

Has God Spoken?

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“DID GOD REALLY SAY?”

**Can We *REALLY*
Trust the Bible?**

**How Did We Get
the Hebrew Bible
(Old Testament)?**



Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’”

Gen. 3:2, “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen. 3:3, “ ‘but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.” ’ ”

Gen. 3:4, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘**You will not surely die.**’

Gen. 3:5, “ ‘For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

Gen. 3:6, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

Who is this GOD?

ESSENCE OF GOD

HOLY

Sovereign/Creator

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

What Does the Bible Claim for Itself?



The Bible claims to be a unique inspired revelation from God.

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is **God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God [any believer] may be well prepared, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” ~RD**

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How Did We Get the Hebrew Scriptures?



**The Denial of Mosaic Authorship:
The Documentary Hypothesis
The JEDP Theory**

What does JEDP stand for?

“J” derives from the Yahwist (“J” from the German Jahweh) narrative, coming from the period of the early Jewish monarchy, about 950 B.C.

“E” derives from the Elohist narrative from the region of the Northern Kingdom dating from about 750 B.C.

“D” is best represented by the Book of Deuteronomy and is said to have originated in the Southern Kingdom about 650 B.C. or later. And finally,

“P” is the priestly document that comes from the period after the fall of Israel in 587 B.C.

The Bible asserts in numerous places that Moses wrote the Pentateuch:

**Jesus affirmed that Moses wrote the Torah
(Matt. 8:4; 19:8; Mark 1:44; 7:10; 10:3; 12:26; Luke
5:14; 20:37; 24:44; John 3:14; 5:45–46; 6:32; 7:19)**

**Luke 5:14, “And He charged him to tell no one,
‘But go and show yourself to the priest, and make
an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to
them, just as Moses commanded.’ ”**

John 5:45, “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.”

John 5:46, “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.”

John 6:32, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.’ ”

Acts affirms Mosaic authorship (Acts 3:22; 7:20, 32, 35, 37, 40, 44; 13:39)

Paul (Romans 10:5, 19; 1 Cor. 9:9)

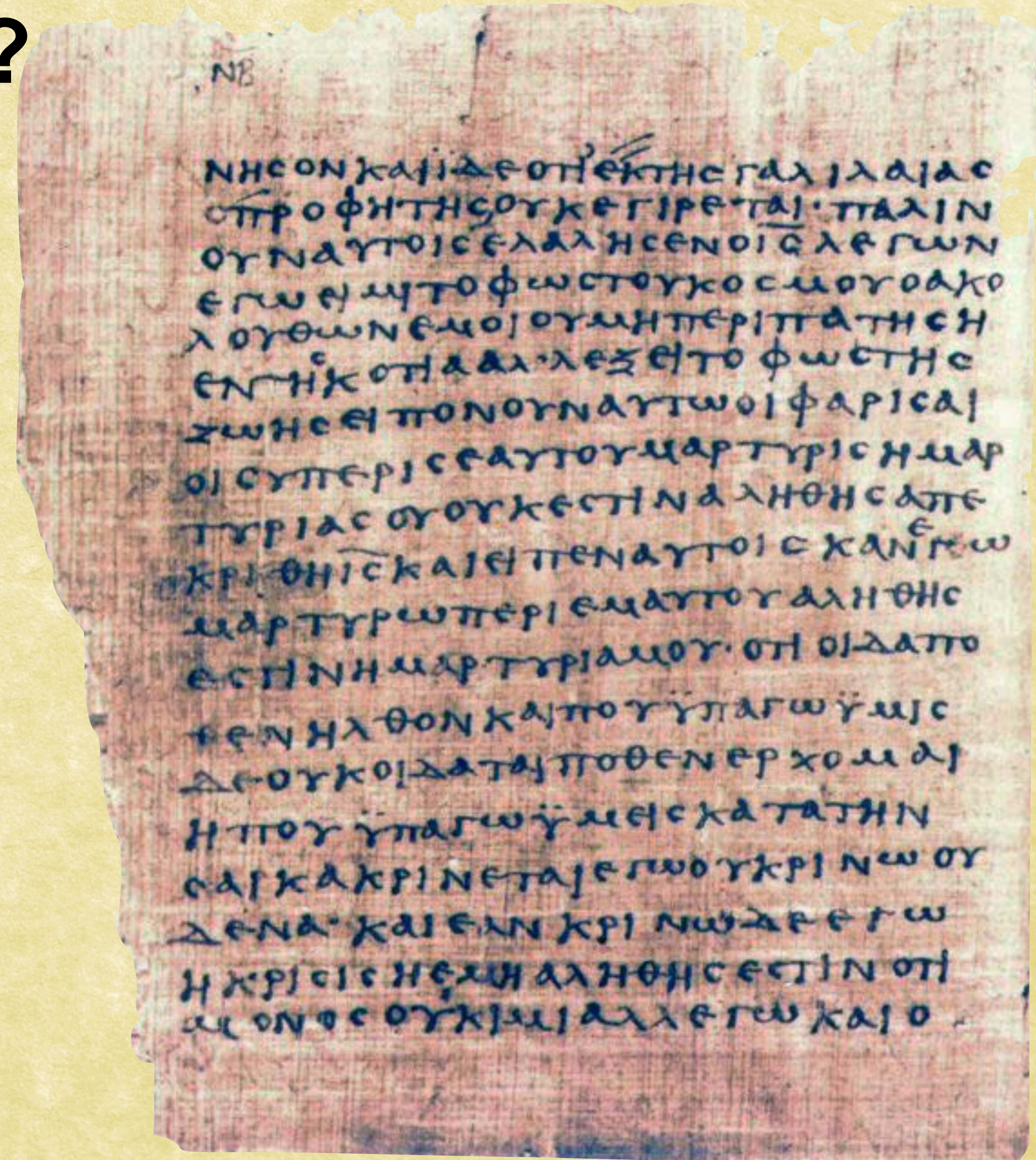
How Did the Bible Get Written?



