

Holy Bible

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**What Is the
Bible?**

Byblos, Lebanon



**The Bible is both
factual/absolute
and
propositional
truth**

**It carries the
indicative and
imperative!**

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The Nature of the Bible:

- Authoritative
- Authentic
- Accurate
- Accessible/Applicable

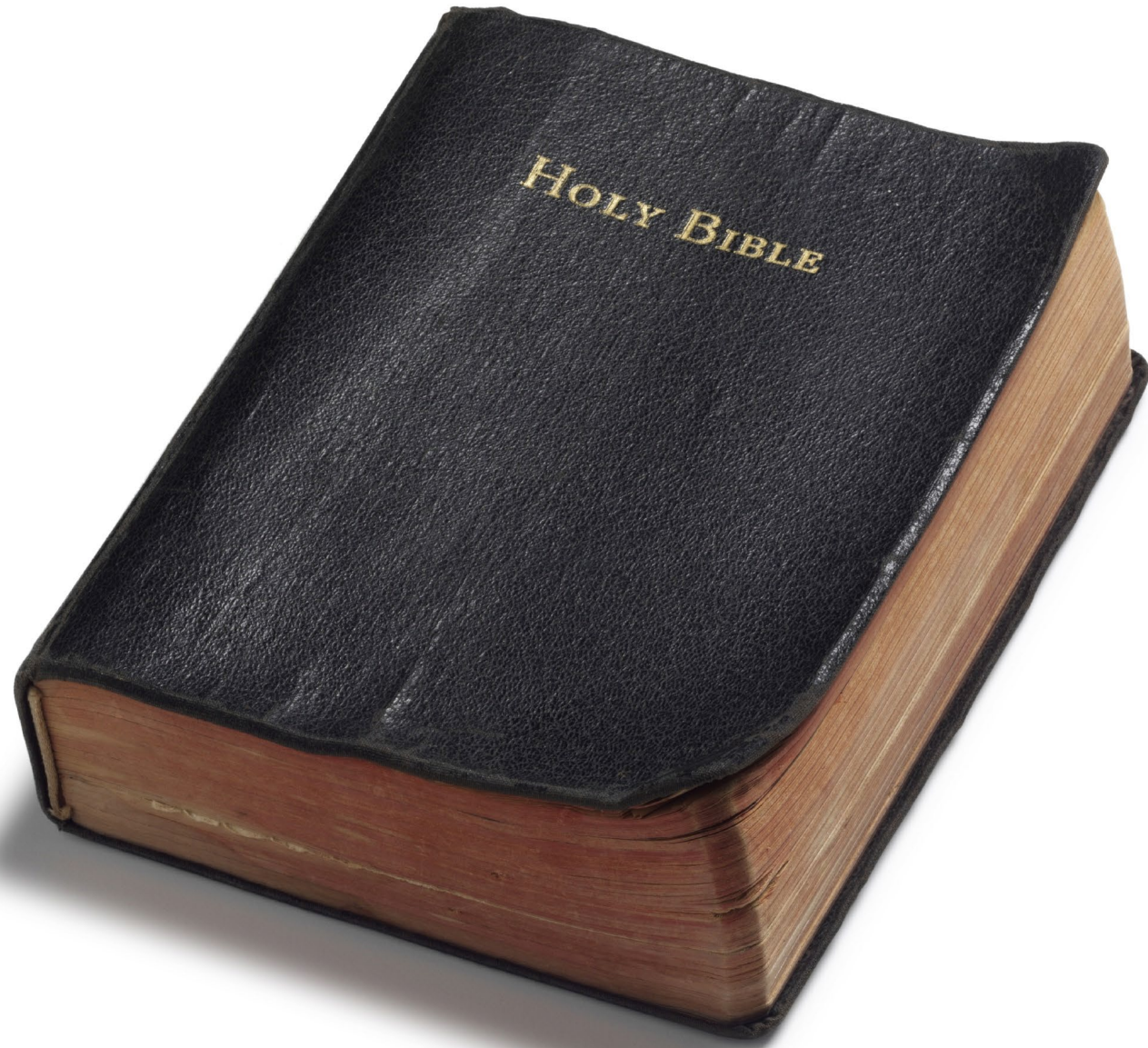
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Internal Evidence

Psalm 19:7-8- “The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.”





