The Claims of Scripture

Did Bible writers claim they were writing a message revealed from God Himself to man? Did they claim to write an infallible standard of religious authority for people to obey? Do they claim that people of future generations should study their writings to learn God’s commandments?

I. The Claims of the Old Testament Concerning Itself

A. The Writers Claimed to Write Commands Given Them by God.

Exodus 24:3,4 – Moses wrote in a book “all the words of __________________” [Cf. vv 1-8.]

Deuteronomy 30:9,10 – God would bless the people “if you obey the voice of __________, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law.”

Jeremiah 30:1-2 – Write in a book all the __________ that I have spoken to you.

Expressions such as “Thus saith the Lord,” or “The word of the Lord came to me,” are found literally thousands of times in the Old Testament.

B. These Writings Should Serve as Authority for Future Generations.

Deuteronomy 31:24-29,9-13 – Moses’ words were a ___________ for the people.

Deuteronomy 17:15,18-20 – Future ___________ of Israel were to have a copy of the law.

The messages were written expressly so they would be preserved for people in the future.

C. Later Generations Did Use the Old Testament Writings as Authority.

Joshua 1:7,8 – Joshua was told to observe all the ____________ written therein. (23:6).

2 Chronicles 34:1,14ff – __________ used a copy of the law to restore the worship of God.

Nehemiah 8:1-9:3 – The returned captives restored God’s service by the written laws.

To reject these claims is to say they are not good books at all, but are false and misleading.

If they are wrong about this, how could we know they are right about anything?

II. The Claims of the New Testament Concerning the Old Testament

By understanding how Jesus and faithful first-century men viewed and treated Old Testament Scripture, we can understand how we today should view and treat the completed Scriptures as we have them today.

A. The Attitude of Jesus toward the Old Testament Scriptures

Matthew 15:1-6 – Jesus quoted Old Testament Scripture as the ____________ of God

Matthew 22:23-33 – The Sadducees were in error because they did not _________ Scriptures

John 10:35 – “The Scripture cannot be ____________.”

Matthew 4:4,7,10 – When Jesus was ____________, He quoted Scripture

Luke 10:25-28 – When asked about God’s commands, Jesus said to go to the __________

B. The Attitude of Apostles and Other Prophets toward the Old Testament

2 Peter 1:20,21 – The Scriptures came by the will of ____________, not the will of man.

1 Corinthians 10:1-11 – Old Testament examples are written for our ____________

Acts 17:2,3 – Paul reasoned from the Scriptures to prove Jesus was the ____________.

Acts 2:24-36 – Peter said prophecies from David were fulfilled by ____________

Acts 15:13-21 – Old Testament predicted _______________ could be saved under to the gospel Jesus and His apostles recognized that Old Testament Scriptures were a message revealed from God as a pattern for future generations. We should have the same attitude toward the completed Scriptures that they had toward the Old Testament Scriptures.


### III. The Claims of the New Testament Concerning Itself

#### A. New Testament Writers Claimed Their Writings Are an Inspired Revelation of God’s Will Just as the Old Testament Was.

1 Corinthians 14:37 – Paul claimed his writings are the commandments of the________
Ephesians 3:3-5 – Paul received his message from the _____________________________
1 Thessalonians 4:8 – The message was originated by ________________, not by men
2 Timothy 3:16,17 – __________ Scripture is inspired by God. It is profitable for teaching, reproof, instruction in righteousness and to provide us to all good works.
1 Timothy 5:18 – “Scripture” includes the Old Testament and a verse from ____________.
2 Peter 3:15-16 – Peter referred to Paul’s epistles as__________________________

#### B. New Testament Writings Are a Pattern People Must Follow to Be Saved.

1 Corinthians 14:37 – They are the_______________ of the Lord.
2 Timothy 3:16,17 – They teach and instruct us and provide us to all ________________
John 20:30,31 – They provide evidence so we can have______________ through Jesus
1 John 1:1-4 – They were written so we might have _____________ with Jesus and the Father


2 Peter 3:15,16 – Peter and his readers were familiar with Paul’s_________________
Colossians 4:16 – Paul’s letter to Colosse should be read also to the church in ___________
Revelation 1:4,11 – The Revelation was addressed to ____________ different churches.
2 Peter 1:1 – Many epistles were written to Christians in general [Jude 1; Gal. 1:2; James 1:1]
2 Peter 1:12-15 – Peter wrote so people could remember the teaching after his ____________

Bible writers knew they wrote by direct guidance of God, an authoritative standard of divine authority. God intended these writings to serve as authority for all people, even in the future.

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