What Materials Did They Use?

Papyrus (Cyperus papyrus)

Papyrus is named for the plant material used to create scrolls. Papyrus was a common writing material as early as the first Egyptian dynasty, early second millennium BC.



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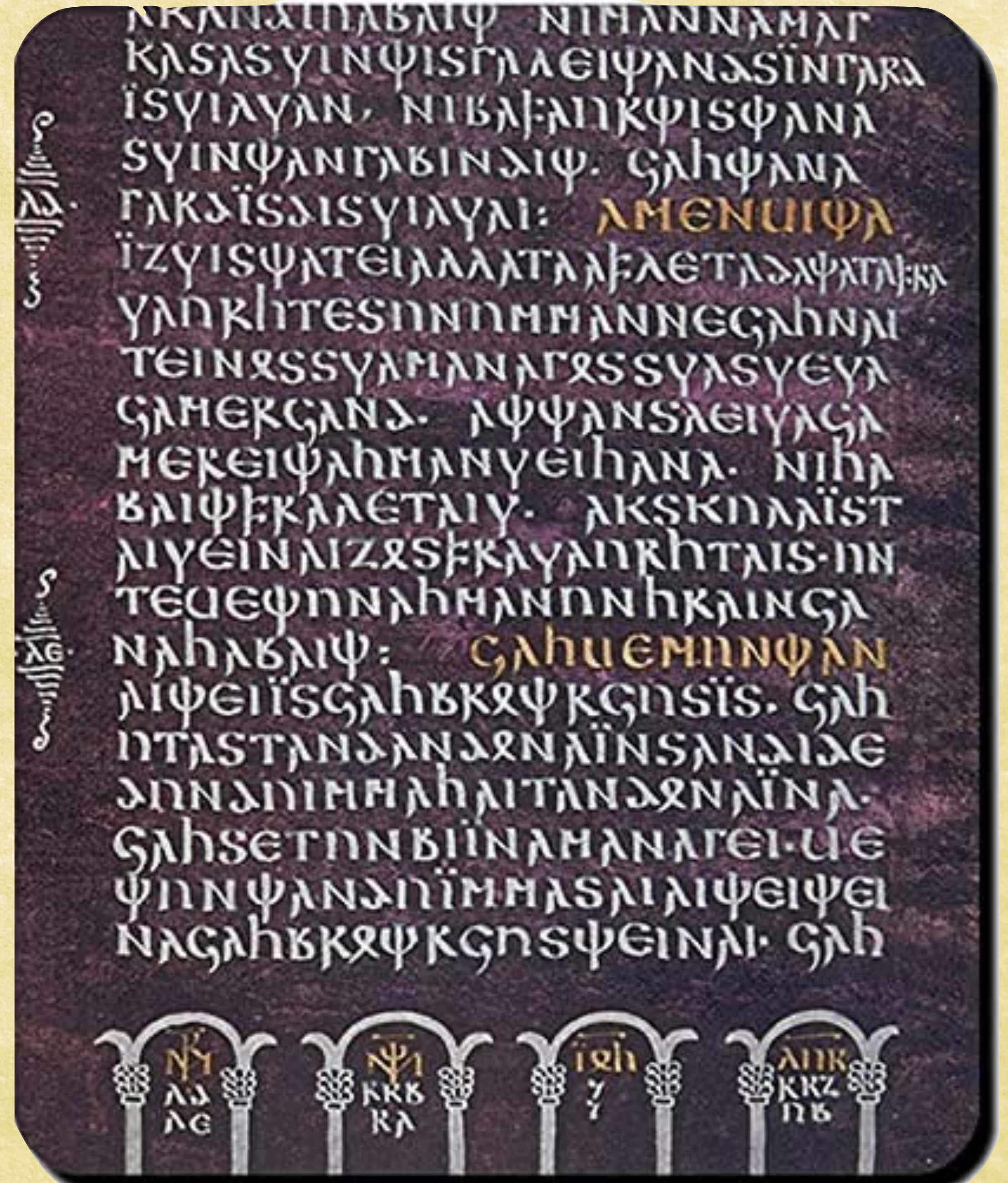
Parchment