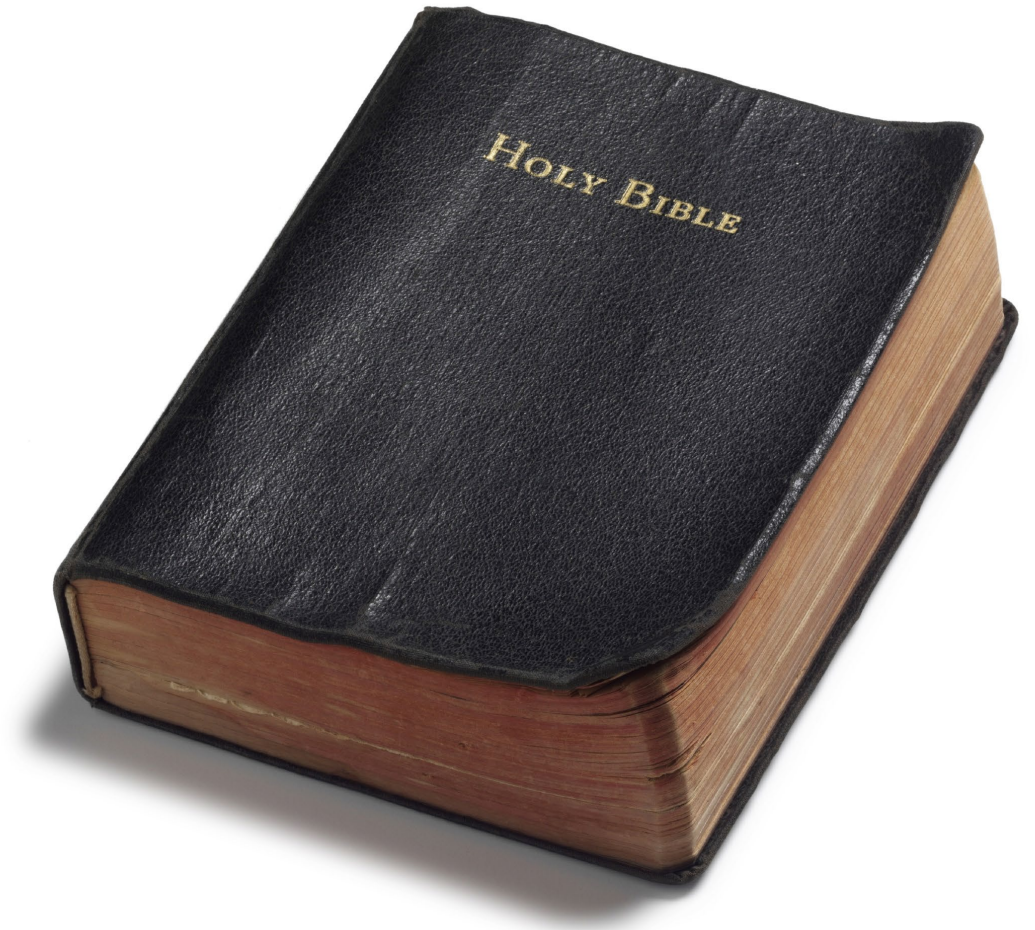
**Who Wrote
the Bible—
God or Man?**

Answer: YES!

**How Did God
Inspire the
Bible?**

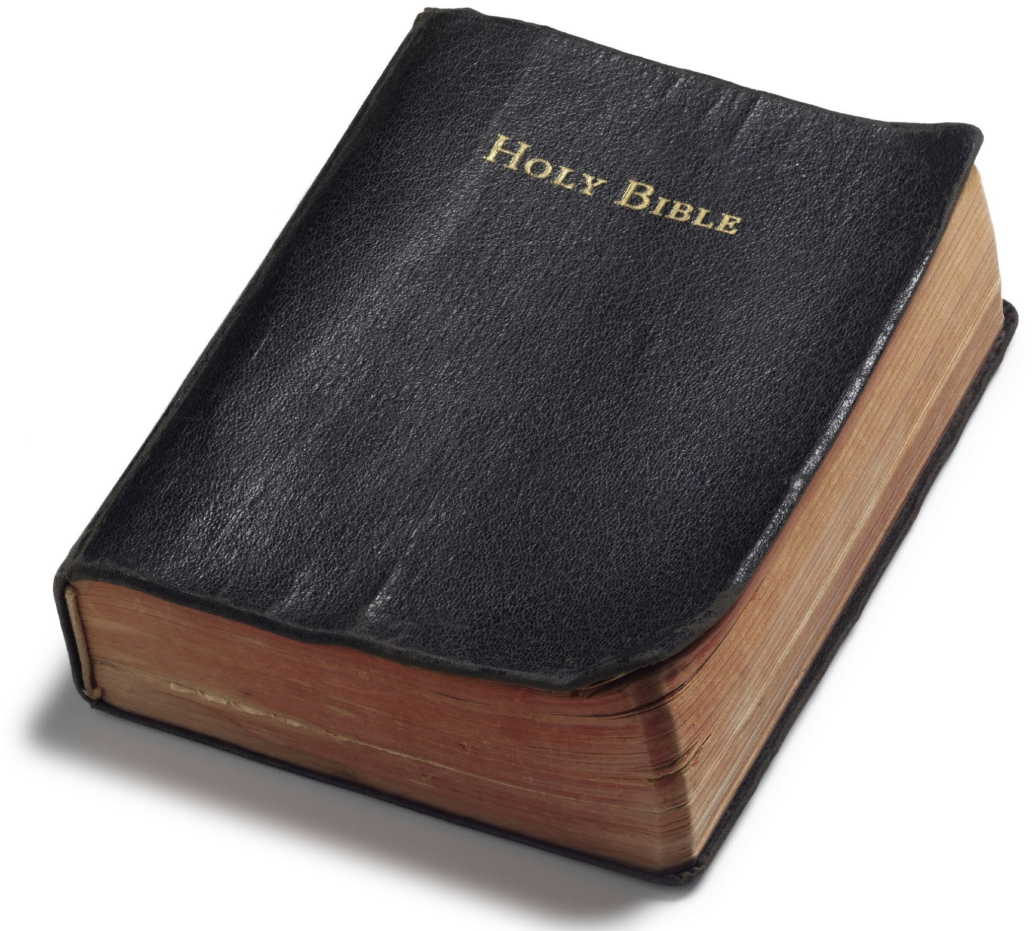
Theories of Inspiration:

