

HOW DID WE GET the BIBLE?



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The faithfulness of the apostles' witness 1:16-18

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

¹⁷ For when He (Jesus Christ) received honor and glory from God the Father,
such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory,
"This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—

¹⁸ and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

Today's Verses

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subject: we

verb: have - *echo* - to have and hold, implying continued possession (present tense)

direct object: the prophetic word

subject complement: made more sure (describes what we have)

several questions:

- What is the prophetic word?
- What does “made more sure” mean?

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prophetic - *prophētikos* - of or relating to prophecy or proceeding from a prophet

notes on prophecy: (Vine's dictionary)

- the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God" (*pro*, "forth," *phēmi*, "to speak")
- though much of OT prophecy was purely predictive, see Micah 5:2
- it is the declaration of that which cannot be known by natural means (past, present, or future)

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notes on prophecy: cont.

- with the completion of the canon of Scripture prophecy apparently passed away, 1 Cor. 13:8
- in his measure the teacher has taken the place of the prophet,
- the message of the prophet was a direct revelation of the mind of God for the occasion
- the message of the teacher is gathered from the completed revelation contained in the Scriptures
- **prophetic word** = the entire word of God McGee

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made more sure - *bebaios* - firm, steadfast;

made firmer still (Amplified Bible)

- what is meant is not a comparison between the prophecies of the OT and NT, but --- has been confirmed in the person of Christ (2 Pet. 1:16-18).
- confirmed by the person and work of Christ Vine
- The Transfiguration (vv. 17-18) confirmed the words of the Old Testament prophets concerning the deity of Christ. Constable

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you do well *in paying attention to it* [the word] Interlinear

well - *kalōs* - well, good in various senses. i.e., right, suitably, properly

paying attention - *prosechō* - lit., "to hold to," signifies "to turn to, turn one's attention to"

Heb 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

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as to a lamp shining in a dark place

dark - *auchmēros* - drought produced by excessive heat, hence signifies dry, murky, dark

Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

1 John 2:8 --- I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining.

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We are “to pay attention”

until - *héōs* - meaning unto, as long as, marking the continuance of an action up to the time of another action

1st - *the day dawns*

Rom 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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2nd - the morning star arises in your hearts

morning star - *phōsphóros* - morning star is the name that the Greeks assigned to the planet Venus during which time it appears to the west of the sun and consequently rises before it (the sun) and ushers in the light of day.

Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, --- I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

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2nd - the morning star arises in your hearts - cont.

- 2 Cor 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- --- the moment Christ has arisen as the Morning Star in our hearts, the day for us has dawned, and knowing ourselves as the children of the day, we live in the light of its glory, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
(Rom. 5:2.)

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²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation.

But know this first of all

Yet first you must understand this Amplified Bible

that every prophecy of Scripture is not of one's own interpretation Interlinear

complete subject: every prophecy of Scripture

- the entire word of God

verb: is not

modifier: of one's own interpretation

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

of one's own - *idios* - as belonging to oneself and not to another, one's own, peculiar or private

interpretation - from *epilyō*, to loose, solve, explain, denotes a solution, explanation

- the writers of Scripture did not put their own construction upon the "God-breathed" words they wrote. Vine
- In verse 20, the apostle explains what he means by the expression, "private interpretation." The meaning or interpretation of the prophet does not come from the writer himself but from the Holy Spirit Wuest

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This verse gives us details on how Scripture was written.

^{1st} - no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will

was ever made - was brought or was not ever uttered
(past point fact, passive voice)

by an act of human will

not by the will of man Interlinear

will - *thelēma* - the "will" being spoken of as the emotion
of being desirous (i.e. man's desire)

21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2nd - but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God

subject: men – Darby, KJV says “holy men”

- the men that God used were holy in the sense of being set apart for God’s purpose

verb: spoke (from God)

- past point fact

modifiers: being carried along by the Holy Spirit

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being carried along - *pherō*

a. to bear with the idea of motion, bear along or about, carry. Vine

- Isa 30:6b They carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys.

b. In the pass. *phéromai*, to be borne along, as in a ship before the wind, be driven. Vine

- Acts 27:15 --- the ship --- was unable to head against the wind, we let her drift, were borne along.

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by the Holy Spirit

- True prophecy, conceived in the mind of God, was brought forth or executed, not by man, but by the Holy Spirit who prompted holy men of God to speak.

Zodhiates

- [born along] indicates the fact that the Spirit so wrought in the holy men of God as to secure through them an inerrant record of the mind of God. Chafer