Writing material made from the skins of sheep, goats, or calves. These were extremely durable. Parchment scrolls have survived from ca 1500 BC.



Vellum

A high-quality parchment made from the skins of lambs, kids, or calves. Often they were dyed purple and the writing was done in silver or gold.



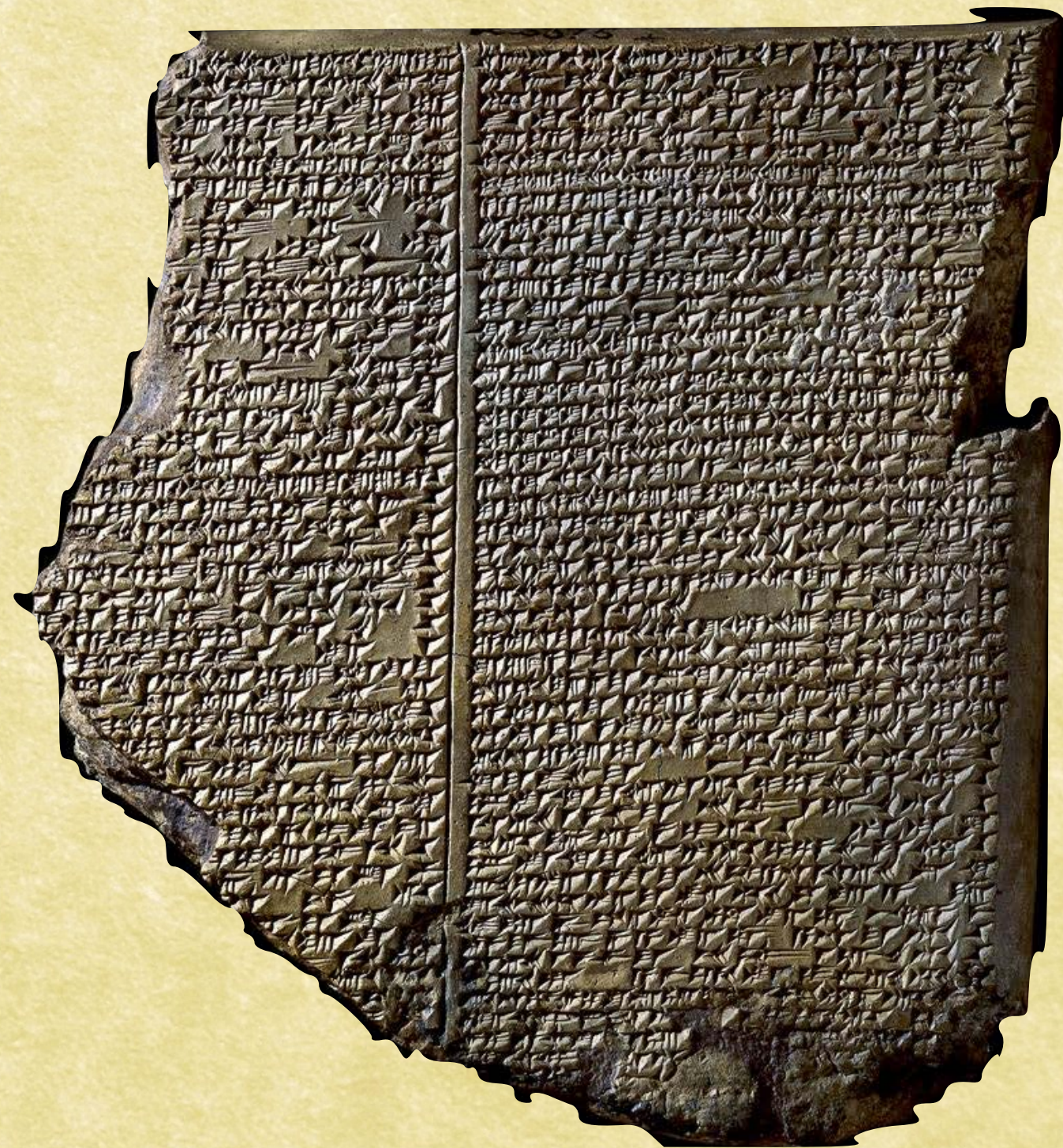
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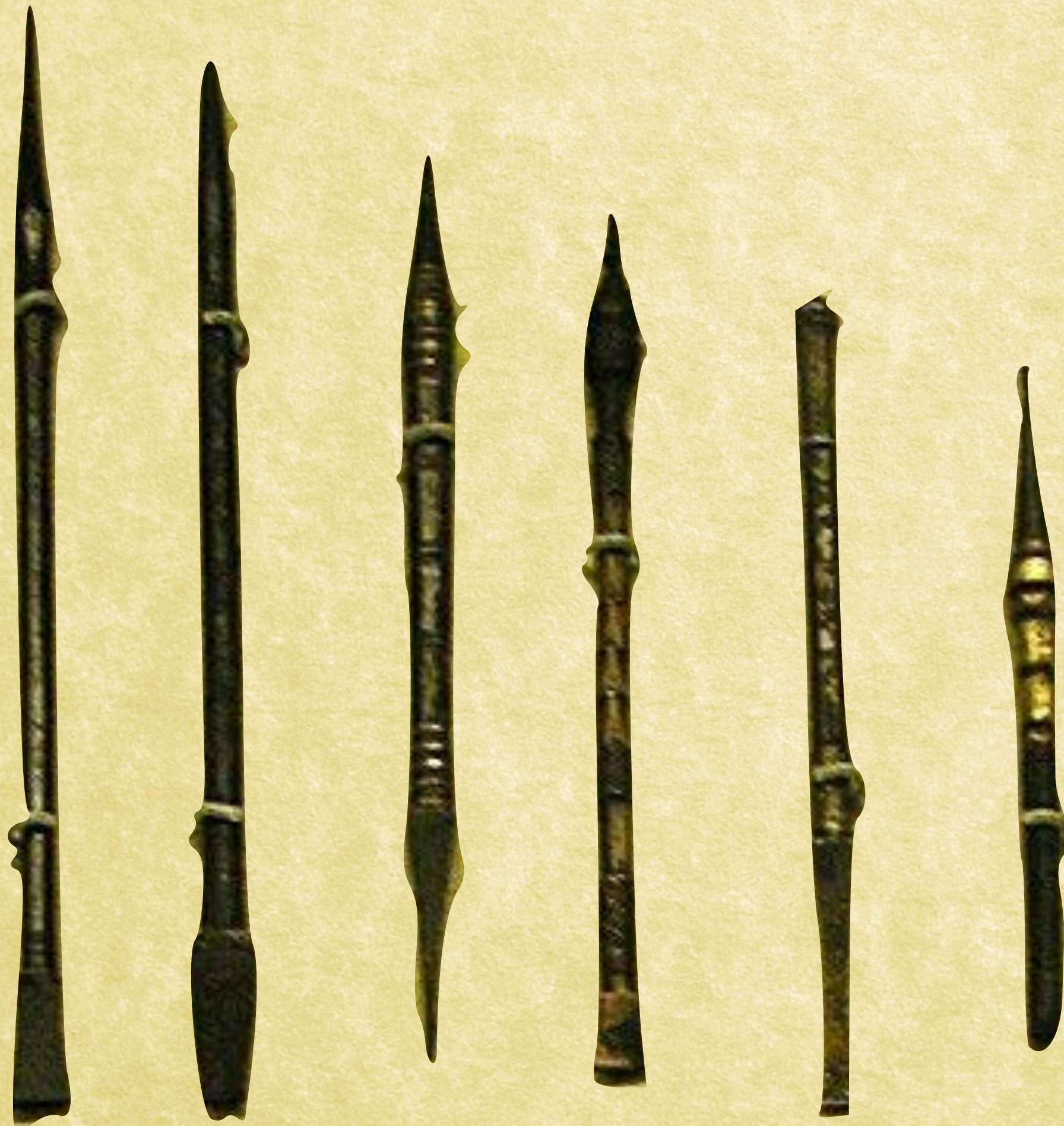
Stones