- **Illumination**
The reader, not the author
is inspired



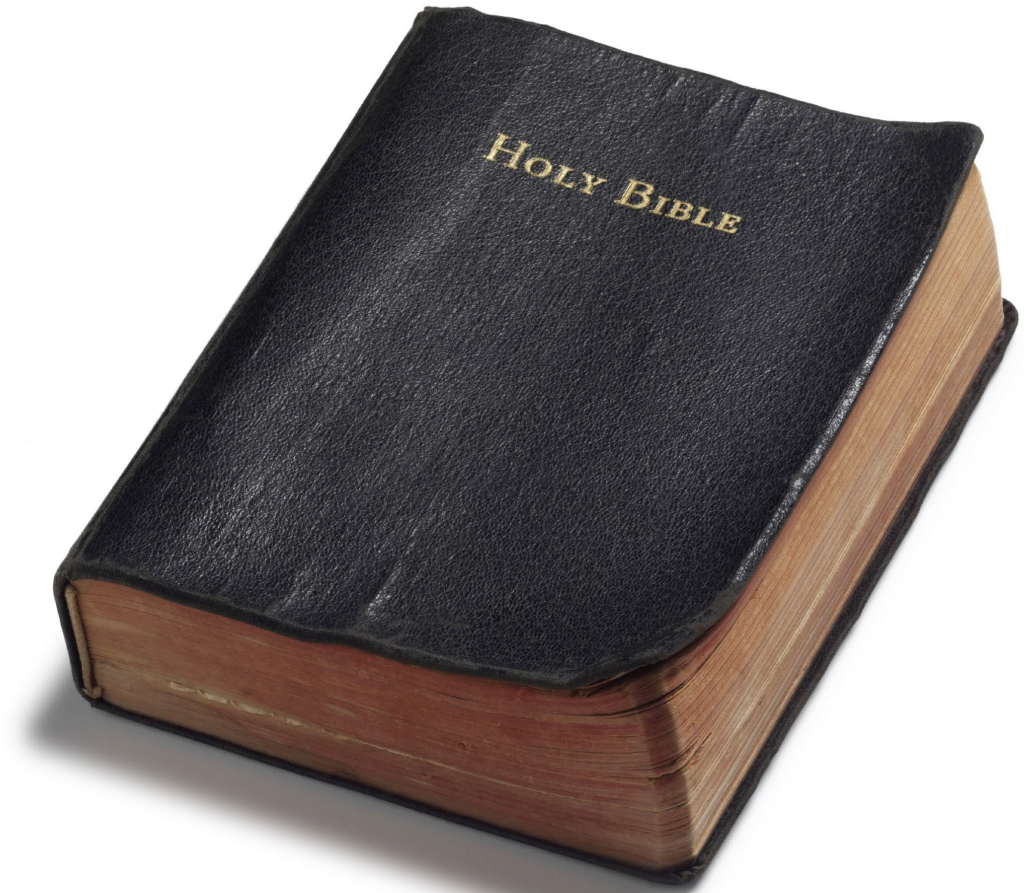
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- **Dictation**
The authors were
automatons



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- **Dynamic**
Thoughts/themes inspired,
but not words



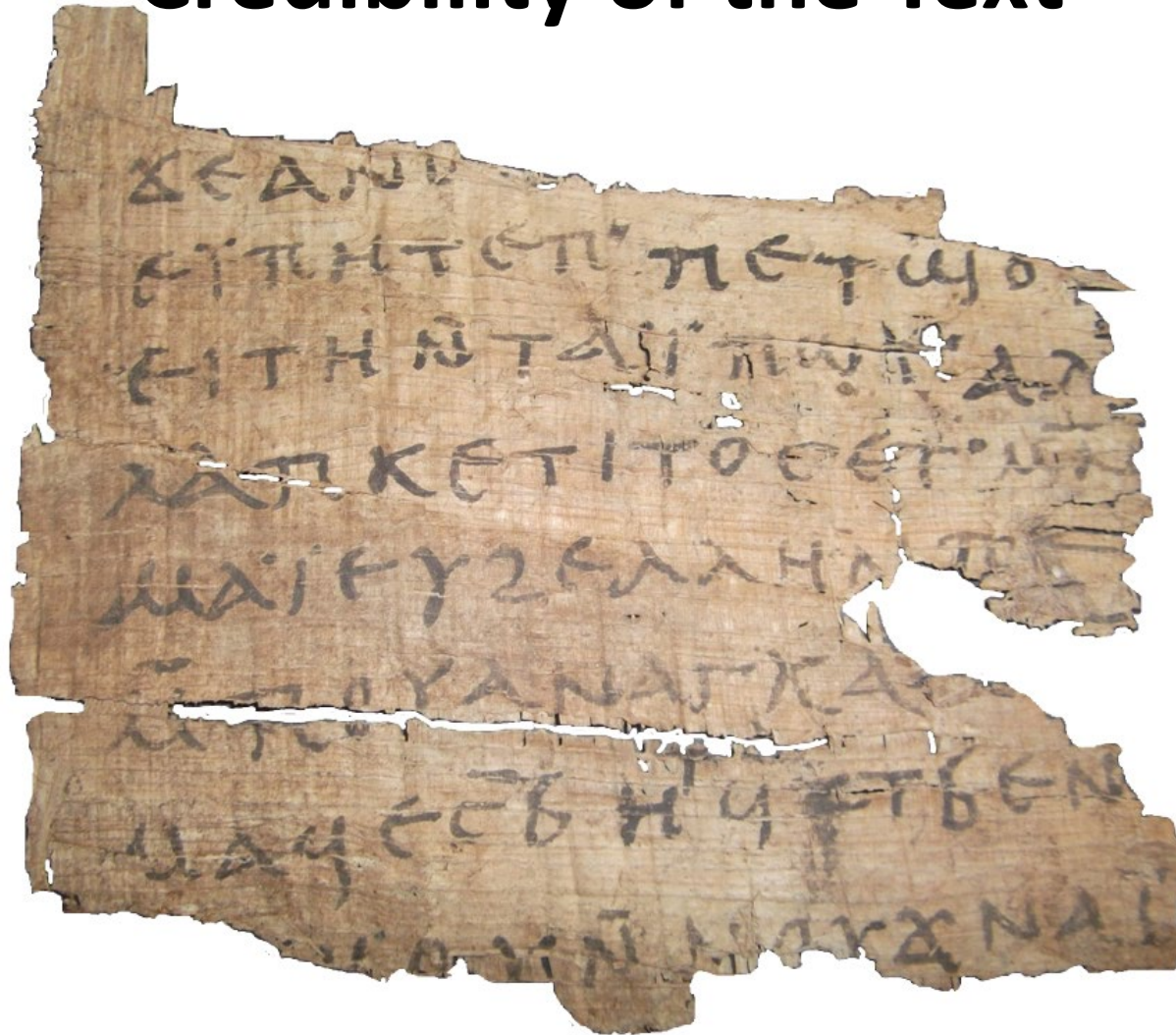
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- **Dynamic**
- **Verbal Plenary**
 “Every word” inspired



