

# How To Study The Bible

## Study 2 — Why We Can Trust The Bible



# ***The Plan***

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***What You See Is  
Not Always  
Obvious***



# ***Inspiration of Scripture***

**All Scripture Has Been Written By Whom?**

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**How did this happen?**

- **2 Peter 1:21**

# ***Examples of Inspiration***

**What do the following verses reveal about how the Bible was written?**

- **2 Samuel 23:2**
- **Ezekiel 3:24, 27**
- **Zechariah 7:12**
- **Matthew 10:20**
- **Acts 1:16; 4:25; 21:4; 28:25**
- **1 Peter 1:10-12**
- **1 Corinthians 7:40**
- **Revelation 1:10-11**

# ***Principle #1***

***Scripture was written by  
both God and human authors.***

# ***Inspiration Includes Every Word***

- **To what level of detail is the Bible inspired?**
  - **What do these two verses reveal?**

**Gen. 22:12-18 and Gal. 3:16**

- **What does this verse reveal?**

**Matthew 5:18-19**

## ***Principle #2***

***Inspiration of Scripture extends to the  
smallest letters of the words.***

# ***Inerrancy of Scripture***

- **Therefore, we know Scripture is without error.**
- **Why?**
  - **Numbers 23:19**
  - **Titus 1:2**

## ***Principle #3***

***All Scripture is without error.***

# ***The Canon – Old Testament***

**What did Jesus endorse in the following verses?**

- **Matt. 21:42; 22:29; 26:54; John 5:39**
- **Matt. 5:17; 7:12; Luke 16:31; 24:27, 44**
- **Matt. 23:35**
  - **Adam: Genesis 4:8**
  - **Zechariah: 2 Chron. 24:20-22**

**What did Paul endorse? - Acts 26:22**

**What did Peter endorse? – 2 Peter 1:20-21**

# *The Hebrew Bible (Tanakh)*

The Law	The Prophets	The Writings
Torah (Pentateuch) Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Former Prophets Joshua Judges Samuel (1 & 2) Kings (1 & 2)  Latter Prophets Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel The Twelve Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Poetry Psalms Proverbs Job  Five Rolls Song of Songs Ruth Lamentations Esther Ecclesiastes  History Daniel Ezra-Nehemiah Chronicles (1 & 2)

# ***The Old Testament***

## **What Do These Passages Reveal? — Compare Them**

Genesis	– <b>Matt 19:4-5; Gen. 1:27; 2:24</b>
Exodus	– <b>Eph. 6:1-2; Exodus 20:12</b>
Leviticus	– <b>Matt. 8:4; Lev. 14:2-9</b>
Numbers	– <b>Heb. 3:5; Num. 12:7</b>
Deuteronomy	– <b>Matt. 4:10; Deut. 6:13-16</b>
Joshua	– <b>Heb. 13:5; Josh. 1:5</b>
Judges and Ruth	– <b>Heb. 11:32; Judges 4:6; 6:11; 13:24</b>
1 & 2 Samuel	– <b>Matt. 12:3-4; 1 Sam. 21:1-6</b>
1 & 2 Kings	– <b>Rom. 11:4; 1 Kings 19:18</b>
1 & 2 Chronicles	– <b>Matt. 23:35; 2 Chron. 24:20-22</b>

