

How We Got Our English Bible

Session 2

The Inspiration of the Old Testament

General Old Testament Claims to Inspiration

Prophetic Utterances were written down - examples: Mosaic Law, Jeremiah's letter (Jeremiah 36:28), Isaiah (Isaiah 8:1), Habakkuk (Habakkuk 2:2).

The Old Testament writers were prophets, either by title or function.

An official register of prophets was kept (Joshua 24:26; Daniel 9:2, Ezekiel 13:9).

Specific Old Testament Claims to Inspiration

Joshua - Joshua 24:26.

Judges - Judges 1:1, 3; 6:25.

Jeremiah - Daniel 9:2, Ezra 5:1.

Moses - Zechariah 7:12.

Psalms - 2 Samuel 23:2.

Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs - 1 Kings 3:9-10.

Job - Job 38.

Daniel - Daniel 2:19; 8:1.

General New Testament Support for Old Testament Inspiration

The Scriptures - 2 Timothy 3:16, John 10:35.

The Word of God - Mark 7:13, Romans 9:6.

The Law - John 10:34, 1 Corinthians 14:21.

The Law and the Prophets - Matthew 5:17, 7:12, Luke 16:16, Acts 24:14.

The Prophets - Matthew 26:56, Luke 18:31.

The Oracles of God - Romans 3:2, Hebrews 5:12.

"It is written" - Mark 9:12, Luke 21:22.

"That it might be fulfilled" - Luke 24:44, Matthew 5:17.

Specific New Testament Support for Old Testament Inspiration

Eighteen out of Twenty-Two Old Testament Books are referenced in the New Testament (Minor Prophets = 1 book, Ezra-Nehemiah = 1 book).

Genesis - Matthew 19:4-5.

Exodus - Ephesians 6:1.

Leviticus - Matthew 8:4.

Numbers - events mentioned in 1 Corinthians 10.

Deuteronomy - one of the most quoted - Matthew 4:4, 4.

Joshua - Hebrews 13:5.

1 Samuel - quoted by Christ.

1 Kings - Romans 11:4.

Ezra-Nehemiah - John 6:31.

Job - 1 Corinthians 3:19.

Psalms - Matthew 21:42; Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 2.

Proverbs - James 4:6.

Isaiah - Matthew 3:3; Luke 4:18-19.

Jeremiah - Matthew 2:17-18.

Lamentations - Matthew 27:30.

Ezekiel - John 3:5, Romans 6:23, Revelation 4:7.

Daniel - Matthew 24:15; 21:30.

Habakkuk - Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38.

Hosea - Matthew 2:15.

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The New Testament Claim to Inspiration

The Promise Of Christ About Inspiration

The Commission of the Twelve - Matthew 10:19-20

The Sending of the Seventy - Luke 10:16

The Mount Olivent Discourse - Mark 13:11

The Last Supper - John 14:26; 16:13

The Great Commission - Matthew 29:19-20

The Promise Of Christ Claimed by the Disciples

The Claim to be Continuing Christ's Teachings - Acts 1:1; Luke 1:3-4

Apostles and Prophets - The Foundation of the Church - Ephesians 2:20; 3:5

Comparison of the New Testament to the Old - 2 Timothy 3:16 compared with 2 Peter 3:16; Luke 10:7 compared with 1 Timothy 5:18.

Direct Claims for Inspiration - John 20:31; Luke 1:1; Romans 1:1-3; 16:26; Galatians 1:12; Ephesians 3:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:14; 1 Timothy 4:11-13; Revelation 1:1.

Supporting Claims for New Testament Inspiration

Public Reading of the New Testament Books - 1 Timothy 4:13; Colossians 4:16

Circulation of the New Testament Books - e.g. Colossians

Collection of the New Testament Books - 2 Peter 3:15-16

Quotation of New Testament Books - Luke 10:7 compared with 1 Timothy 5:18, etc.

Supporting Claims by the Early Church

The Earliest Church Fathers - quote extensively from the New Testament.

Latter Church Fathers - all quote from the New Testament recognizing it as Scripture.