The Bible Is Authentic

Credibility of the Text





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- The number of copies
- The age of copies closest to the original

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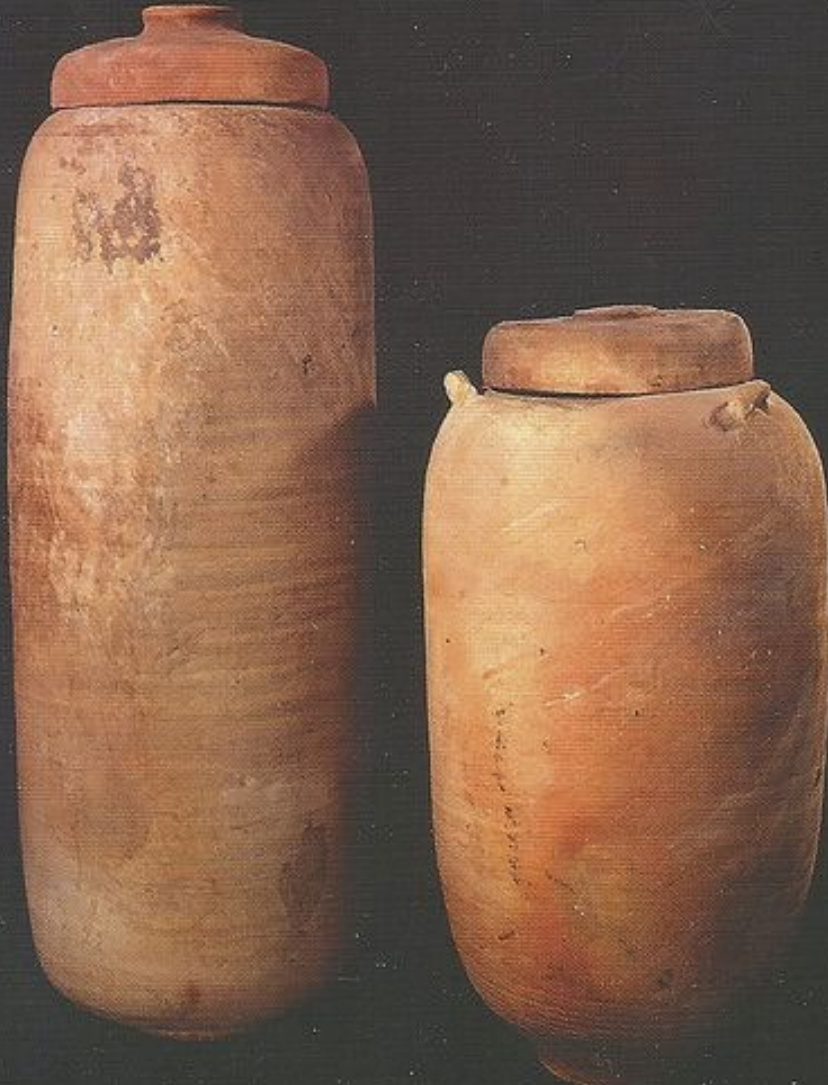
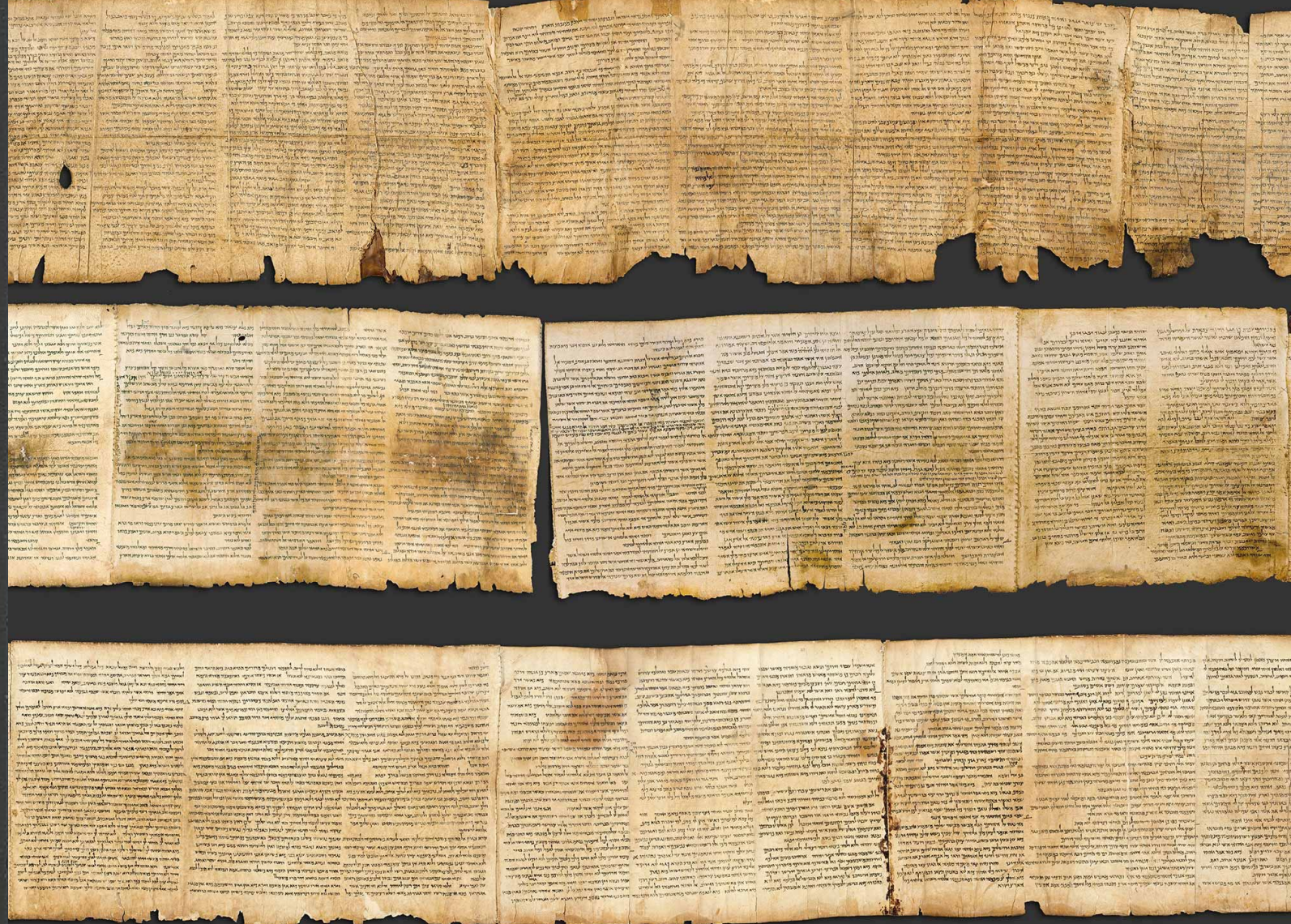


