



# RELEVANT

**How To Study the Bible**



**Lesson Two:  
Who's the Author?**

## God Wrote the Bible

- ▶ **2 Corinthians 13:1** - *"This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."*
  - ▶ **Deuteronomy 19:15 (NIV)** - *"A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."*
- ▶ **Amos 3:7 (NKJV)** - *"Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets."*
- ▶ **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)** - *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."*

## The Bible's Origin is Both Human and Divine

- ▶ God inspired men to write as he spoke to them
- ▶ The Bible's narratives, poems, histories, letters, prophecies, and other writings come from a profound collaboration between humanity and God.
  - ▶ **2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV)** - *"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."*
- ▶ In regard to the Old Testament there are approximately 31 people that contributed to the Old Testament scriptures. **(See Figure 1.1)**

## Surprising Facts About the Authorship of the Bible

- ▶ When linguistic experts compared the old scrolls with the new scrolls, there was word-for-word accuracy of +/-95% after more than 1,000 years of transmission.
  - ▶ That makes a strong case that the Bible we have today is indeed the Bible as it was in its original form.
- ▶ Christians believe that the Bible was written by humans but inspired and guided by God.
  - ▶ One of the reasons Christians believe this is because the authors of the Old and New Testament predicted future events with incredible accuracy.
  - ▶ The biblical authors correctly predicted dozens of historical events related to ancient countries, battles and people groups.

## Figure 1.1 - People That Contributed to the Old Testament

Author	Books
Moses 1400 B.C.	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
Joshua 1350 B.C.	Joshua
Samuel/Nathan/Gad 1000-900 B.C.	Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel
1 Kings 2 Kings 600 B.C.	Jeremiah
Ezra 450 B.C.	1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah
Mordecai 400 B.C.	Esther
Moses 1400 B.C.	Job
Several different authors, mostly David 1000-400 B.C.	Psalms
Solomon 900 B.C.	Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
Isaiah 700 B.C.	Isaiah
Jeremiah 600 B.C.	Jeremiah, Lamentations
Ezekiel 550 B.C.	Ezekiel
Daniel 550 B.C.	Daniel
Hosea 750 B.C.	Hosea
Joel 850 B.C.	Joel
Amos 750 B.C.	Amos
Obadiah 600 B.C.	Obadiah
Jonah 700 B.C.	Jonah
Micah 700 B.C.	Micah
Nahum 650 B.C.	Nahum
Habakkuk 600 B.C.	Habakkuk
Zephaniah 650 B.C.	Zephaniah
Haggai 520 B.C.	Haggai
Zechariah 500 B.C.	Zechariah
Malachi 430 B.C.	Malachi

**Moment of Reflection: How did this lesson impact you today?**

