

## THE GREAT I AM-JEHOVAH ELOHIM

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**The first reference to the living God in the Bible is found in the  
first verse of the first book, the book of Genesis.**

*<sup>1</sup>In the beginning<sup>H7225</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> created<sup>H1254</sup> the heaven<sup>H8064</sup> and the earth<sup>H776</sup>.*

*Genesis 1:1 (The King James Version)*

The Hebrew word that was translated “God” in Genesis 1:1 was the Hebrew word that is pronounced “*el-o-heem*” in English. It is not the word “*yeh-ho-vaw*” or (as it is pronounced in English), “Jehovah”.

The Hebrew word that is pronounced “*el-o-heem*” in English means “the Three Mighty Ones”. The word “*yeh-ho-vaw*” or (as it is pronounced in English), “Jehovah” means “The Self Existent, Eternal One”. When you find the two Hebrew titles used together in the Old Testament they can be understood to mean roughly, "The Self Existent, Eternal, Three Mighty Ones". These titles, of course, refer to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

There is one Jehovah God who reveals Himself to mankind as the Father, as the Son and as the Holy Spirit in three different and distinct ways. Since the human mind cannot understand how Jehovah God could be three and yet be one, many people have chosen to deny the Trinity.

*"<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-14 (The New International Version)*

*"<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Genesis 1:1-2 (The New International Version)*

The living God has not always been known to man as "Jehovah". Abraham, Isaac and Jacob called Him "*ale shad-dah'ee*" or "God Almighty".

*<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. <sup>2</sup>And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: <sup>3</sup>And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them. Exodus 6:1-3 (The King James Version)*

When the Lord sent Moses back to lead the children of Israel to the Promised Land, He did not identify Himself as “Jehovah”. He called Himself “*haw-yaw*” or “I AM”. The Hebrew name that is pronounced “*haw-yaw*” in English means “He Who Has Been, Who Is And Who Always Will Be”. It is another name for the living God just as the name “Jehovah” is a name for the living God. It is not, however, the name “Jehovah”.

*13 And Moses<sup>H4872</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> unto God<sup>H430</sup>, Behold<sup>H2009</sup>, when I come<sup>H935</sup> unto the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, and shall say<sup>H559</sup> unto them, The God<sup>H430</sup> of your fathers<sup>H1</sup> hath sent<sup>H7971</sup> me unto you; and they shall say<sup>H559</sup> to me, What<sup>H4100</sup> is his name<sup>H8034</sup>? what<sup>H4100</sup> shall I say<sup>H559</sup> unto them?*

*14 And God<sup>H430</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> unto Moses<sup>H4872</sup>, I AM<sup>H1961</sup> THAT I AM<sup>H1961</sup>: and he said<sup>H559</sup>, Thus<sup>H3541</sup> shalt thou say<sup>H559</sup> unto the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, I AM<sup>H1961</sup> hath sent<sup>H7971</sup> me unto you.*

*15 And God<sup>H430</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> moreover<sup>H5750</sup> unto Moses<sup>H4872</sup>, Thus shalt thou say<sup>H559</sup> unto the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup>, The LORD<sup>H3068</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> of your fathers<sup>H1</sup>, the God<sup>H430</sup> of Abraham<sup>H85</sup>, the God<sup>H430</sup> of Isaac<sup>H3327</sup>, and the God<sup>H430</sup> of Jacob<sup>H3290</sup>, hath sent<sup>H7971</sup> me unto you: this<sup>H2088</sup> is my name<sup>H8034</sup> for ever<sup>H5769</sup>, and this<sup>H2088</sup> is my memorial<sup>H2143</sup> unto all generations<sup>H1755</sup>.*

*16 Go<sup>H3212</sup>, and gather<sup>H622</sup> the elders<sup>H2205</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup> together, and say<sup>H559</sup> unto them, The LORD<sup>H3068</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> of your fathers<sup>H1</sup>, the God<sup>H430</sup> of Abraham<sup>H85</sup>, of Isaac<sup>H3327</sup>, and of Jacob<sup>H3290</sup>, appeared<sup>H7200</sup> unto me, saying<sup>H559</sup>, I have surely visited<sup>H6485</sup> you, and seen that which<sup>H834</sup> is done<sup>H6213</sup> to you in Egypt<sup>H4714</sup>.” Exodus 3:13-16 (The King James Version)*

We see in Exodus 3:13-16 printed above that the Lord God (*yeh-ho-vaw' el-o-heem'*) identified Himself as “I Am”. In other words “Jehovah” (*yeh-ho-vaw'*) identified Himself as “I Am”. Please note that Christ, in the New Testament, identified himself as “I Am”. Why? Because Christ was Jehovah in a material body.