Clay tablets

Wax tablets

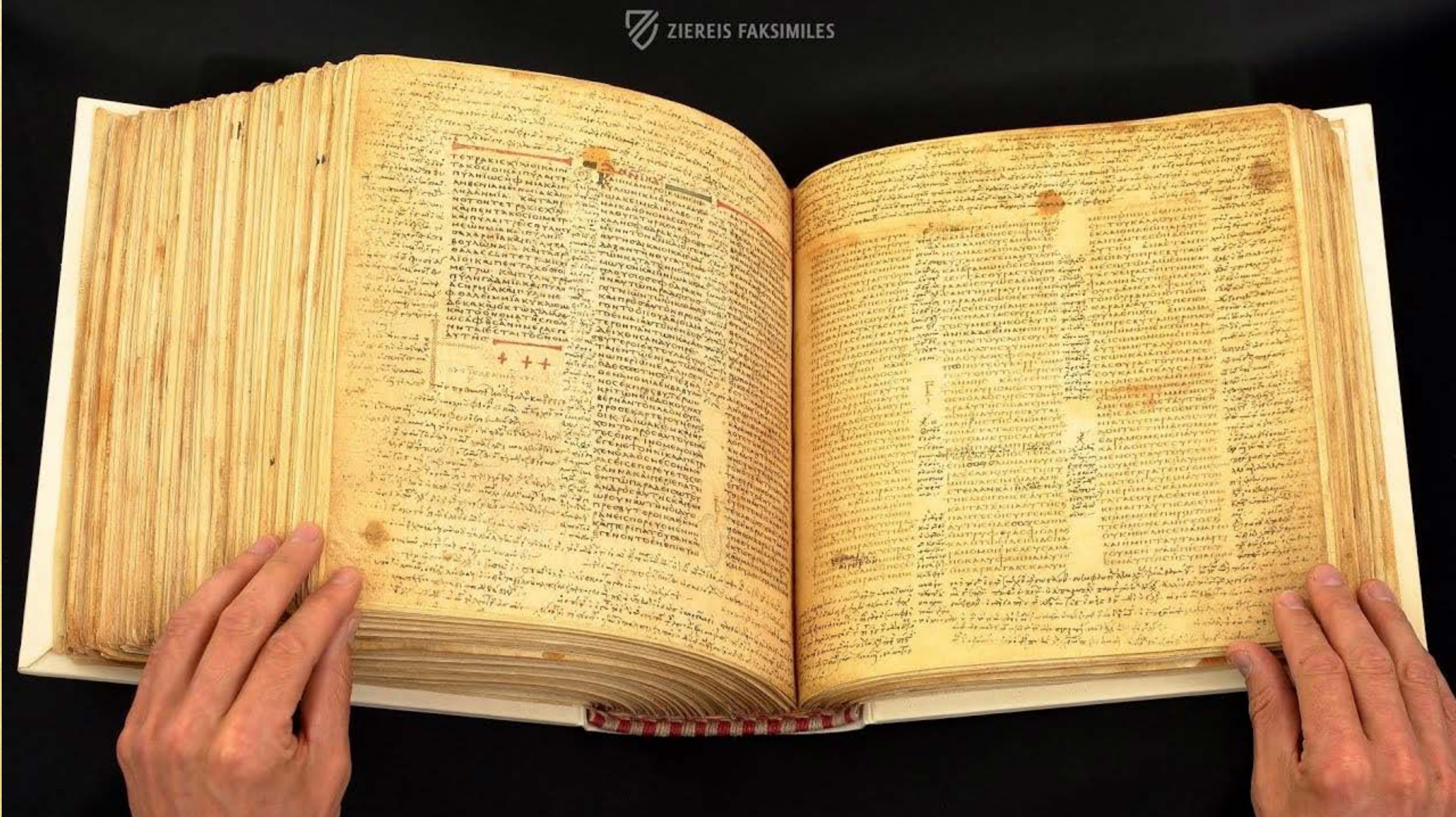


Writing Instruments



Codex Vaticanus

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Is the Hebrew Bible Accurate?



