

Survey of the New Testament
“Formulation of the Bible and Canonicity”

I. Introduction.

A. Why these 27 books?

1. Listing the 27.

B. Historical development of the Old Testament.

1. Antiochus Epiphanes and the Jewish refusal to not reduce the Scriptures to any other writing.

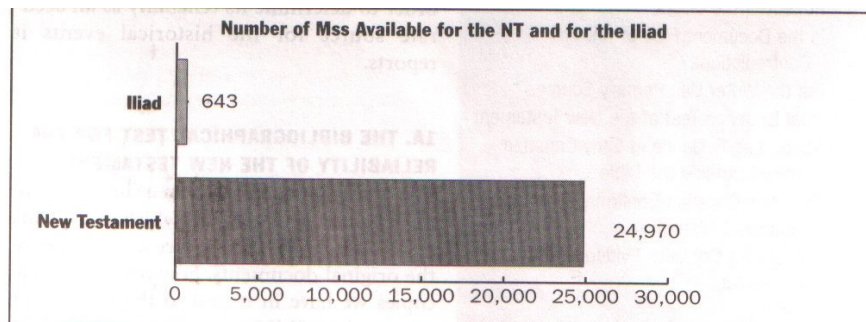
II. Inspiration.

A. Transmissions from Jesus.

1. Selection of 12 men.
2. They would be reminded and inspired to chronicle the life of Christ.
 - a. John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:12-14.
3. Writings would involve **CONCURSUS** between the Holy Spirit and the human writer.
4. How did the writing occur?
 - a. P _____
 - b. V _____
 - c. Louis Berkof

B. What about the historical written record?

1. The Old Testament was set by the time of Christ.
2. The New Testament recognition evolved over the first and second century.
3. Reliable copies.



C. More sources.

1. Ignatius, Polycarp.
2. Manuscripts vs. copies.
 - a. No originals have survived.
- 3.

Author	Book	Date Written	Earliest Copies	Time Gap (in years)	No. of Copies
Homer	<i>Iliad</i>	800 B.C.	c.400 B.C.	c. 400	643
Herodotus	<i>History</i>	480-425 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,350	8
Thucydides	<i>History</i>	460-400 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,300	8
Plato		400 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c.1300	7
Demosthenes		300 B.C.	c. A.D. 1100	c. 1,400	200
Caesar	<i>Gallic Wars</i>	100-44 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,000	10
Livy	<i>History of Rome</i>	59 B.C. – A.D. 17	4 th cent. (partial), mostly 10 th cent.	c. 400 c. 1,000	1 partial 19 copies
Tacitus	<i>Annals</i>	A.D. 100	c. A.D. 1100	c. 1,000	20
Pliny Secundus	<i>Natural History</i>	A.D. 61-113	c. A.D. 850	c. 750	7
New Testament		A.D. 50-100	c. 114 (fragment) c. 200 (books) c. 250 (most of NT) c. 325 (comp. NT)	+50 100 150 225	5366

4. What books were questioned the most about canonicity?
 - a. Hebrews, Revelation, James, II Peter, II & III John, Jude.
 - b. Athanasius' Easter letter.

D. Definition for Inerrancy.

1. "Freedom from _____"
2. Chicago Statement on Inerrancy.

III. What about text discrepancies?

A. Examples.

1. Luke 10:1; 12:47; John 7:53-8:11; Mark 16:9-20
2. Some discrepancies, but none affect the gospel or any Christian d_____.
3. Need for textual criticism.