*56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus*

*said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” John 8:56-58  
(The King James Version)*

Some people do not believe that there is one Jehovah God who reveals Himself to mankind as the Father, as the Son and as the Holy Spirit in three different and distinct ways. Since the human mind cannot understand how Jehovah God could be three and yet be one, they deny that such a thing could be. Some people believe that the concept of a Triune God originated from Satan. They deny the deity of Jesus Christ and teach that He is the archangel Michael in spite of what their own Bible teaches. They say that Michael (the person we call Jesus Christ) was the first creation made by Jehovah God. They also deny the personality as well as the deity of the Holy Spirit

According to their own Bible, Jesus did not claim to be the archangel Michael. Jesus claimed to be Jehovah God who could forgive sins.

*“1 However, after some days he again entered into Ca-per’na-um and he was reported to be at home. 2 Consequently many gathered, so much so that there was no more room, not even about the door, and he began to speak the word to them. 3 And men came bringing him a paralytic carried by four. 4 But not being able to bring him right to [Jesus] on account of the crowd, they removed the roof over where he was, and having dug an opening they lowered the cot on which the paralytic was lying. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic: “Child, your sins are forgiven.” 6 Now there were some of the scribes there, sitting and reasoning in their hearts: 7 “Why is this man talking in this manner? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins except one, God?” 8 But Jesus, having discerned immediately by his spirit that*

they were reasoning that way in themselves, said to them: “Why are YOU reasoning these things in YOUR hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and pick up your cot and walk’? 10 But **in order for YOU men to know that the Son of man has authority to forgive sins upon the earth,**”—he said to the paralytic: 11 “I say to you, Get up, pick up your cot, and go to your home.” 12 At that he did get up, and immediately picked up his cot and walked out in front of them all, so that they were all simply carried away, and they glorified God, saying: “We never saw the like of it.” Mark 2:1-12 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

It is true that the Bible does teach that there is only one Jehovah God.

“5 **For there is one God,** and one mediator between God and men, a man, **Christ Jesus,** 6 who gave himself a corresponding ransom for all— [this is] what is to be witnessed to at its own particular times.” 1 Timothy 2:5-6 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

“20 Now there is no mediator where only one person is concerned, but **God is only one.**” Galatians 3:20 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

4 “Listen, O Israel: **Jehovah our God is one Jehovah.** 5 And you must love Jehovah your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your vital force.” Deuteronomy 6:4 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

According to the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures,

however, there are three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and all three persons are each referred to as Jehovah God. Please allow me to remind you that the following verses are reprints from The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, the Bible published and used by the Jehovah Witnesses.

**I-ACCORDING TO THE NEW WORLD  
TRANSLATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, THE  
FATHER IS REFERRED TO AS JEHOVAH GOD**

*“16 No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted YOU with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. 17 For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when words such as these were borne to him by the magnificent glory: “This is my son, my beloved, whom I myself have approved.” 18 Yes, these words we heard borne from heaven while we were with him in the holy mountain. 2 Peter 1:16-18 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

**II-ACCORDING TO THE NEW WORLD  
TRANSLATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, THE  
SON IS REFERRED TO AS JEHOVAH GOD**

Please note that Isaiah 44:6 tells us that Jehovah is The First and The Last and besides Him there is no God.

6 **“This is what Jehovah has said, the King of Israel and the Repurchaser of him, Jehovah of armies, *‘I am the first and I am the last, and besides me there is no God.*”** Isaiah 44:6 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

We find in Revelation 1:8 that Jehovah God is The Alpha and The Omega, The Almighty.

8 **“*I am* the Al’pha and the O-me’ga,” says Jehovah God, “the One who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty.”** Revelation 1:8 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

We see in Revelation 21:5-7 that The Alpha and The Omega, The Beginning and The End is Jehovah God who will give the water of life free to anyone who is thirsting.

