

SPIRIT WHO INSPIRED

The Holy Spirit breathed out God's words through human authors over centuries; the result is our Bibles.

SCRIPTURE*	MUSIC†
Psalm 19 Psalm 19:7-14 Romans 15:1-7 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Hebrews 1:1-5 1 Peter 1:10-12 2 Peter 1:16-21 Revelation 22:18-21	Break Thou the Bread of Life Brethren, We Have Met to Worship How Firm a Foundation How Firm a Foundation (Forrest) SATB O Great God O Word of God Incarnate Open Our Eyes, Lord Show Us Christ Speak, O Lord Standing on the Promises The Bible Stands (Arr. Lopez) SATB



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* Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

† Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

PROJECT BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21 | *Use the auditorium platform spatially to indicate the 1500-year timespan of the project of the Bible, according to the eras and positions below. The following reading notes each change in position on the platform to be made with each section.*

Moses → David / Isaiah / Jeremiah → Apostles

We could think of the Bible as a centuries-long, Holy Spirit-inspired project. The Spirit inspired multiple authors over the span of 1500 years. These authors were from widely varied backgrounds, lived in different countries, and held positions from lowly shepherd to powerful king.

The Holy Spirit breathes on Moses, adopted son of Pharaoh:

- “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth . . .”
- Yes, “a descendant of Eve will crush the Serpent’s head. “
- Yes, Moses, remember what I promised Noah.
- Remember what I swore to Abraham

500 years later, he breathes on David, King of Israel: “I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.”

250 years after that he breathes on a prophet, Isaiah (middle of platform): Yes, Comfort my people. They have sinned terribly by I am not done with them. They will come home.

100 years later, he inspires Jeremiah: “I will make a new covenant... I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Another 500 years and, and Jesus comes to earth, lives, dies for our sins and rises from death

- Yes Matthew (tax collector): write to the people of Israel how Jesus was the prophet that Moses said would come.
- Despite all of Luke’s (a physician) research, the Spirit was with him guiding every word.

For decades, Paul, James, and John write letters to churches and believers, each with the exact message the Spirit breathed. Many of these men never met each other. They spoke several different languages. And yet the entirety of Scripture from beginning to end describes the same just, loving God on a mission to rescue people at the greatest cost to himself. How could any group of men conspire to write such a book? Only the very breath of God, the Spirit himself, could empower, guide, and unify the authors of Scripture to consistently reveal such an awesome God. Today we worship the Spirit Who Inspired. (Justin Howe)