

## ESSENTIALS TO UNDERSTANDING HOW WE RECEIVED THE BIBLE - Part Two

Reference: **Miscellaneous Scripture**  
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### STAGE ONE is **REVELATION**

**Definition:** Revelation is direct communication from God, of truth **which man could not have otherwise ascertained by himself.**

### STAGE TWO is **INSPIRATION**

**Definition:** Inspiration is assurance from God that this **revelation from God has been accurately recorded.**

### STAGE THREE is **CANONIZATION**

**Definition:** Canonization is \_\_\_\_\_ from God that \_\_\_\_\_ He wants for us to have at this present time.  
Reference: **Jude 3** (see screen)

Three particular passages in the Bible that prohibit a person from adding or subtracting from Scripture:

- at the \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **Deuteronomy 4:2**
- in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **Proverbs 30:5-6**
- at the \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **Revelation 22:18-19**

Theologians use the phrase the “cannon of Scripture”. The word “cannon” is used to describe how the individual books of the Bible came to be recognized as inspired Scripture. The actual word “cannon” meant “\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_” and was something sometimes used as a standard of measurement. Over time though the word cannon and canonical came to mean the authoritative catalog or listing of the books the church recognized as inspired Scripture.

Three basic principles used to determine which ancient writings could be included as a part of canonical Scripture and which ones were to be excluded:

- The writing had to have a recognized prophet or apostle as its \_\_\_\_\_ or at least someone closely associated with them.
- The writing could \_\_\_\_\_ disagree with or \_\_\_\_\_ any previous Scripture.
- The writing had to have general \_\_\_\_\_ by the church as an inspired book.

**Four reasons** non-Catholics (Protestants and evangelicals) don't accept the apocryphal (deuterocanonical) books:

- The apocryphal books contain both historical and theological \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Jewish people do not \_\_\_\_\_ the apocryphal books as sacred Scripture.
- The New Testament never \_\_\_\_\_ to the apocryphal books as Scripture.
- The Catholic Church didn't recognize the apocrypha as Scripture until after the \_\_\_\_\_ had started.

### STAGE FOUR is **PRESERVATION**

**Definition:** Preservation is assurance from God that **His revelation to us** \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **Psalms 12:6-7; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; I Peter 1:23** (see screen)

The Bible has come to us in its present form through different manuscripts, texts, and translations.

**Definition:** A **manuscript** is any ancient **hand-written** copy of Scripture.

**Definition:** A **translation** (version) is a copy of Scripture that has been changed from one \_\_\_\_\_ into another \_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition:** A **text** (in the context of this lesson) is a \_\_\_\_\_ non-hand-written copy of Scripture.