“5 And the One seated on the throne said: “Look! I am making all things new.” Also, he says: “Write, because these words are faithful and true.” 6 And he said to me: “They have come to pass! **I am the Al’pha and the O-me’ga, the beginning and the end.** To anyone thirsting **I will give** from the fountain of the water of life free. 7 Anyone conquering will

inherit these things, and **I shall be his God** and he will be my son.”  
*Revelation 21:5-7 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

We find in Revelation 22:12-16 (printed below) that **Jesus is indentified as The Alpha and The Omega, The First and The Last, The Beginning and The End.** If The Alpha and The Omega, The First and The Last, The Beginning and The End is Jehovah God, then the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures teaches us that Jesus Christ is Jehovah God.

“12“Look! I am coming quickly, and the reward I give is with me, to render to each one as his work is. 13 **I am the Al’pha and the O-me’ga, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.** 14 Happy are those who wash their robes, that the authority [to go] to the trees of life may be theirs and that they may gain entrance into the city by its gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and those who practice spiritism and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone liking and carrying on a lie.’ 16 **“I, Jesus,** sent my angel to bear witness to YOU people of these things for the congregations. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star.**” *Revelation 22:12-16 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

Again, the person who says He is coming quickly in Revelation chapter 22 is identified as the Lord Jesus, The Alpha and The Omega.

7 And, look! **I am coming quickly.** Happy is anyone observing the words of the prophecy of this scroll.” Revelation 22:7 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

12 “Look! **I am coming quickly,** and the reward I give is with me, to render to each one as his work is. 13 **I am the Al’pha and the O-me’ga,** the first and the last, the beginning and the end..” Revelation 22:12-13 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

20 “He that bears witness of these things says, ‘Yes; **I am coming quickly.**’” “Amen! **Come, Lord Jesus.**” Revelation 22:20 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

The person who says He is coming quickly in Revelation chapter 22 is identified as the Lord Jesus, The Alpha and The Omega.

Therefore, we see that the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures agrees that Jesus is Jehovah God.

8 ***“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says Jehovah God,*** *“the One who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty.”*

9 I John, YOUR brother and a sharer with YOU in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in company ***with Jesus,*** came to be in the isle that is called Patmos for speaking about God and bearing witness to Jesus. 10 By inspiration I came to be in the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a strong voice like that of a trumpet, 11 saying: “What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven congregations, in Ephesus and in Smyrna and in Pergamum and in Thyatira and in Sardis and in Philadelphia and in Laodicea.”

12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me, and, having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands someone like a son of man, clothed with a garment that reached down to the feet, and girded at the breasts with a golden girdle. 14 Moreover, his head and his hair were white as white wool, as snow, and his eyes as a fiery flame; 15 and his feet were like fine copper when glowing in a furnace; and his voice was as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth a sharp, long two-edged sword was protruding, and his countenance was as the sun when it shines in its power. 17 And when I saw him, I fell as dead at his feet. And ***he*** laid his right hand upon me and said: “Do not be fearful. ***I am the First and the Last,*** 18 and the living one; and ***I became dead,*** but, look! ***I am living forever and ever,*** and I have the keys of death and of Hades. Revelation 1:8-18 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

<p>The Alpha and The Omega, The First and The Last is Jehovah God. But The Alpha and The Omega, The First and The Last said</p>
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in Revelation 1:18 that He became dead but now He is living forever and ever.

**WHEN DID JEHOVAH DIE?**

**WHEN DID HE BECOME ALIVE AGAIN?**

According to the testimony of the apostle Thomas, Jesus Christ was his Lord and Jesus Christ was God.

*“26 Well, eight days later his disciples were again indoors, and Thomas with them. **Jesus** came, although the doors were locked, and he stood in their midst and said: “May YOU have peace.” 27 Next he said to Thomas: “Put your finger here, and see my hands, and take your hand and stick it into my side, and stop being unbelieving but become believing.” 28 In answer Thomas said to him: “**My Lord** and **my God!**” 29 **Jesus** said to him: “Because you have seen me have you believed? Happy are those who do not see and yet believe.” John 20:26-29 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Holy Scriptures (published by The Watchtower Bible And Tract Society) tells us that the word translated “God” in the

scripture printed above is the Greek word that is pronounced in English "Theos." It is the same Greek word that is also translated "God" in other passages as well. Therefore, according to their own Bible, Thomas proclaimed that Jesus Christ was Jehovah God.