# ***The Old Testament***

Ezra & Nehemiah

– **John 6:31; Neh. 9:15**

Job

– **1 Cor. 3:19; Job 5:13; James 5:11**

Psalms

– **Matt. 21:42; Ps. 118:22-23**

Proverbs

– **James 4:6; Prov. 3:34**

Isaiah

– **John 1:23; Isa. 40:3**

Jeremiah

– **Matt. 2:17-18; Jer. 31:15**

Ezekiel

– **2 Cor. 6:16\*; Ezek. 37:27-28**

Daniel

– **Matt. 24:15; Dan. 9:27; 12:11**

The Twelve

– **Rom. 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4**

The Twelve

– **Heb. 12:26; Haggai 2:6**

# ***The Canon – New Testament***

**What Jesus entrusted to the apostles?**

- John 14:26; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 2:20-21**

**Who endorsed whom?**

- 2 Peter 3:15-16**
- 1 Timothy 5:18; Luke 10:7**

**What was circulated and to where?**

- Colossians 4:16**
- 1 Thessalonians 5:27**

# *Human Authors of the New Testament*

Books	Apostles	Companions	Jesus' Half- Brothers
Matthew	Matthew		
Mark		John Mark	
Luke		Luke	
John	John		
Acts		Luke	
Romans-to-Philemon	Paul		
Hebrews	-	-	-
James			James
1 & 2 Peter	Peter		
1, 2 & 3 John	John		
Jude			Jude
Revelation	John		

## New Testament In Various Documents

### Muratorian Fragment References Most of the New Testament Books

Books of the New Testament	Marcion A.D. 140	Muratorian Fragment A.D. 140	Barococcio A.D. 260	Apostolic A.D. 300	Athanasius A.D. 367
Matthew	Not in document	In torn portion	In document	In document	In document
Mark	Not in document	In torn portion	In document	In document	In document
Luke	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
John	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Acts	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Romans	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
1 Corinthians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
2 Corinthians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Galatians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Ephesians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Philippians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Colossians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
1 Thessalonians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
2 Thessalonians	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
1 Timothy	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
1 Timothy	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Titus	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Philemon	In document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Hebrews	Not in document	Not in document	In document	In document	In document
James	Not in document	Not in document	In document	In document	In document
1 Peter	Not in document	Not in document	In document	In document	In document
2 Peter	Not in document	Not in document	In document	In document	In document
1 John	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
2 John	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
3 John	Not in document	Interpretation	In document	In document	In document
Jude	Not in document	In document	In document	In document	In document
Revelation	Not in document	In document	Not in document	Not in document	In document

■ In document  
■ Maybe in document  
■ Not in document

## ***Principle #4***

***The Old and New Testament  
are Scripture.***

# ***The Old Testament is Closed***

- 1. What is the warning in these books?**
  - Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 12:32**
  - Proverbs 30:5-6**
  - Jeremiah 26:2**
- 2. Jesus and the apostles endorsed the Old Testament.**
- 3. How can we violate these warnings when we study the Bible? How does James 3:1-2 apply?**

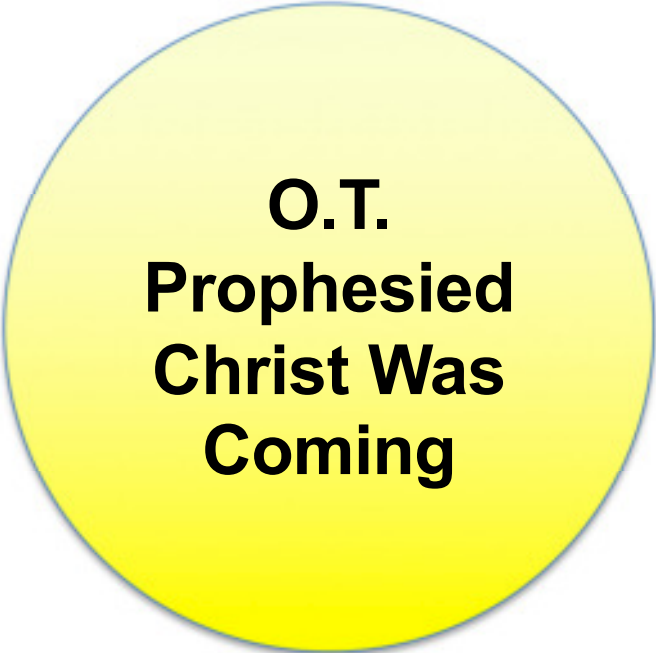
# ***Question About New Revelation***

***If someone says that he had a revelation from  
God about Jesus, how do you respond?***

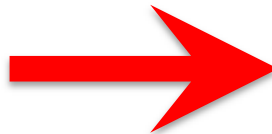
# ***New Testament Closed, part 1***

- 1. Who did the Old Testament prophesy would come (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1)?**
- 2. Who did Isaiah 7:14 and Micah 5:2 say was going to come?**
- 3. According to Mark 1:1-3 who did come?**
- 4. What did Jesus do (Matt. 5:1-2; Mark 9:31)?**