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Collection



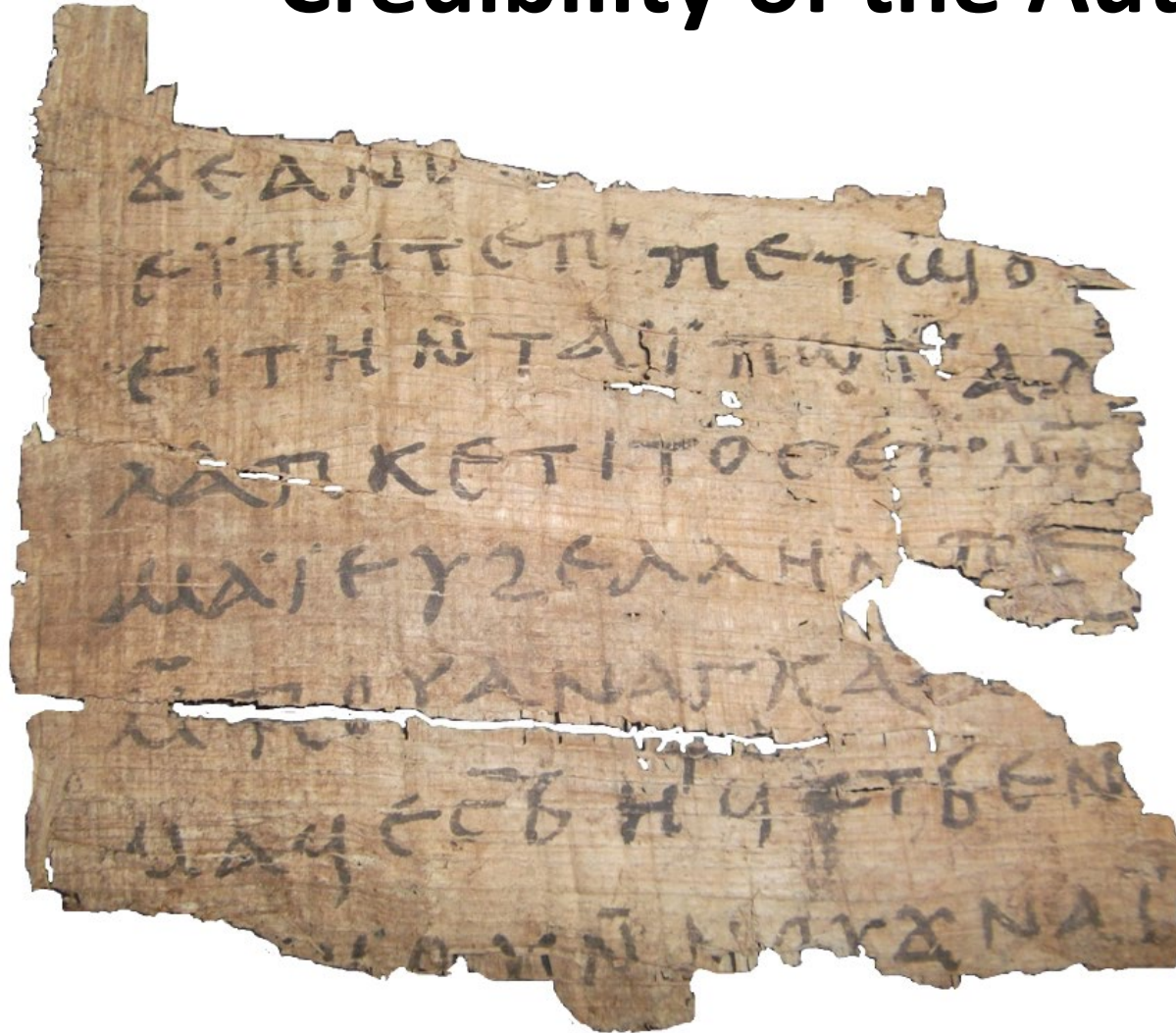
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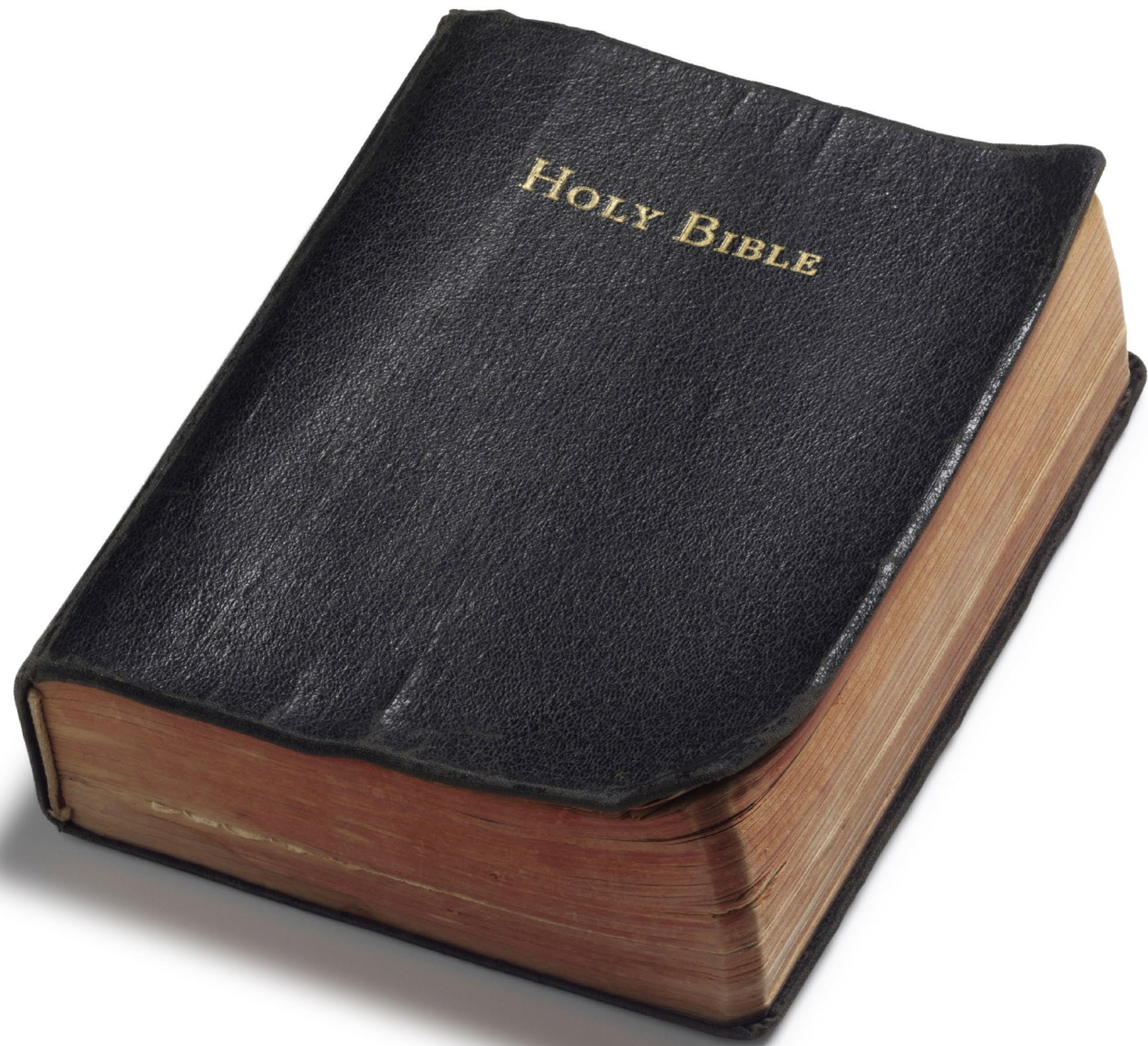


