

# Give Me the Bible

*Reasons to Believe #5*



**What does the  
Bible say about  
the Bible?**





All Scripture is *inspired* by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.



***1 Timothy 3:16-17***



Θεόπνευστος

*Theopneustos*

“God-breathed”



For this reason, we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.



***1 Thessalonians 2:13***

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



***Hebrews 4:12***



...as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.



***2 Peter 3:16***

- It did not inform the writer when there was no need (Acts 22:3, 2 Peter 1:16).
- It did not cite only Biblical sources (Acts 17:28, Titus 1:12).
- It did not make writers all-knowing (1 Corinthians 1:16, 2 Corinthians 2:12-13).
- It did not make the writers sinless (Numbers 20:7-13, Galatians 2:11).
- It did not supply the writer with information he could get from other sources (Luke 1:1-4, 1 John 1:1-4).

***What Inspiration Did Not Do***

***– Dr. Dowell Flatt***



**What does the  
Bible say about  
the Bible?**

*It is God-breathed.*



**What does  
history say  
about the  
Bible?**





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**Papyri**

P<sup>52</sup> (ca.125) Jn. 18:31-33



**Parchment**

P.Mich.Inv. 1573 (5th Century) Ps. 3:3-8



**Stone**

Rosetta Stone (2nd Century BC);  
Egyptian law in hieroglyphics and Greek



**Ostraka (pottery peices)**

ZPE 18 tax reciept



**Wood**

inv. 4533.10

Wooden mummy tag for a woman named Anoubiaina



**Codex**

"A" Vaticanus (350 AD); contains almost entire Bible  
(Lacks some Gen., 2 Kings, Heb. and Ps.; 1 and II Mach.; all of 1 and 2 Tim.; Titus.; Apoc.)

**What does  
history say  
about the Bible?**

*It was given and  
preserved by God.*





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