

Who Wrote the Bible?

From Scroll to eBook #1

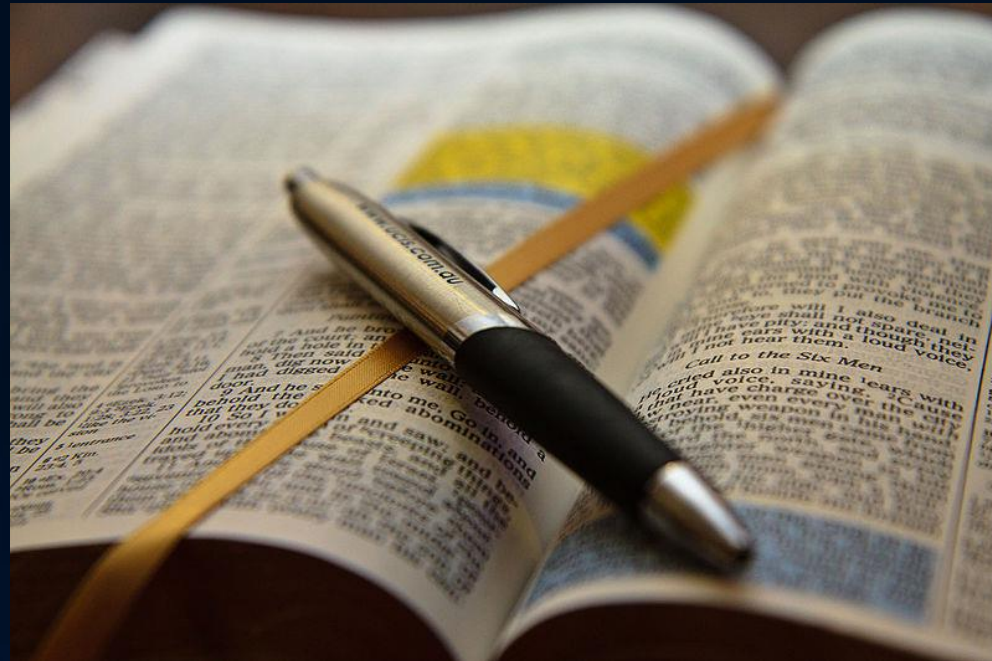


Each Week in “From Scroll to eBook”

- I will share a Truth about the Bible, and a Tool for using the Bible
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 - Slides will be posted at www.kelleycentral.com

Getting to Know You

- How many Bibles are in your home?



A Very Popular Book

Libraries found in	Almost 100% world wide
Languages available translated into	37
Copies sold	100 million

The Most Popular Book

Libraries	Almost 100% world wide	Almost 100% world wide
Languages available	37	2,200
Copies sold	100 million total	100 million every year
Title of book	<i>Guinness Book of World Records</i>	<i>Bible</i>

Bible Sales

- 20 million sold in the USA every year
- 2.5 million Bible are distributed every year in China



The Miracle of the Bible's Inspiration

Carried Along

- For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21, NIV)
- (Each Wednesday, we will practice one or more tools for using the Bible. Tonight we start with memorization.)

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From Memory

- What are the key truths in 2 Peter 1:21?
 - Humans
 - God, Holy Spirit
 - Spoke
 - Carried along



- This is what we mean by “inspiration” of the Bible

Writing the Bible

- Always started with God, not with a human
- God wants to communicate his truth and love to the people he created
- God will not leave us in the dark about our relationship to Him.

Not Written by Human Will

- No one ever set down to “write the Bible” or even “a part of the Bible.”
- These men (women?) lived lives of obedience
 - What God asked, they did
 - They never asked, “will this make me famous?” Or “is it hard?”
 - One day, God asked them to write.

Holy Spirit Inspiration

- “Carried along by the Holy Spirit”
- The Holy Spirit’s function is to take God’s heart and make it known on earth

“Carried Along” in a Raft



“Carried Along” by the River

- Our efforts made some (only a little) impact
- We were hemmed in by the banks
- The big facts were determined by a force beyond us.



There **is** a Human Role

- “humans spoke”
 - God was not giving word-for-work dictation
- David wrote like a song-writer
- Moses wrote like someone from royal court
- Paul wrote like a philosopher

There is a Human Role

- We often see scripture more clearly when we understand the human author.



God-in-Humans is Year 'Round

- God Carried; Humans Spoke
- This is Incarnation, God's Chief Strategy

Questions During This Series

- Have historians proved the Bible is inaccurate?
- What did the first Bible look like?
- How did the Bible get so many versions?
- How can I make sense of my Bible?