# ***New Testament Is Closed***



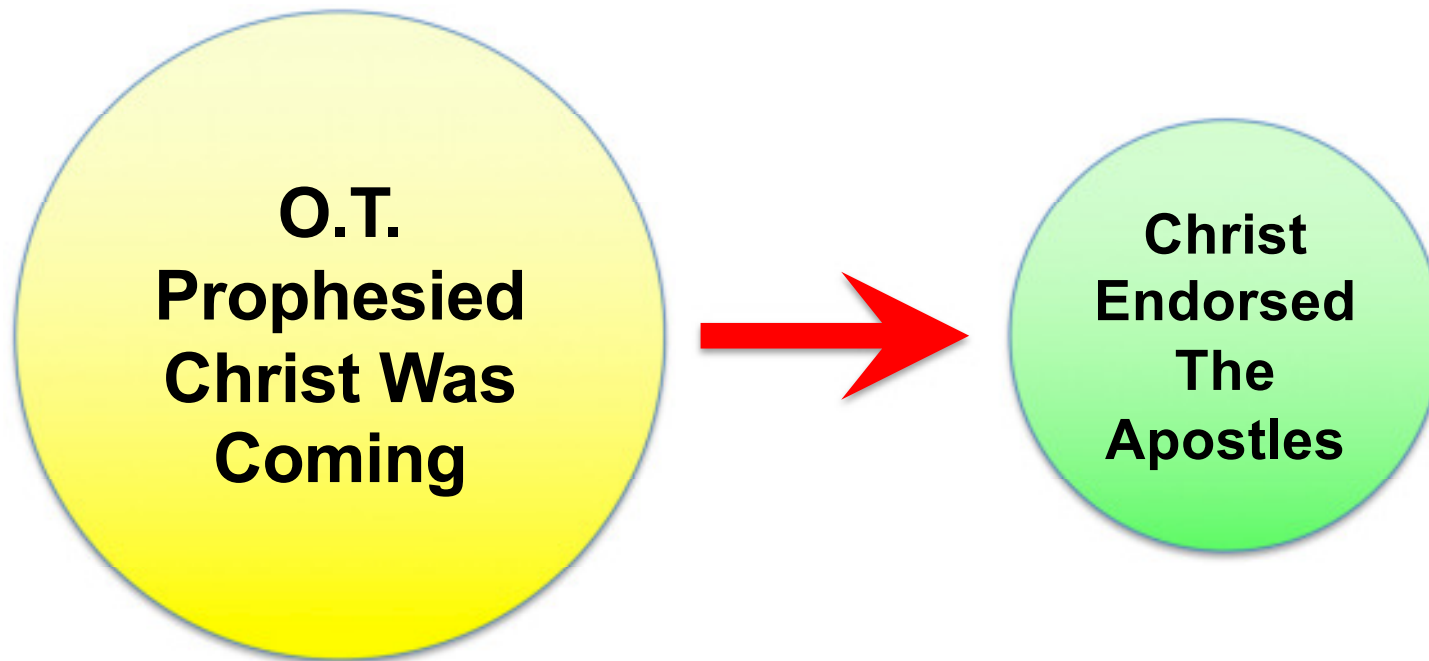
**O.T.  
Prophesied  
Christ Was  
Coming**



## ***New Testament Closed, part 2***

- 5. What did Jesus tell His disciples in John 14:26?**
- 6. What did we learn about the apostles' endorsement of the New Testament?**
- 7. Who did the apostles say would write Scripture after they died? Who did they endorse?**

