

BITH100 INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

INTRODUCTION

This course traces the history of the Bible and includes discussions of inspiration, the biblical canon, major manuscripts, textual criticism, early translations, and modern versions.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the inspiration of the Bible
- Understand the canonization of the Bible
- Understand the transmission of the Bible
- Understand the translation of the Bible

The need for an introduction to the Bible

A. To be informed.

If we claim the Bible as the Word of God we should have a basic understanding of how it came to be.

B. To give a defense.

1 Peter 3:15 states, *“but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”* Christians should be able to explain intelligently the basis of the Christian faith. This certainly would include our trust in the Bible.

C. To have greater assurance.

A study of “how we got our Bible” will give you greater assurance that the Bible you hold in your hand is accurate and truly represents what God originally gave to the prophets.

Bible can be summarized into four main sections:

A. Inspiration.

The first link in the chain of revelation is inspiration. Inspiration deals with what God did, namely, breathing out the Scriptures. Inspiration is what gives the Bible its authority.

B. Canonization.

The second link, canonization, deals with how the inspired books of God came to be recognized as Holy Scripture. Inspiration tells us how the Bible received its authority; canonization tells us how these books came to be accepted by men.

C. Transmission.

The third link, transmission, deals with how the original autographs of the Bible were copied and whether these copies accurately reflect the original autographs.

D. Translation.

The fourth link, translation, discusses the translation of the Bible into other languages and whether the Bible in our language accurately reflects what the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts said.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

- Lesson 1 - Revelation & Inspiration
- Lesson 2 - Structure and Divisions of the Bible
- Lesson 3 - The Making of the Bible
- Lesson 4 - Canonicity
- Lesson 5 - Development of the Old Testament Canon
- Lesson 6- Old Testament Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha
- Lesson 7- Development of the New Testament Canon
- Lesson 8 - New Testament Antilegomena,
- Lesson 9 - Texts and Manuscripts of the Old Testament
- Lesson 10 - Texts and Manuscripts of the New Testament
- Lesson 11 - History of the English Bible