

The Spirit, the Bible, and You

Introduction:

- A. The Bible is an incredible example of “unity in diversity.”
- B. The only logical explanation? It is the work of a divine guiding hand.

I. *Revelation and Inspiration: What Do Those Terms Mean?*

A. Revelation — _____ or _____ something (*Eph 3:8-10; Rev 1:1-2*).

B. Inspiration — to _____ or _____ into (*2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:16-21*).

C. Therefore, Paul is very deliberate in identifying the source of his letters (*1 Cor 2:6-16; Eph 3:1-5*).

II. The Holy Spirit's Work in Revelation and Inspiration

A. During the Patriarchal Age

- 1. Enoch, the seventh from Adam (*Jude 14-15*)
- 2. Joseph, in whom was the Spirit of God (*Gen 41:38*)

B. During the Mosaic Age

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| 1. Aaron (<i>Exo 7:1</i>) | 9. David (<i>2 Sam 23:2</i>) |
| 2. Miriam (<i>Exo 15:20</i>) | 10. Solomon (<i>1 Kings 4:29-32</i>) |
| 3. Skilled craftsmen (<i>Exo 35:30-35</i>) | 11. Isaiah (<i>1 Pet 1:10-12</i>) |
| 4. Elders of Israel (<i>Num 11:16-17</i>) | 12. Jeremiah (<i>Heb 10:15-17</i>) |
| 5. Balaam (<i>Num 22:38; 24:13</i>) | 13. Ezekiel (<i>Ezek 2:1-2</i>) |
| 6. Joshua (<i>Num 27:18</i>) | 14. Amos (<i>Amos 7:14-15</i>) |
| 7. Judges (<i>Jud 3:9-10; 4:4</i>) | 15. Zechariah (<i>Zech 7:12</i>) |
| 8. Samuel (<i>1 Sam 3:20</i>) | 16. Summary (<i>Heb 1:1</i>) |

C. In the early days of the church

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| 1. Peter (<i>Acts 2:14-18; Heb 1:1-3; John 16:13</i>) | 5. Philip's daughters (<i>Acts 21:8-9</i>) |
| 2. Early Christians (<i>Acts 4:31</i>) | 6. Agabus (<i>Acts 21:10-11</i>) |
| 3. Stephen (<i>Acts 7:55</i>) | 7. John (<i>1 John 1:1-4</i>) |
| 4. Paul (<i>Acts 13:9</i>) | 8. Jude (<i>Jude 3</i>) |

D. The gap between the infinite wisdom of God and the finite minds of men was bridged by the Holy

Spirit, who makes known to us “the depths of God” (*1 Cor 2:6-16*).