:9;
Ezek. 2:7



LONG AGO, AT MANY TIMES AND IN MANY WAYS, GOD SPOKE TO OUR FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS. ~ HEBREWS 1:1

GOD CHOSE PROPHETS TO SPEAK HIS WORD

God did not leave His people without
His message. He spoke through His prophets.



GOD CHOSE

He selected ordinary
men to be His
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EXODUS 7:1–2



GOD SPOKE

The message
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not the prophet.

JEREMIAH 1:9



GOD PROVIDED

God's words were
in their mouth
and heart.

EZEKIEL 2:7



GOD'S WORD

They declared
only what God
commanded.

2 PETER 1:20–21



“I will put
my words
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that I
command
him.”

DEUTERONOMY
18:18



THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE
DID NOT COME FROM THE PROPHET—
IT CAME FROM THE **GOD WHO SPOKE THROUGH HIM.**

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets...

HEBREWS 1:1

WHO WAS A PROPHET?

1. A prophet was not merely someone who **predicted the future**.
2. He was fundamentally **God's spokesman**.

2 PETER 1:20 – 21 (ESV)

²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

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**.



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