

# HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

## Session 2: How we got the Old Testament

### Listening Guide:

1. Do we need the Old Testament?

- a. Some stories can't be started in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The Old Testament is the first part of the story of \_\_\_\_\_.

Who wrote the Old Testament?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ etched the Ten Commandments (Exodus 32:16).
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ was the human source of the Torah (Exodus 17:14; Mark 12:26).
- c. Kings were to keep a copy of \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 17:18-20).
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ the scribe wrote later parts of the Old Testament.

3. How were the books of the Old Testament arranged?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (First 5 Books)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ -
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus referred to them as the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. How was the Old Testament written and copied?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first language of many Jews.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ preserved the accuracy of the copies.
- c. Discovery of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ proved the accuracy of the Masoretic texts.

5. Which Books belong in the Old Testament?

- a. Canon means " \_\_\_\_\_ "

b. Septuagint is a \_\_\_\_\_ translation that includes more than the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings.

c. Jerome did not consider the \_\_\_\_\_ to be authoritative.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ disagreed and considered the Apocrypha to be authoritative.

e. \_\_\_\_\_ did not recognize the Apocrypha (Luke 24:44; 11:51).

### Points to Remember

Old Testament events were written down in \_\_\_\_\_ over centuries.

The Lord tells Moses to \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_!

*“Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”* Exodus 17:14

*“And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel... Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”* Exodus 24: 4, 7

Other Old Testament writers, inspired by God, include \_\_\_\_\_

These writings were known as: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ referred to them as “the old covenant” or “old testament”.

*“But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.”* 2 Corinthians 3:14

\_\_\_\_\_ may have collected and arranged the books of the Hebrew Bible, about 450BC.

*“And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.”* Nehemiah 8:1-3

The Septuagint is a Greek translation of the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Septuagint included some Jewish religious writings—later known as \_\_\_\_\_.

Evidence derived from 1<sup>st</sup> century AD Jewish writers, like \_\_\_\_\_, indicates that the Hebrew Bible never included the Apocrypha.

Our Best Evidence, \_\_\_\_\_ quoted the Old Testament often and he did not use the Apocrypha.

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*  
*Matthew 5:17*

*“Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,”*  
*Luke 24:44-45*

Greatest Discovery of last century: the \_\_\_\_\_

A scroll of \_\_\_\_\_ from the Dead Sea Scrolls is the oldest complete manuscript of any book of the Bible copied before the time of Christ.