

## **Stages of Scripture**

**God's revealed word inspired and preserved**

### Stage 1: God's Words Revealed (Revelation)

- God speaks with Authority (Gen 1:3; Mark 4:39-41)
- God speaks directly to people (Jeremiah 36:1)
- God speaks through Jesus' testimony (John 12:47-50)
- God speaks through others' testimonies (1 John 1:1-5)

### Stage 2: God's Words Inspired (Inspiration)

- God places His word in man (Isa. 59:21)
- God's words are direct and clear (Jeremiah 36:1-3)
- God inspires all scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- God's words are living (Hebrews 4:12)

### Stage 3: God's Words Written Down (Inscription)

- God writes down His words directly (Exodus 32:15-16)
- God writes down His words through scribes (Jeremiah 36:4)
- God records history (1 Corinthians 10:11)

### Stage 4: God's Words Copied and Distributed (Transmission)

- God's words are copied from medium to medium (Luke 16:27-31)
- God's words are distributed through locality and culture (Romans 3:1-2)
- God's words are distributed through time (Romans 15:4)
- God's words are accessible (2 Timothy 2:15)

### Stage 5: God's Words Established (Canonization)

- God has founded His word from the beginning and settled it forever (Psalm 119:89, 152, 160; John 10:35)
- God commands for His words to not be added to or diminished from (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Matthew 15:8-9; Revelation 22:18-19)

### Stage 6: God's Words Translated (Translation)

- God's words can be declared in multiple languages simultaneously (Genesis 31:47; Luke 23:38; Acts 2:4-11; Revelation 9:11; )
- God translates His words (Daniel 5:25-28; Matthew 27:46 / Mark 15:34; John 1:41; Revelation 16:16)
- God's words will be received of every kindred, tongue, people and nation (Revelation 5:9; 14:6)
- Jesus commands His church to teach all His commandments to all nations (Matthew 28:18-20)

#### Stage 7: God's Words Preserved (Preservation)

- God preserves His words, even when physically destroyed (Exodus 32:19; 34:1, 4; Jeremiah 36:27-32)
- God keeps His words forever (Psalms 12:6-7; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35 / Mark 13:31; 1 Peter 1:24-25)
- God keeps His words in His children forever (Isaiah 59:21)
- God preserves the power of His words (Luke 16:17)
- God punishes those who attack His word (Revelation 22:18-19)