# GETTING THE BIBLE FROM THEN TO NOW

# OUR BIBLE

- LEATHERBOUND, CLOTHBOUND, PAPERBOUND, DIGITAL
- CROSS-REFERENCES, STUDY BIBLES, VIDEOS, COMMENTARIES, MANY TYPES OF TRANSLATIONS
- OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS
- HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES
- CHAPTERS
- PARAGRAPHS
- VERSES
- NANO BIBLE THE SIZE OF A PINHEAD

# THEIR BIBLE

- NONE OF THE PROPHETS HAD A BIBLE
- NONE OF THE APOSTLES HAD A BIBLE
- NONE OF THE PROPHETS OR APOSTLES HAD AN OLD TESTAMENT OR A NEW TESTAMENT
- THE WORD “BIBLE” IS NOT EVEN IN THE BIBLE
- BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH, THEY LEARNED THE SCRIPTURES FROM VARIOUS COPIES OF HEBREW SCROLLS FOUND IN THE TEMPLE OR SYNAGOGUES
- MANY MEMORIZED PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE FROM THE GREEK TRANSLATION OF THE HEBREW BIBLE (LXX) - SEPTUAGINT
- THE PEOPLE WERE DEPENDENT UPON WHAT THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TOLD THEM

# THE BIBLE

EVEN JESUS NEVER HAD A BIBLE

AND THE APOSTLE PAUL NEVER HEARD OF A KING JAMES BIBLE

# THE HEBREW BIBLE

- THE HEBREW BIBLE WAS WRITTEN IN HEBREW AND ARAMAIC
- THERE WERE NO CHAPTER, VERSE, OR PARAGRAPH DIVISIONS
    - CHAPTER DIVISIONS NT – STEPHEN LANGTON, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY – A.D. 1227
    - HOWEVER,  ROBERT STEPHANUS INTRODUCED VERSE DIVISIONS IN THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT IN 1551 AND IN THE ENGLISH BIBLE IN A.D.1555
- THERE WERE NO VOWELS IN THE HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS UNTIL SOMETIME BETWEEN THE 6TH AND 10TH CENTURY

# THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

- NO SEPARATION OF WORDS
- LARGE CAPITAL LETTERS (UNCIALS)
- BEGINNING OF THE 9TH CENTURY, THEY USED CURSIVE SCRIPT (MINUSCULES)
- PARAGRAPH DIVISIONS WERE INCLUDED AROUND AD 250
- THERE WAS NO PAPER ON WHICH TO WRITE AND NO PRINTING PRESS TO MASS-PRODUCE SCROLLS
- THEY MOVED FROM SCROLLS TO BOOKS (CODEX)

# RIC TEACHES TRUTH

| REVELATIONS | INSPIRATION | CANONIZATION |
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| TRANSMISSION | | TRANSLATION |

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# REVELATION

- *29 “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but **those things which are revealed** belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law”*
  *(Deuteronomy 29:29)*

# HOW DID THE BIBLE BEGIN?

- **THE BIBLE BEGAN WITH GOD**
- *15 And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other they were written. 16 Now the tablets were the work of God, and* ***the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets*** *(Exodus 32:15)*
- *And the Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will* ***write on these tablets*** *the words that were on the first tablets which you broke. (Exodus 34:1)*

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# INSPIRATION

- *16 All Scripture is **given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work*
  *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

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# CANONIZATION

# THE CANONIZATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- THE WORD “CANON” MEANS “STANDARD”. IT REFERS TO THE BOOKS THAT WERE “RECOGNIZED” TO BE INSPIRED BY GOD
- LATER IT REFERRED TO THE ACCEPTED BOOKS THAT COMPOSE OUR BIBLE

# THERE WERE THREE STAGES OF CANONIZATION OF THE O.T.

THE TORAH WAS CANONIZED SOON AFTER THE RETURN FROM BABYLON

THE PROPHETS WERE CANONIZED IN THE LATE 3RD CENTURY BC

THE WRITINGS WERE CANONIZED IN THE 4TH CENTURY BC

# CANONIZATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

**IN DANIEL'S TIME, HE RECOGNIZED JEREMIAH THE PROPHET (9:2), THE PROPHETS (9:6), AND THE LAW OF MOSES (9:13)**

- *2 "in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord **through Jeremiah the prophet**, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:2)*
- *6 "Neither have we heeded **Your servants the prophets**, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land" (Daniel 9:6).*
- *"As it is written in **the Law of Moses**, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth" (Daniel 9:13).*

# CANONIZATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- *19 ”And so **we have the prophetic word confirmed**, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”. (1 Peter 1:19-21)*

# CANONIZATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

## BY JESUS' TIME ON EARTH, THE OLD TESTAMENT WAS RECOGNIZED AS GOD'S WORD

*"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17-18).*

# CANONIZATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

# THE RECOGNITION OF INSPIRED N.T. BOOKS

- THE **GOSPELS** AND THE APOSTLE **PAUL'S WRITINGS** WERE THE FIRST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS CANONICAL BY THE EARLY CHURCH
- THE **APOSTLE PETER** EQUATES PAUL'S WRITINGS WITH THOSE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES - 14 "Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, **as they do also the rest of the Scriptures**" (2 Peter 3:14-16).

# THE RECOGNITION OF INSPIRED N.T. BOOKS

- ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA (373 AD) LISTS ALL 27 BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT AS CANONICAL
- **JESUS PROMISED** A CONTINUATION OF HIS TEACHINGS, THE **APOSTLES CLAIMED** THEIR TEACHING WAS FROM GOD, AND **THE HOLY SPIRIT** GUIDED THE WRITERS OF SCRIPTURE

# HOW DID THE CHURCH RECOGNIZE THE INSPIRED BOOKS?

**APOSTOLICITY**
WRITTEN BY AN APOSTLE OR FRIEND OF AN APOSTLE

**CATHOLICITY**
RECOGNIZED BY THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL

**ORTHODOXY**
CONSISTENT WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE

# FROM REVEALING TO RECOGNITION OF THE SCRIPTURES

1

**GOD REVEALED THE SCRIPTURES**
The Bible is God's revelation of Himself, revealing mankind's spiritual needs and God's answer to those needs.

2

**MAN RECORDED THE SCRIPTURES**
Men recorded the Scriptures using their own educational, cultural, and historical backgrounds, alongwith their style of writing.

3

**THE CHURCH RECOGNIZED THE SCRIPTURES**
Over a few centuries, the Church at large recognized what God revealed and inspired.

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# TRANSMISSION

- SCRIBES CAREFULLY TRANSMITTED OR COPIED FROM ONE TEXT TO ANOTHER

# THE JEWISH SCRIBES WERE METICULOUS

- EACH DAY, THE SCRIBE WOULD CHECK TO SEE IF HIS PEN WAS WORKING PROPERLY
- THE MATERIALS HAD TO BE CHECKED
    - PARCHMENTS FROM CLEAN ANIMALS
    - QUILLS FROM FEATHERS OF CLEAN BIRDS
    - INK MUST BE BLACK AND PREPARED ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATIONS
    - NO WORD OR LETTER COULD BE WRITTEN FROM MEMORY

# THE JEWISH SCRIBES WERE METICULOUS

- NO LETTER COULD TOUCH ANOTHER
- NO COLUMN COULD BE LESS THAN FORTY-EIGHT LINES OR MORE THAN SIXTY LINES
- THE MIDDLE WORD OF EACH PAGE OF THE NEW MANUSCRIPT HAD TO MATCH THE MIDDLE WORD ON EACH PAGE OF THE MANUSCRIPT BEING COPIED
- UP TO THREE WORDS ON EACH PAGE COULD BE CORRECTED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. IF NOT, THE NEW MANUSCRIPT HAD TO BE FIXED OR BURIED

# THE TRANSMISSION OF THE TEXT

- THE MASORETES ADDED VOWELS TO THE TEXT
- THEY RECORDED A SYSTEM OF WRITTEN SYMBOLS FOR ACCENT MARKS
- ADDED A SYSTEM OF SPECIALIZED NOTES
- THE MASORETES SEPARATED WORDS
- THE MASORET TEXT BECAME THE BASIS FOR HEBREW TEXTS AFTER AD 1000, SUCH AS THE ALEPPO CODEX OF AD 930
- AFTER THE JEWISH RIOTS IN ALEPPO, SYRIA, 294 PAGES OF 380 WERE PRESERVED

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# TRANSLATIONS

# THE FIRST TRANSLATIONS

- LATIN (For the Western Church)
- SYRIAC (Aramaic) (For the Eastern Church)
- COPTIC (Egyptian)