

# THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

## *2 Timothy 3:16*

"Sanctify them  
by the Truth.  
Your Word is Truth"  
John 17:17

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Mark 13:31

### I. Introduction

### II. How can we show that the Bible is inspired?

A. We must look in the Bible itself.

B. We need to look outside the Bible for evidence to confirm the Bibles claims to its own inspiration.

### III. What is the definition of biblical inspiration?

A. We need to know what we mean when we say the Bible is inspired by God.

B. Two important points about our doctrine of inspiration:

### IV. What the Bible has to say about its own inspiration.

A. The inspiration of the Old Testament.

1. The OT's claim to itself being inspired.

2. What Jesus said about the OT.

3. What Paul said about the OT.

4. What Peter said about the OT.

B. The inspiration of the New Testament.

1. Jesus' witness to NT inspiration.

2. The objection of circular reasoning.

V. Prophecies in the Bible that have been fulfilled in history after they were uttered form an excellent evidence for the existence of the supernatural character of the Bible.

A. The destruction of the city of Tyre: Ezekiel 26:3, 4, 7-8, 12, 14, 21

B. The restoration of the country of Israel: Ezekiel 37.

VI. Conclusion