Dead Sea Scrolls

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Credibility of the Author





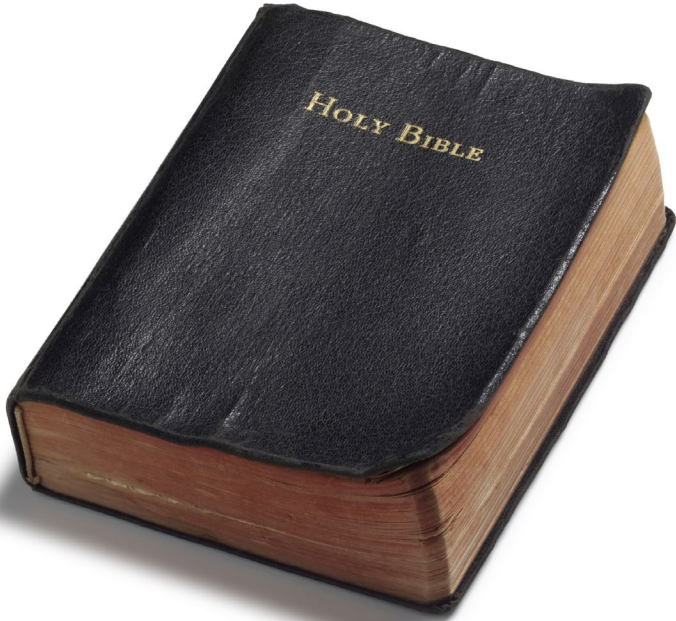
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Accurate**

