

The Origin of the Bible – Part 2

Introduction: Let's do just a little review. See how many of the blanks you can fill in on your own.

2 Peter 1:21 for prophecy never came by the will of **man**, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the **Holy Spirit**.

I. THE BIBLE CAME THROUGH MORE THAN **40** INDIVIDUALS.

A. Name three:

B. The Bible took over **1500** years to write.

1. The first book written was probably **Job**.

2. The last book written was the **Revelation**.

C. The Bible was written in **three** languages: (Name them)

D. Knowing the Bible has so many human authors, what evidence is apparent that there is a single author behind the man who wrote the Scriptures? The **harmony** of thought and instruction.

II. THE BIBLE CAME FROM **GOD**.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 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.

III. THE MEANING OF INSPIRATION

A. Biblical meaning: God-**breathed**

IV. THE MEANS OF INSPIRATION

The testimony of the Scriptures is that God used **many** means of inspiration. Name three:

V. THE RESULTS OF INSPIRATION

A. The **whole Bible** is inspired. This is called **Plenary** Inspiration (plenary means full).

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

The Bible is composed of many types of literature. Understanding whether a passage is history or poetry in the original language is important for reading,

understanding, and interpreting the text. However, every type is inspired; and one type is **not** more inspired than the other. The Bible contains

1. **History**
2. **Poetry**
3. **Admonition**
4. **Exhortation**
5. **Instruction**

All of the Bible is inspired.

B. Every word is inspired. Verbal Inspiration (verbal means pertaining to words).

1. Many mistakenly equate Verbal Inspiration with Mechanical Dictation.

- a. **Mechanical Dictation means that God dictated the words and man wrote them down mechanically.**
- b. **Some of the Bible was mechanically dictated, but not all.**

2. Verbal Inspiration means that whatever the means of inspiration (dictation, vision, research...), the end result was that the very words God desired to be used to express His truth were the ones that made it to the page.

3. Jesus referred to the words written by Moses as the words of God.

Mark 7:10-13 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 11 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"—' (that is, a gift to God), 12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, 13 making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

