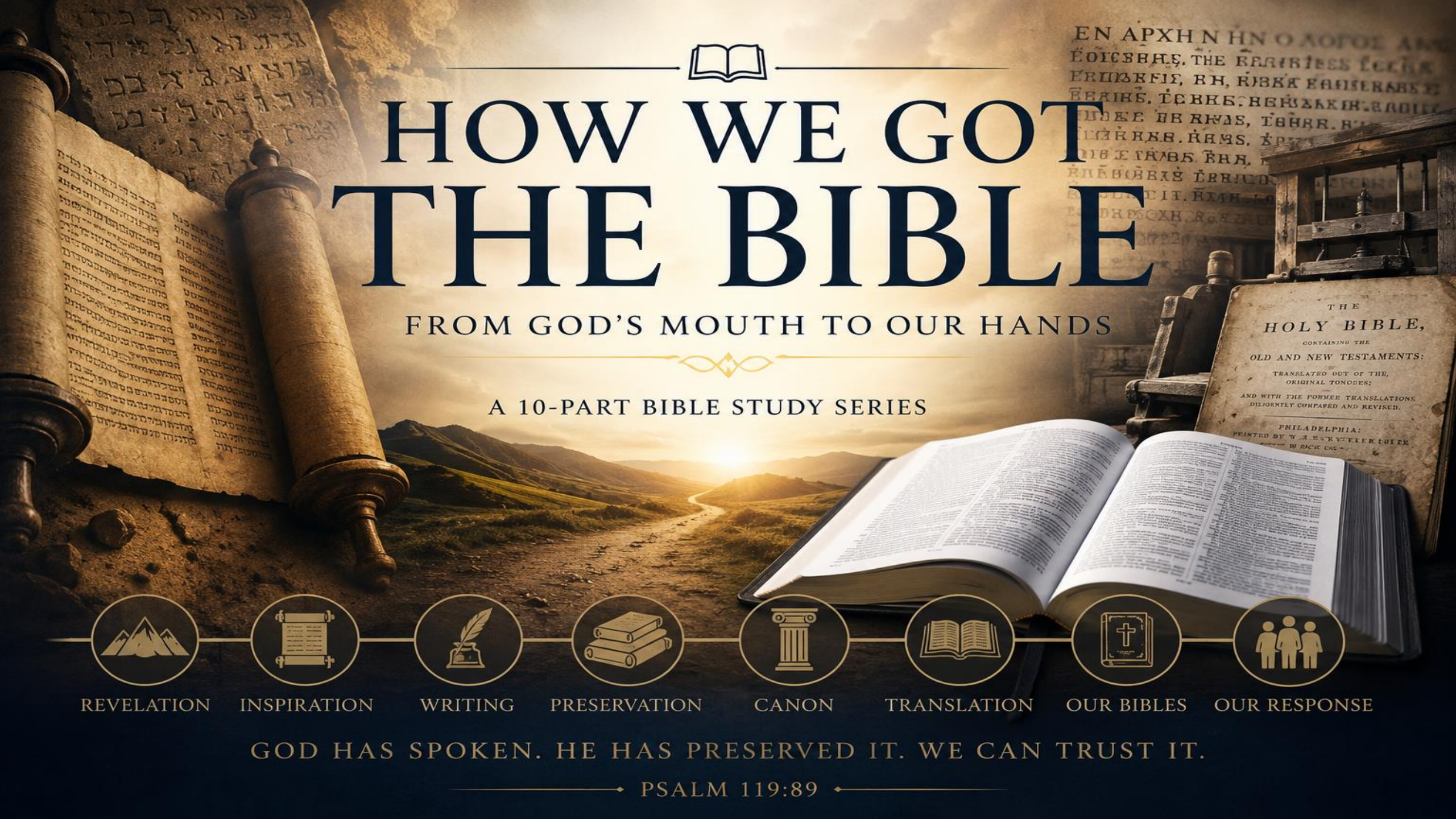




HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

FROM GOD'S MOUTH TO OUR HANDS

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY SERIES



REVELATION



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OUR BIBLES



OUR RESPONSE

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

◆ PSALM 119:89 ◆

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?



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**.



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
spokesmen.

EXODUS 7:1–2



GOD SPOKE

The message
came from God,
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
in his
mouth. He
shall speak
to them all
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

How Could Israel Know A True Prophet?

God gave His people clear tests
so they would not be led astray.



- 1. GOD WARNED
ABOUT FALSE PROPHETS.**

DEUTERONOMY 13:1–5
JEREMIAH 23:16–22

Not everyone who claims
to speak for God
actually does.



- 2. A TRUE PROPHET'S
PREDICTIONS WOULD
COME TO PASS.**

DEUTERONOMY 18:20–22

God confirms His prophet
by fulfilling
what He says.



- 3. A PROPHET COULD NOT
CONTRADICT GOD'S
PREVIOUSLY REVEALED TRUTH.**

DEUTERONOMY 13:1–4

Even a sign or wonder is not
permission to lead God's
people away from Him.



- 4. THE MESSAGE MUST AGREE
WITH ALL OF GOD'S
REVELATION.**

A true prophet will always
agree with what God has
already said.

REMEMBER:

God did not expect His
people to believe every
person who claimed,
“God told me...”



Test everything; hold fast what is good. | 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (ESV)



APPLICATION

Discernment protects us.

Truth anchors us.

God's Word guides us.



GOD'S REVELATION BEGAN TO BE WRITTEN DOWN

God commanded His words to be written so that His truth would be preserved for generations to come.

GOD COMMANDED HIS WORD TO BE WRITTEN



EXODUS 17:14

Moses wrote about the battle with Amalek.



EXODUS 24:4

Moses wrote all the words of the LORD.



EXODUS 34:27

Moses wrote the words of the covenant.



DEUTERONOMY 31:9

Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests.



DEUTERONOMY 31:24-26

Moses wrote this law in a book and placed it beside the ark.

“Write these words, for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”

EXODUS 34:27

PROPHETS ALSO RECORDED GOD'S REVELATION

ISAIAH 30:8

“Write it on a tablet before them.”

JEREMIAH 30:2

“Write in a book all the words.”

JEREMIAH 36:1-4

Jeremiah wrote all the words the LORD spoke.

HABAKKUK 2:2

“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets.”

WRITTEN REVELATION SERVED AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE



1.

It preserved God's message beyond the original audience.



2.

It provided an enduring standard for future generations.



3.

It allowed God's people to return continually to what God said.



4.

Revelation was not dependent upon human memory alone.



**GOD'S SPOKEN REVELATION
BECAME WRITTEN REVELATION**
SO THAT HIS WORD COULD BE PRESERVED,
READ, TAUGHT, AND OBEYED BY
FUTURE GENERATIONS.



“THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER.” ISAIAH 40:8