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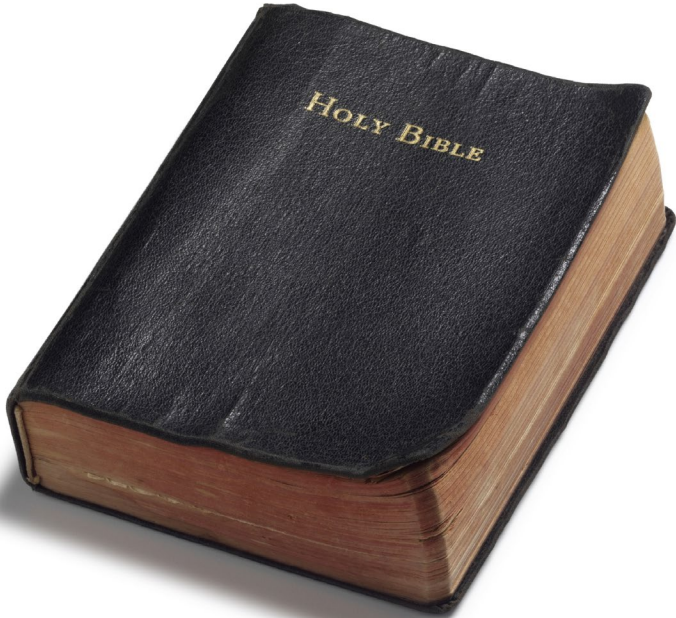
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- **Discrepancies in the Scripture**



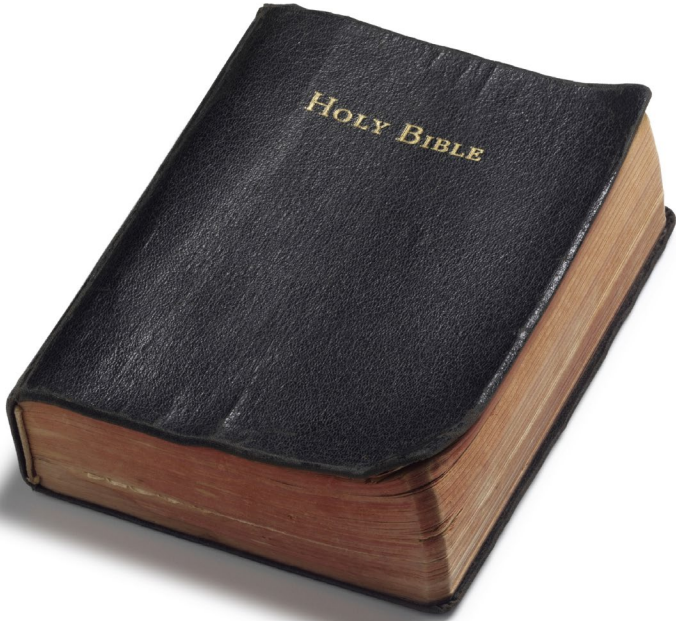
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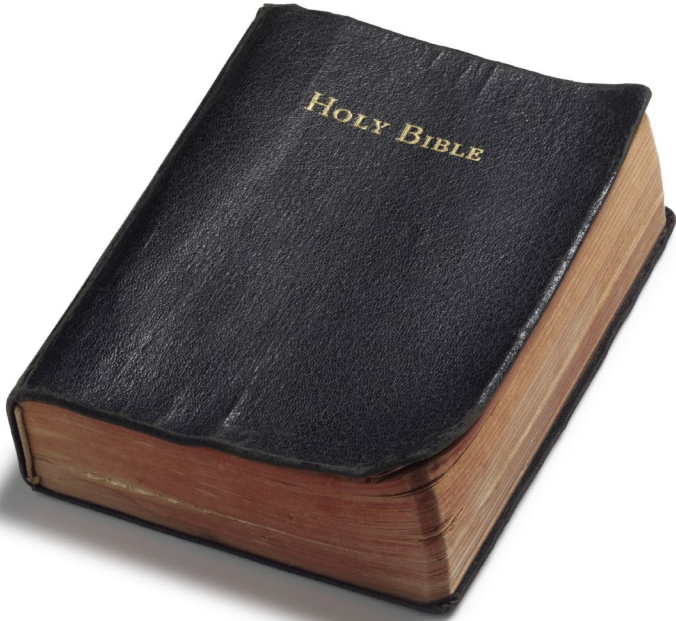
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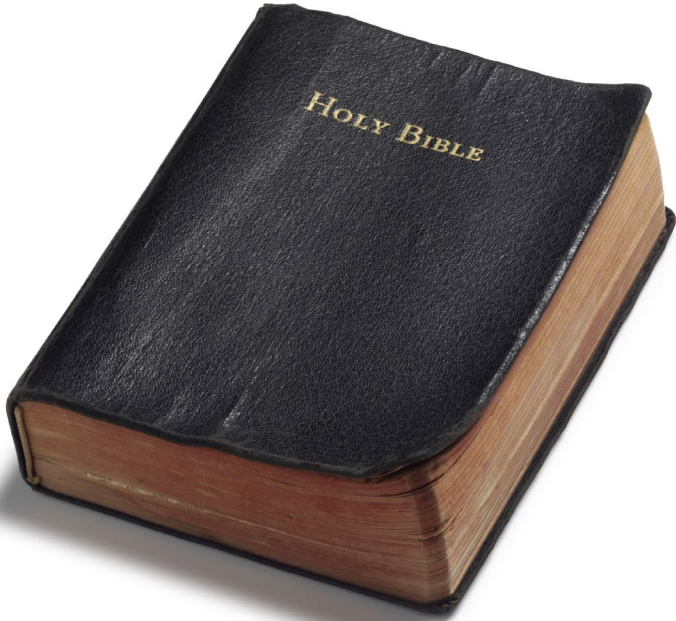
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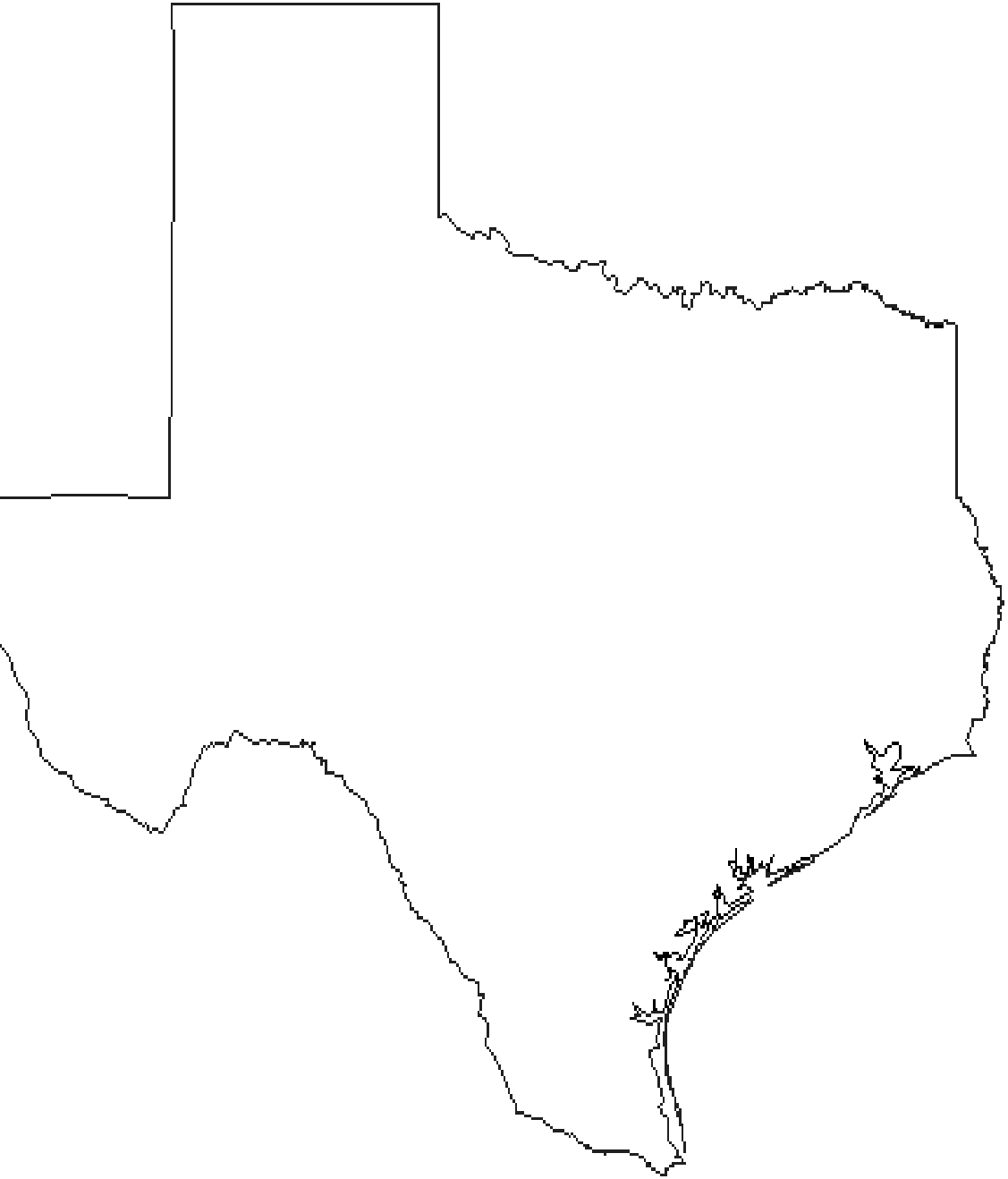


