

THE JOURNEY OF THE BIBLE

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Greek word "Canon" meaning list or rule: The canon of Scripture refers to the collection of biblical books the Christians accept as uniquely authoritative.
- B. From original autographs to modern English translations:
- C. Scripture is authored by God through man: (*2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21*)

II. UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE THROUGH HISTORY:

- A. The Bible criteria for Canonicity:
 1. Attributes of God:
 2. Original source:
 3. Accepted by the Church at large:
 4. Consistency with doctrine and orthodox teachings:
- B. The apocrypha or the hidden books:
 1. Not inserted in the Jewish canon and rejected by most Christians:
 2. The Roman Catholic church added it in their bible: (Council of Trent 1546)
 3. Written between 400bc-1AD: (No known prophets)
 4. Josephus writes that they were considered inspired but historically helpful:
 5. Jesus never quotes from these books but he does quote others: (*Luke 24:44*)
 6. 1st and 2nd century church fathers did not accept them:
- C. Looking at translations and trying to choose one:
 1. Word for word translations: (NASB, ESV, CSB, KJV, NKJV)
 2. Phrase by phrase: (NIV, NLT)
 3. Paraphrase: (The Message, The Passion)

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. When studying God's Word it is important to understand the journey it took from original language to the English language to see how God has preserved and provided His Words to us and how this is such a marvelous blessing.
- B. The danger today is that the Bible has been neglected and taken for granted due to its availability.