

HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE, Week 1

Week 1 INSPIRATION How it was written	Week 2 TRANSMISSION How it was preserved	Week 3 CANONIZATION How it was collected	Week 4 TRANSLATION How it was translated
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“Bible” from Latin word “biblia,” meaning book.

Q: How was the Bible written?

HUMAN WRITERS

- Deuteronomy 5:22
- Romans 16:22
- 1 Peter 5:12
- Galatians 6:11
- Jeremiah 36 (see vss. 4, 18, 27)

Amanuensis:
one who writes dictation

STITCHERS

- Deuteronomy 34:1ff
 - v. 6 “to this day” (Who is writing here? Joshua? Someone else?)
- 1 Chronicles 29:29
 - 1 Samuel 25:1
 - So who wrote the books of Samuel?
Likely “company/school prophets” (1 Samuel 19:20)
- 2 Chronicles 36:22-23 / Ezra 1:1-2
 - stitching individual scrolls together as one story (as quilt)

Dozens (hundreds?) of human writers, writing over thousands of years.

We can think of the Bible less like a **book** and more like a specialized, bound **library** of writings.

DIVINE AUTHORSHIP

- 2 Peter 1:21 “carried along by the Spirit”
- 2 Timothy 3:16 “breathed out by God”
θεόπνευστος (*theopneustos*) Literally: “God-breath”
INSPIRED (breathed in, inhaled) or **EXPIRED** (breathed out, exhaled)

SUMMARY: The Bible is a coherent book/library with many human authors and one divine author.