ENGLISH OLD TESTAMENT

LAW	HISTORICAL	POETRY	MAJOR PROPHETS	MINOR PROPHETS
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah	Hosea
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah	Joel
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Ezekiel	Amos
Numbers	1, 2 Sam.	Ecc.	Daniel	Obadiah
Deuter.	1, 2 Kings	S of Songs		Jonah
	1, 2 Chron.	Lament.		Micah
	Ezra			Nahum
	Nehemiah			Habakkuk
	Esther			Zephaniah
				Haggai
				Zechariah
				Malachi

HEBREW CANON

TORAH

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

NEVI'IM

Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve

KETUVIM

Psalms
Proverbs
Job
Song of Songs
Ecclesiastes
Daniel
Ezra/Nehemiah
Esther
Chronicles

Some Parts of the Hebrew Bible Were Written by God

Deut. 5:1, “And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them: ‘Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.’ ”

**They were to teach them how to keep the covenant
God made with them.**

**Ex. 24:8, “And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it
on the people, and said, ‘This is the blood of the
covenant which the LORD has made with you
according to all these words.’ ”**

The ten words or ten commandments were the prelude or introductory summary of the whole law.

Deut. 5:22, “ ‘These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.’ ”

This writing was described:

Ex. 34:27, “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.’”

Ex. 34:28, “So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.”

Ex. 32:15, “And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other they were written.”

The writing was the writing of God:

Ex. 32:16, “Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets.”

Deut. 4:13, “So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.”

The writing was the writing of God:

Ex. 31:18, “And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.”

Deut. 9:10, “Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.”

These original autographs by the finger of God were place inside the Ark:

Deut. 31:9, “So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.”

Deut. 31:26, “Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you;”

1 Kings 8:9, “Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.”

2 Chron. 5:10, “Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.”

1 Chron. 29:29, “Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,”

2 Chron. 6:11, “And there I have put the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with the children of Israel.”

How the Rest of the Old Testament Came Together

Samuel wrote the ordinances of the Lord and placed them before the Lord.

1 Sam. 10:25, “Then Samuel explained to the people the behavior of royalty, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the LORD.”

1 Chron. 29:29, “Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,”

Proverbs. In Proverbs we are told in 25:1 that some were written by the men of Hezekiah, Agur (Proverbs 30), and King Lemuel (Proverbs 31).

Others, similar to the men of Hezekiah, were men who compiled and organized the psalms after the exile. Psalms were written by David, Solomon, and many of those who sang in the choirs of Asaph and Korah.

**Jeremiah was mostly written by Baruch,
Jeremiah's amanuensis, or secretary.**

The prophets were written and were available even to Daniel in Babylon, Dan. 9:2. Daniel was reading in Jeremiah 25:11–12, which became the basis for his prayer in Dan. 9:3–19, claiming the promise of God for Israel's return to the land after 70 years.

Following that return there were the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. The prophet who recorded probably worked with the Scribes who were organizing the Canon at that time.

APOCRYPHA

“Hidden, obscure, spurious”

Tobit

Judith

Additions to Esther (6)

Wisdom of Solomon

Ecclesiasticus [Ben Sira(ch)]

Baruch

Letter of Jeremiah

Prayer of Azariah; the Song of the Three Young Men

Susanna

Bel and the Dragon

1, 2 Macabbees

Problems with the Apocrypha

- 1. Written predominantly in Greek.**
- 2. Written late, after the Old Testament Canon closed.**
- 3. Historical, geographical, chronological errors.**
- 4. Doctrinal aberrations.**

**Palestinian:
Josephus: 22 Books
IV Esdras**

- City
- Perimeter boundary of Roman Empire
- Roman territory by the time of Julius Caesar (d. 44 BC)
- Roman territory by the time of Augustus Caesar (d. AD 14)
- Roman territory by the time of Trajan (d. AD 117)
- Territory temporarily controlled by Rome
- East-West division of the Roman Empire (AD 395)

