

THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

Part One: A theology of Scripture

*The authorship, character, and
authority of the Bible*

Adult Sunday School

9:30 am

Teacher: Mark Lincoln

Divine Origin of Scripture

Self-Claims

- The authors, both of the Old and New Testaments, claim clearly and consistently that their words are the words of God
- Jesus claimed that both His own words and those of the OT Scriptures were the words of God

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Substantiation

Is there sufficient reason and evidence to doubt or disprove this claim?

1. Issue of Credibility

2. Characteristics of Divine Authorship

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1. Issue of Credibility

A. Authors' Credibility

B. Jesus' Credibility

C. Credibility of their Writings

➤ *there is no sufficient evidence to undermine the claims of these men*

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Substantiation

2. Characteristics of Divine Authorship

A. Unity of the Record

- **Although subjective, it is yet remarkable in comparison with other literature**
- **40 authors from a variety of backgrounds written over 1500 years**
- **Subject matter – nature of God, origin and nature of man, purpose of life, morality, ethics, afterlife**
- **One central story; unfolding of a plan**

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2. Characteristics of Divine Authorship

B. Fulfilled Prophecy

- Prewritten history – unique characteristic of God (**Isaiah 46:8-10; Duet. 18:21-22**)
- Not vague, generic promises; specific, concrete predictions (often unexpected)
 - **Isaiah 44:28-45:6** – calls Cyrus by name; fulfilled 150 years later
 - **Life of Jesus** – place of His birth and the manner of His death