

## How we got the

### **Old Testament**

A summary of how the documents were inspired by God, written, collected, protected, translated, & preserved so it can be trusted today as the Word of God!



the Bible was written over a period of

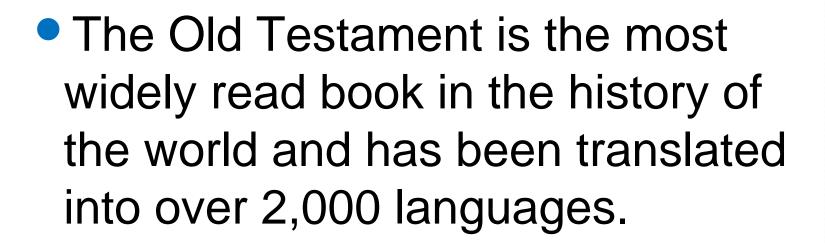
1600 years

by

40 human authors.

#### However ...

the process was completely overseen & guided by God.



 The Old Testament claims to be the inspired Word of God.



- 10 Commandments written by <u>God's</u> finger
- Ex 24:4 "Moses wrote all the words of the LORD."
- "Thus says the LORD" over 5,000 X

 2 Tim 3:16 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God."

 2 Pet 1:21 "no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."



writings which were divinely inspired

 The OT Scriptures were in an accepted collection by the time of Malachi (around 400 BC)

 No councils of synagogues or churches, made the OT authoritative - by its very nature it had authority from God.

#### Human authors

Pentateuch : Moses (1400 B.C.)

Job : Moses (1400 B.C.)

Joshua : Joshua (1350 B.C.)

Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Sam : Samuel/Nathan/Gad (1000 - 900 B.C.)

• 1 & 2 Kings : Jeremiah (600 B.C.)

1 & 2 Chron, Ez, Neh : Ezra (450 B.C.)

Esther : Mordecai (400 B.C.)

- Psalms : Mostly David; also Moses,
   Solomon, sons of Korah, sons of Asaph (1000 400 B.C.)
- Prov, Eccles, S of S : Solomon (900 B.C.)
- The following books were authored by the person whose name they bear:-
- Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi



- professional scribes who were specialists in <u>writing</u> and in <u>the law</u>
- "guardians of the text."
- sought perfection in the transmission of the text.

## Manuscript Evidence

- 1. Aleppo Codex
- 2. Leningrad Codex
- 3. Talmud, Midrash & Targums
- 4. Septuagint (LXX)



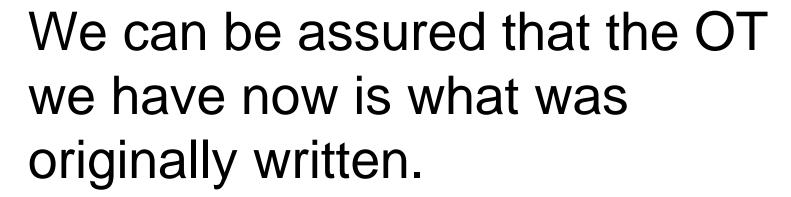
# Testimonies that the OT is God's Word

- Jesus, the apostles and the NT writers
- 2. Josephus



Dead Sea Scrolls

One of the greatest confirmations of the reliability of the Old Testament text!!



The OT text was well preserved and accurately handed down to us today.



- God (His person, character & attributes)
- Origins & purpose of the <u>universe</u>
- Man (who & what we are)
- Sin (its origin & consequences)
- God's <u>requirements</u> of people
- God's provision of <u>salvation</u>
- History of Israel
- Promises/ warnings of blessing/judgement
- The Coming of Messiah!