# ***New Testament Is Closed***



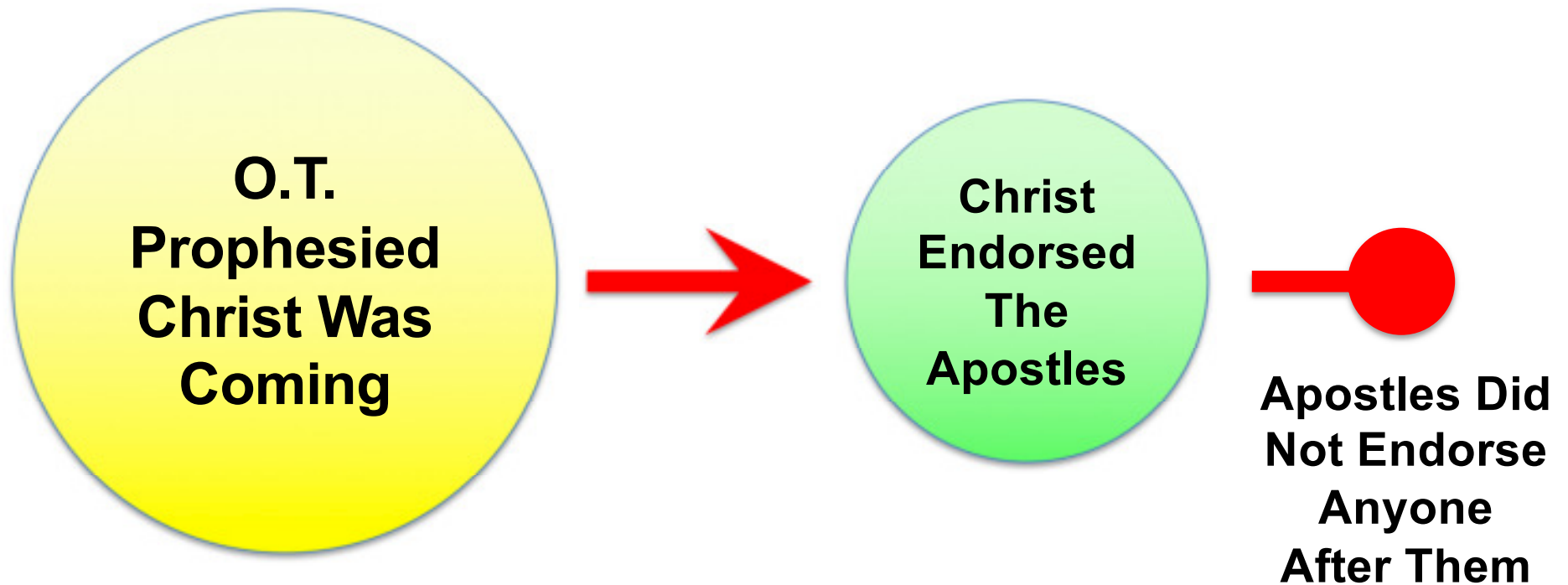
# ***The Canon is Closed, part 3***

**8. According to Jude 3 what are we to hold to?**

“handed down” --> *paradidomai is an aorist  
(already completed)*

**9. What does Jude 17 encourage us to do?**

# ***New Testament Is Closed***



## ***Principle #5***

***The canon of Scripture  
is closed!***

## ***Principle #6***

***The Scriptures are the  
only source of absolute truth!***

***This is another motivation  
to study the Bible!***

# ***Quiz***

## **True or False**

- T** 1. The Bible was written by both God and men.
- F** 2. Inspiration of Scripture means the Bible is exciting to read.
- F** 3. All Scripture is without error, except in the area of some historical facts.
- F** 4. The books of the Bible were determined by the early church councils.
- F** 5. We should trust the books written by well-known Christian authors because they are inspired writers.

# ***On The 50 Yard Line***

*“Things To Do”*

# ***Assignment***

- 1. Memorize the books of the Bible in order.**
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-3:3 at least five times during the week. Ask yourself, “What is the message of the passage?”**