



# SAVED YOU A SEAT

*a series for  
you and your  
friends*

“How did we get the Bible?”

**1. The Bible is the story and product of God partnering with people.**



ESTHER
NEHEMIAH
EZRA
2 CHRONICLES
1 CHRONICLES
2 KINGS
1 KINGS
2 SAMUEL
1 SAMUEL
RUTH
JUDGES
JOSHUA

HISTORY

DEUTERONOMY
NUMBERS
LEVITICUS
EXODUS
GENESIS

LAW

MALACHI
ZECHARIAH
HAGGAI
ZEPHANIAH
HABAKKUK
NAHUM
MICAH
JONAH
OBADIAH
AMOS
JOEL
HOSEA
DANIEL
EZEKIEL
LAMENTATIONS
JEREMIAH
ISAIAH
SONG OF SONGS
ECCLESIASTES
PROVERBS
PSALMS
JOB

MINOR PROPHETS

MAJOR PROPHETS

POETRY

A **prophet** is someone  
God partnered with to  
**share a message** with people.



Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own **interpretation of things**. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but **prophets**, though **human**, spoke from God as they were carried along by the **Holy Spirit**.

2 Peter 1:20–21

NIV

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for **teaching, rebuking, correcting** and **training** in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17     NIV

**2. The Bible has been reliably  
transmitted and translated.**



# Modern Bibles are primarily based on...

- The Masoretic Text (Old Testament)
- The Critical Text (New Testament)



“The best estimates are that at least 99.8% of [textual variants] affected **nothing**. Most are spelling differences... **No essential doctrine** is jeopardized by any of these textual variants.”

- Daniel B. Wallace, Executive Director of The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts



**3. The Bible has been preserved,  
copied, shared, and translated because  
of what it is about...the Good News!**



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18–20    NIV

You have the Bible because  
people you **don't even know**  
wanted you to **know Jesus.**