



HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

FROM GOD'S MOUTH TO OUR HANDS

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY SERIES



REVELATION



INSPIRATION



WRITING



PRESERVATION



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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?



GOD'S WRITTEN WORD WAS TREATED AS AUTHORITATIVE

From the beginning, God's written Word was honored,
preserved, read, taught, and obeyed.



1. IT WAS WRITTEN



The Book of
the Covenant

EXODUS 24:7

Moses wrote down
all the words of the LORD
and the terms
of the covenant.

2. IT WAS PRESERVED



The Book of
the Law

DEUTERONOMY 31:24–26

Moses wrote this law
and placed it beside
the ark of the covenant
as a witness.

3. IT WAS MEDITATED UPON



Joshua was
commanded

JOSHUA 1:7–8

The Book of the Law
was to be in his mouth
and he was to meditate
on it day and night.

4. IT WAS READ PUBLICLY



God's law was
read to the people

DEUTERONOMY 31:10–13

The law was to be read
every seven years during
the Feast of Booths
before all Israel.

5. IT WAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY



Josiah's response
to God's Word

2 KINGS 22:8–13

When the Book of the Law
was found, Josiah tore his
clothes, humbled himself,
and obeyed what it said.

6. IT WAS TAUGHT AND EXPLAINED



Ezra read and
explained the Law

NEHEMIAH 8:1–8

The people gathered
to hear, understand,
and obey all that
God had written.



THE PATTERN IS CLEAR:

GOD SPEAKS



GOD'S WORD IS WRITTEN



GOD'S WORD IS PRESERVED



GOD'S WORD IS READ & TAUGHT



GOD'S PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED
TO OBEY

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17

God's written Word was not optional—
it was the **AUTHORITY**
for faith and practice.



OLD TESTAMENT REVELATION WAS PROGRESSIVE

God did not reveal everything all at once.

He unfolded His truth over time, preparing His people for His ultimate revelation in Christ.



PROMISE Genesis



God reveals His plan through promises.

"I will bless you..."
Genesis 12:1-3

LAW Moses



God reveals His character and will through His law.

"All that the LORD has spoken..."
Exodus 20:1

HISTORY Judges – Kings



God reveals through His works in history.

"Return to the LORD your God..."
2 Chronicles 7:14

WISDOM & POETRY Job – Psalms – Proverbs



God reveals truth for life and worship.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning..."
Proverbs 9:10

PROPHETS Isaiah – Malachi



God reveals His plans for the future.

"Behold, the days are coming..."
Jeremiah 31:31

FULLNESS Christ



God's ultimate revelation is in His Son.

"In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son..."
Hebrews 1:1-2

"Many and various were the ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets..."

HEBREWS 1:1

Each step prepared the way for the complete revelation of God's love and redemption in Jesus Christ.

"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when such a voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

2 PETER 1:16-17

KEY TRUTH



God's revelation was progressive, purposeful, and complete in Christ. What began in promise was fulfilled in the Savior.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

Key truths from our study of God's revelation during the Old Testament period.



1 God revealed Himself before there was a written Old Testament.

He spoke to people directly, made promises, gave commands, and established His will among His people.



2 God revealed Himself in many ways.

Through creation, conscience, dreams, visions, theophanies, angelic messengers, and His providence.



3 God chose prophets to speak His Word.

Prophets were God's spokesmen, moved by the Holy Spirit, not by their own will or interpretation.



4 God's revelation began to be written down.

God commanded His words to be recorded so His truth would be preserved for future generations.



5 God's written Word was treated as authoritative.

It was honored, preserved, read, taught, and obeyed as the very Word of God.



6 Old Testament revelation was progressive.

God unfolded His truth step by step, preparing His people for the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ.



All of these truths point to the greatest revelation of all—
God's complete revelation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

From promise to prophet, from word to writing,
from preparation to fulfillment—
God has always been revealing Himself to His people.



Let's continue to study His Word so we can know Him, trust Him, and obey Him!

In our next study,
we will go on to examine
“The Revelation
of the New Testament.”



God has spoken. His Word has been preserved.
Now we turn to see how He revealed Himself
in and through Jesus Christ.



Join us next time as we discover
**THE REVELATION OF
THE NEW TESTAMENT!**