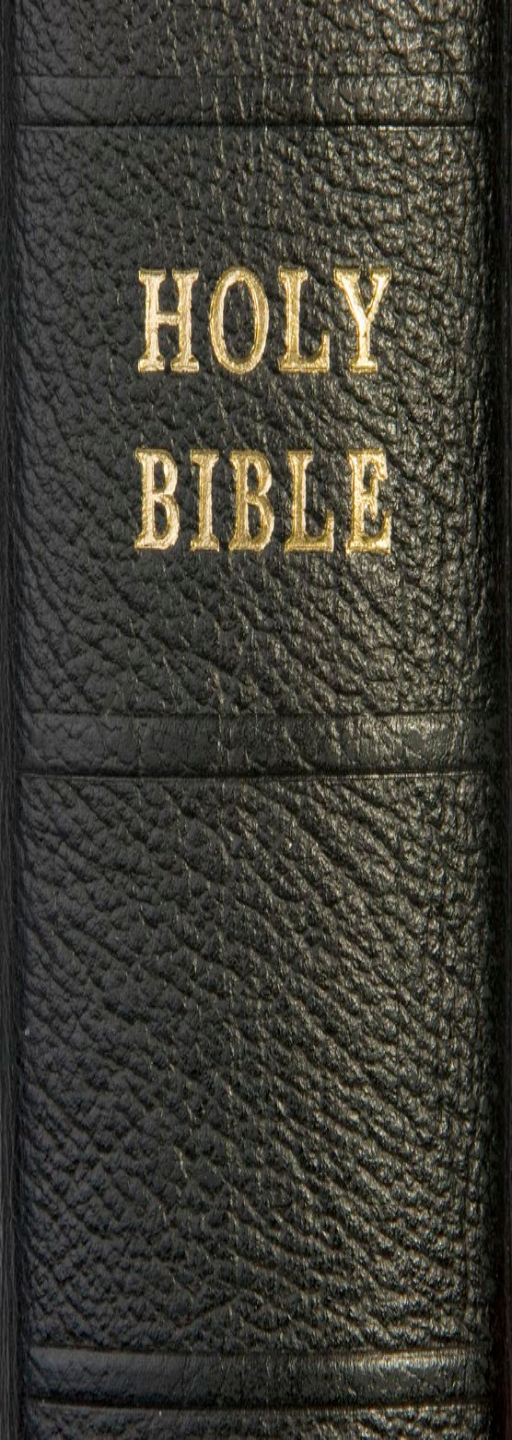
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- Authority Problem



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