4. Paul also affirmed that it is the very words which are inspired.

1 Corinthians 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

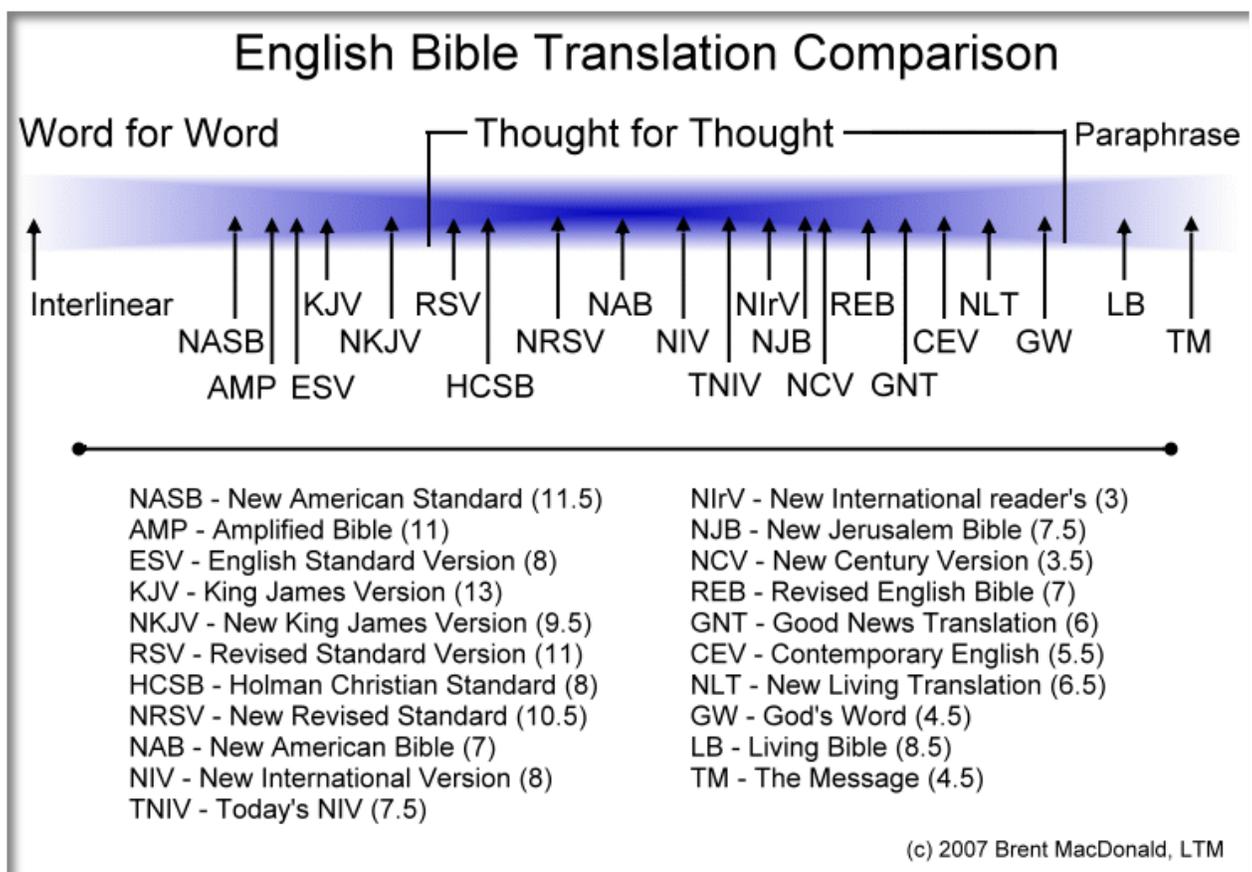
5. The truth of Verbal Inspiration is in contrast with the popular modern theory called Dynamic Inspiration.

- a. **Verbal Inspiration - each word of the original is inspired.**

- b. **Dynamic Inspiration** - only the thoughts were inspired, but the human authors selected the words as seemed best to them.
6. The human authors of Scripture recognized this distinction and responded in such a way as to affirm Verbal Inspiration. Paul made a major theological point because of the singular form of a noun was used in Genesis rather than the plural.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

- 7. This truth is important in considering Bible translations.
 - a. **Dynamic** - translate the thought (NIV)
 - b. **Literal** - translate the words (KJV, NKJV, NASB, ESV)
- 8. This truth makes word study important.
- 9. This truth makes the study of Greek and Hebrew important.



C. Inspiration makes the Bible inerrant and infallible.

- 1. Inerrant means that in the original autographs, there are no mistakes.

2. **Infallible means that if you follow it, it will not lead you astray.**
3. **How could words breathed out by God be anything less?**
4. **This is the testimony of the Scriptures themselves.**

Psalm 19:7-11 7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

Psalm 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:160 The entirety of Your word *is* truth, *And* every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, *But* the word of our God stands forever.”

5. **Jesus treated the Scriptures as if they were inerrant.**

Matthew 5:18 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.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

- a. **Jesus affirmed the historical accuracy of the Scriptures.**

- 1) **That Adam and Eve were historical people, not symbols of mankind.**

Matthew 19:3-5 3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?” 4 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘*made them male and female,*’ 5 and said, ‘*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*’?”

- 2) **Jesus referred to Noah’s ark and the flood as historical events.**

Luke 17:26-27 26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

- 3) **Jesus believed that Jonah was a man literally swallowed by a great fish.**

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

- 4) **Jesus used the Scriptures in such a way as to show His complete confidence in the minute detail of the written words of the Bible.**
 - a) **In John 10:31-38, Jesus defends Himself from a charge of blasphemy, with its resultant stoning, based on a single word of Psalm 82.**