



HOW
TO STUDY
THE BIBLE

**STUDYING THE BIBLE
TEACHING SERIES**



HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE:



A. The Bible is divinely
inspired and
controlled by God.

B. God used human writers:

1. God used about 40 men to write the Bible.

2. The writings covered a span of 1600 years.

From 1400 B.C. to 100 A.D.

3. The writings are in
harmony with each other.

C. Purpose of the

Jews:

1. The channel for Jesus Christ.

2. The writers & preservers of God's Word.

a) Hand written scrolls.

b) Used papyrus, 30
feet long, inches 9-10 high.

c) Scribes main function.

D. Sources - Manuscripts

and Versions:

1. Manuscripts are documents written by hand.

We do not have any original manuscripts. We have copies.

2. Versions are a translation of any document into another language.

3. OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

a) Manuscripts - Written in Hebrew . From 1400-400 B.C.

Dead Sea Scrolls found in 1947 . Dated at 100 B.C.

b) Versions - The oldest
version is a Greek translation
called the **Septuagint**.

(Made about **250 B.C.**)

4. NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

- a) Manuscripts - Written in **Greek**. Oldest copies known were made about A.D. **350**.
- b) Versions - Translated into Syriac and Latin.

E. Formation of the Bible:

1. Council of Carthage
gave its formal ratification to
the 66 books of the Bible in
A.D. 397 . (Council of
Trent - A.D. 1545)

2. Chapters and verses added
by Cardinal Caro in A.D.
1236 and Robert Stephens in
A.D.1551.

3. *Italics* indicates that the word is lacking in the original text and is added to complete the sense.

4. King James Version –

- a) Committee of 54
appointed by King James
in 1604.
- b) Published in 1604.

F. Warnings concerning various versions.

1. Revised Standard/New
Revised Standard Version
2. Good News For Modern
Man
3. Living Bible