



WRITTEN REVELATION

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Each member has matured in their understanding of what Scripture is and what it says.

The Bible is God's written revelation of who He is, who we are, and what He has done in redemptive history. While all reality, (all the past, present, and future,) is God's story, He has revealed his creation, redemption, and sanctification of mankind in the Bible.

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

2 Peter 2:20-21 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 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.

The Bible comes from God, but how did we end up with an actual written book? So here is a little history:

HUMANLY SPEAKING, THE BIBLE WAS PENNED BY 40-PLUS AUTHORS. THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ARE ATTRIBUTED TO MOSES. THE PROPHETIC BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT BEAR THE NAMES OF THEIR AUTHOR. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROPHET ISAIAH WROTE THE BOOK OF ISAIAH, HOSEA WROTE THE BOOK OF HOSEA, AND SO ON. MUCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS WRITTEN BY THE APOSTLE PAUL, WHO WROTE LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSTRUCTION TO CHURCHES IN VARIOUS CITIES THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND ASIA.

THE BIBLICAL AUTHORS LIVED IN DIFFERENT ERAS, AND CAME FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES. SOME WERE JEWS AND SOME WERE GENTILES (NON-JEWS). SOME WERE KINGS AND SOME WERE PAUPERS. SOME WERE HIGHLY EDUCATED AND SOME HAD LITTLE FORMAL EDUCATION. SOME WERE RELIGIOUS LEADERS, SOME WERE POLITICAL LEADERS, SOME WERE PROPHETS, AND SOME WERE SIMPLY ORDINARY, EVERYDAY FOLKS.

THE LIKELIHOOD THAT 40-PLUS PEOPLE, WHO WROTE IN THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, LIVED ON THREE DIFFERENT CONTINENTS, IN DIFFERENT ERAS, WOULD COME UP WITH ONE CONTINUAL MESSAGE, ONE CONTINUAL THEME, AND ONE CONTINUAL PLAN OF SALVATION, IS NOTHING SHORT OF MIRACULOUS. NO OTHER RELIGIOUS BOOK SHARES THE UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE.

-DONNA JONES

Q. Is it important we understand God revealed this story and used people to write it down? Why or why not?

GOD'S WORD

Hebrew 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

The Bible is also called the Word of God because of its inspirational source – God Himself. There is no greater authority than God and what He communicates is far more than information. The Greek used a special word, logos, for 'word' in the New Testament and there are 3 ways the writers used it.

1. Logos in its standard meaning designates a word, speech, or the act of speaking ([Acts 7:22](#)).
2. Logos in its special meaning refers to the special revelation of God to people ([Mark 7:13](#)).
3. Logos in its unique meaning personifies the revelation of God as Jesus the Messiah ([John 1:14](#)).

In Hebrews 4:12, the use of the word 'logos' is in the standard meaning, For the word of God is *alive* and *active*. So even when it is used in the most basic way, Hebrews is telling us that God's Word changes us, it is 'alive and active'.

Q. Can you think of an example where you were changed by reading or listening to God's Word, the Bible?

Isaiah 55:10-11 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, (11) so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

God wants us to spend time reading and meditating on his word because He wants us to be changed by it. We need to be changed by it and when we let it in, we WILL be changed by it. His word “shall accomplish that which I purpose and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Q. What commitment are you willing to make in spending time in God’s Word? Pray and then write that down here.

LEADERSHIP CONNECTION QUESTION

Q. How might spending time reading the Bible affect your business culture?

RESOURCES FOR NEXT STEPS

- **Bible Reading Plan**
[Bible Gateway - Reading Plans](#)
- **Guided Bible**
Experiencing God Bible (Amazon)
<https://a.co/d/ixm9Abn>