

THE Bible - Its Formation — seen in its:

- 1) PERFECTION — * Infallible — "incapable of failing" — ^{No promise} ^{can fail!}
- * Inerrant — NO error regardless of subject matter
- * Complete — Rev. 22:18,19
 * when something is "perfect", you don't add to or subtr. from it!
 ~ history
 ~ geography
 ~ science
 ~ astronomy
 ~ etc.

- 2) PURPOSE — * Revelation ~ to the WRITER and the READER —
- * Reinforcement — of what is PREACHED/TAUGHT/STOOD
- * Redemption — The "SCARLET THREAD" all the way from Gen — Rev. pointing all to the redemption in Christ!

3) PROFIT — "beneficial, useful, full of profit"
 vs. 16 — "profitable"
 — procuring/producing a right outcome

- "DRCI" / H.A. Inside
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- * Doctrine — What is right
 - * Reproof — What is wrong
 - * Correction — How to make right what is wrong
 - * Instructions — How to keep right that which is right

- * Equipping Ministry — "whom God calls, He Equips"
- * Enabling Ministry — Grow/Know/Go
- * Enlightening Ministry — Coach
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 Correct

* Robert L. Samuel's book, "The Wonders of the Word of God"

— man who learned to read the Bible w/ his tongue!

TRUTH MATTERS

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"GET THE NEW LOOK FROM THE OLD BOOK"

ABOUT —
 THE WORD OF GOD

"THE BIBLE - ITS FORMATION"

Text - 2 Tim. 3:14-17

Intro. — One of the words that is often used to describe the Bible is "unique." The dictionary defines "unique" as: 1) only one; being the only one of its kind... 2) better than others; superior to all others... 3) unusual; different from others in a way that makes something worthy of notice!

— It, the Bible, is the only book of its kind in existence —

— It is indeed unique but not by accident, it was purposeful —

→ notice its FORMATION, How the Bible came to be — *Torrey's Illustr.*

Its formation was GREAT — Requiring a Master Builder

GRADUAL — Requiring a Great Period of Time

of GRACE — Requiring God's Un-deserved favor
 * we did not deserve it or its message but we sure did need it —

- The Bible was written: over a period of 1500 yrs. 1000 prophets
- ✓ by over 40 different authors from peasant
 - ✓ on 3 continents — Asia, Africa, Europe tax collector
 - ✓ in 3 diff. languages: Heb., Gr., Aramaic priests, statesmen, musicians, scholars, scribes
 - ✓ in many diff. lit. styles: prose/poetry/historical narrative, romance/law/biography/parables/prophesy, allegory
 - ✓ addresses 100's of issues w/o a single contr.
 - ✓ reveals its main character — The Lord Jesus Christ

* This UNIQUENESS was achieved thru a Formative Process involving — called INSPIRATION — vs. 16 — "God-breathed"