**III- ACCORDING TO THE NEW WORLD  
TRANSLATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, THE  
HOLY SPIRIT IS REFERRED TO AS JEHOVAH GOD**

*"3 But Peter said: "An-a-ni'as, why has Satan emboldened you to play false to the holy spirit and to hold back secretly some of the price of the field? 4 As long as it remained with you did it not remain yours, and after it was sold did it not continue in your control? Why was it that you purposed such a deed as this in your heart? You have played false, not to men, but to God." Acts 5:3-4 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

Peter explained to Ananias that when he played false to the Holy Spirit, he played false to Jehovah God.

*“2 As they were publicly ministering to Jehovah and fasting, the holy spirit said: “Of all persons set Bar’na-bas and Saul apart for me for the work to which I have called them.” Acts 13:2 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

We see that the Holy Spirit speaks **(please note that the holy spirit said)**. That certainly does not describe a disembodied, impersonal force. Only a person is capable of speech. Second, the Holy Spirit uses the personal pronoun **“I”** as He takes credit for calling Barnabas and Saul and sending them forth on their missionary journey.

*“29 Let a rotten saying not proceed out of YOUR mouth, but whatever saying is good for building up as the need may be, that it may impart what is favorable to the hearers. 30 Also, do not be grieving God’s holy spirit, with which YOU have been sealed for a day of releasing by ransom.” Ephesians 4:29-30 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

We see that the Holy Spirit seals the saved for a day of releasing by ransom. That certainly does not describe a

disembodied, impersonal force. Only a personal Holy Spirit of God is capable of sealing the saved until the day of releasing by ransom.

**THE THREE PERSONS OF THE TRINITY  
ARE TAUGHT IN THE NEW WORLD  
TRANSLATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.**

We have the Trinity at the birth of  
Jesus Christ.

*“30 So the angel said to her: “Have no fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God; 31 and, look! you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus. 32 This one will be great and will be called **Son of the Most High**; and **Jehovah God** will give him the throne of David his father, 33 and he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom.” 34 But Mary said to the angel: “How is this to be, since I am having no intercourse with a man?” 35 In answer the angel said to her: “**Holy spirit** will come upon you, and power of **the Most High** will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy, **God’s Son**.” Luke 1:30-35 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

We have the Trinity at the baptism of  
Jesus Christ.

*“16 After being baptized **Jesus** immediately came up from the water; and, look! the heavens were opened up, and he saw descending like a dove **God’s spirit** coming upon him. 17 Look! Also, there **was a voice from the heavens that said: “This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved.”** Matthew 3:16-17 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

We have the Trinity included in the  
Great Commission.

*“19 Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of **the Father** and of **the Son** and of **the holy spirit**, 20 teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded YOU. And, look! I am with YOU all the days until the conclusion of the system of things.” Matthew 28:19-20 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

We have the Trinity included in the  
benediction of Paul’s second letter to the  
church at Corinth.

*“14 The undeserved kindness of **the Lord Jesus Christ** and the love **of God** and the sharing in **the holy spirit** be with all of YOU. “ 2 Corinthians 13:14 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

We have the Trinity taught at the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 tells us that the Father, Jehovah God, raised Jesus from the grave**

. “8 The fact is, not only has the word of Jehovah sounded forth from YOU in Mac·e·do´ni·a and A·cha´ia, but in every place YOUR faith toward God has spread abroad, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves keep reporting about the way we first entered in among YOU and how YOU turned to God from [YOUR] idols to slave for a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from the heavens, whom he raised up from the dead, namely, Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath which is coming.” 1 Thessalonians 1: 8-10 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

**But in John 2:19-22, Jesus said He, Himself, would raise his body from the grave.**

“19 In answer Jesus said to them: “Break down this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 Therefore the Jews said: “This temple was built in forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But **he was talking about the temple of his body.** 22 When, though, he was raised up from the dead, his disciples called to mind that he used to say this; and they believed the Scripture and the saying that Jesus said.” New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures

**And in Romans 8:11, the Bible says the Holy Spirit will raise our mortal bodies**

**from the dead just as the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the grave.**

*“11 If, now, **the spirit** of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in YOU, **he** that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also make YOUR mortal bodies alive ***through his spirit*** that resides in YOU.” Romans 8:11 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