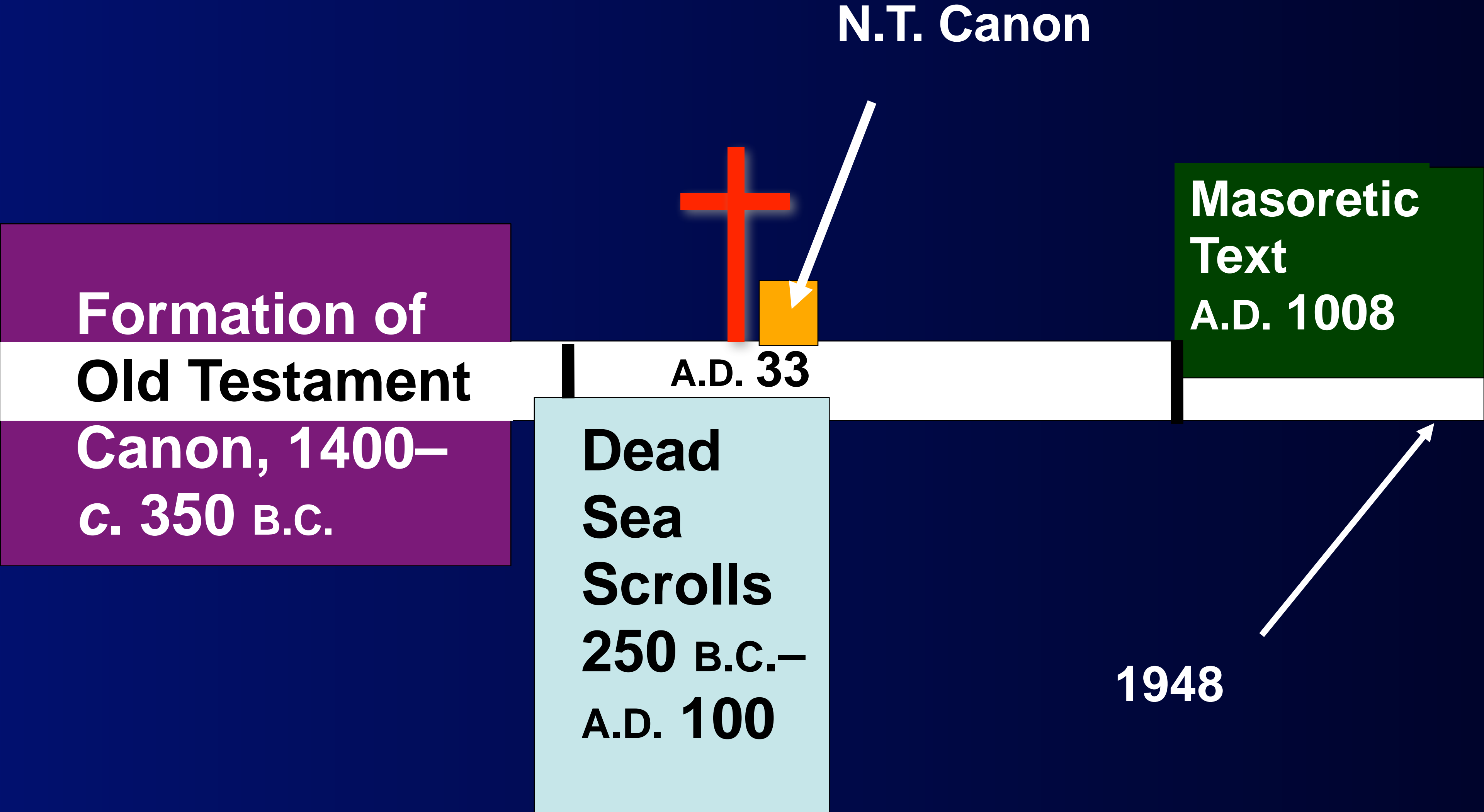
**Babylonian Talmud:
Baba Bathra: Same
as current**

**Alexandria:
Philo**



Luke 24:44, “And he said unto them, ‘These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the *law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.*’ ”

Matt. 23:35, “that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.”



**Formation of
Old Testament
Canon, 1400–
c. 350 B.C.**

A.D. 33

**Dead
Sea
Scrolls
250 B.C.–
A.D. 100**

N.T. Canon

**Masoretic
Text
A.D. 1008**

1948

Did Moses Really Write the Torah?



The excessive skepticism of many liberal theologians stems not from a careful evaluation of the available data, but from an enormous predisposition against the supernatural.

Millar Burrows