**Again, in Acts 17:30-31, we find that Jehovah God raised Jesus from the dead.**

*“30 True, **God** has overlooked the times of such ignorance, yet now **he** is telling mankind that they should all everywhere repent. 31 Because **he** has set a day in which **he** purposes to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness by a man whom **he** has appointed, and **he** has furnished a guarantee to all men in **that he has resurrected him from the dead.**” Acts 17:30-31 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

So, the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures tells us **Jehovah God raised Jesus from the grave** (Thessalonians 1:8-10 and Acts 17:30-31), **Jesus raised Himself from the grave** (John 2:19-22) and **the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the grave** (Romans 8:11).

**How could all three be true?**

Because the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures teaches that (1) **the Father is Jehovah God**, (2) **Jesus Christ is Jehovah God** and (3) **the Holy Spirit is Jehovah God**. The reason the members of the Kingdom Hall have not seen this before is that they have not read all of their own Bible. Just like many people in other faiths, they rely on people whom they highly respect to tell them what their Bible says rather than studying the scriptures **extensively** to see what God has said about the subject they would like to know about. I believe that one of the greatest compliments that God has given man was what God had recorded in Acts 17:10-11.

*“10 Immediately by night the brothers sent both Paul and Silas out to Be-roe´a, and these, upon arriving, went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now the latter were more noble-minded than those in Thes-sa-lo-ni´ca, for they received the word with the greatest eagerness of mind, **carefully examining the Scriptures daily as to whether these things were so.**” Acts 17:10-11 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

*“15 Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright. 16 But shun empty speeches that violate what is holy; for they will advance to more and more ungodliness,” 2 Timothy 2:15-16 New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*

Do not get hung up on the name “Jehovah”. God has made Himself known to many people in the Bible under many names. We have listed seven of the names that were used to refer to the Living God below.

1-**Elohim**-The Three Mighty Ones. The name “Elohim” can be found in the Hebrew text 2,701 times.

2-**Yehovah** or **Jehovah**-The Self Existent, Eternal One. The name “Yehovah” or Jehovah can be found in the Hebrew text 6,437 times.

3-**El**-The Strong and Mighty One. The name “El” can be found in the Hebrew text 220 times.

4-**Eloah**-The Divine One. The name “Eloah” can be found in the Hebrew text 56 times.

5-**Elah**-God. The name “Elah” can be found in the Hebrew text 76 times.

6-**Tsur**-Our Rock or Refuge. The name “Tsur” can be found in the Hebrew text in Isaiah 44:8.

7-**Theos**- The Living, Supreme God. The name “Theos” was used in the books of the Greek New Testament to refer to The Living, Supreme God 1,284 times.

## **GOD’S DIVINE BLUEPRINT**

The Bible is the only book that tells us, accurately, who we are, what we are doing here and where we are going.

The book we call the Bible is a library of some 66 books, written over a period of about 1,500 years by about 40 different writers. God communicated with the writers of the original manuscripts and revealed to them tenets He wanted written. He allowed them to use their own words and their own way of expressing themselves but He "looked over their shoulder" to make sure they did not record doctrinal error.

*"For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from*

*God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." ... (2nd Peter 1:21 NIV)*

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV)*

The original manuscripts did not just contain the words of God. They **were** the words of God. Most of the original documents that constitute the Old Testament were written in the Hebrew language. The documents that compose the New Testament were written in the Greek language. **These** were the inspired words of God.

Often we base our understanding of God's word upon a key scripture that was clouded or corrupted when it was translated into our native language. The autographed manuscripts by the original writers were the perfect words of God. God inspired the men who penned them. God did not inspire the translators. The translators may have worked under aspiration but they did not do their work under inspiration.

Those original autographed manuscripts were a divine blueprint. They explained how God will one day live and fellowship with perfect people who will inherit a perfect earth. These residents will have chosen to return love to God of their own free will. They will obey His call to (1) come to Him in prayer, (2) repent of their sins and while looking in faith to Calvary, (3) ask that the payment Jesus Christ gave on the cross pay for the sin debt they owe.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of (in the authority of) God's one and only Son." (John 3:16-18 NIV)*

*"But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13 NIV)*

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a*

*bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" (Revelation 21:1-4 NIV)*