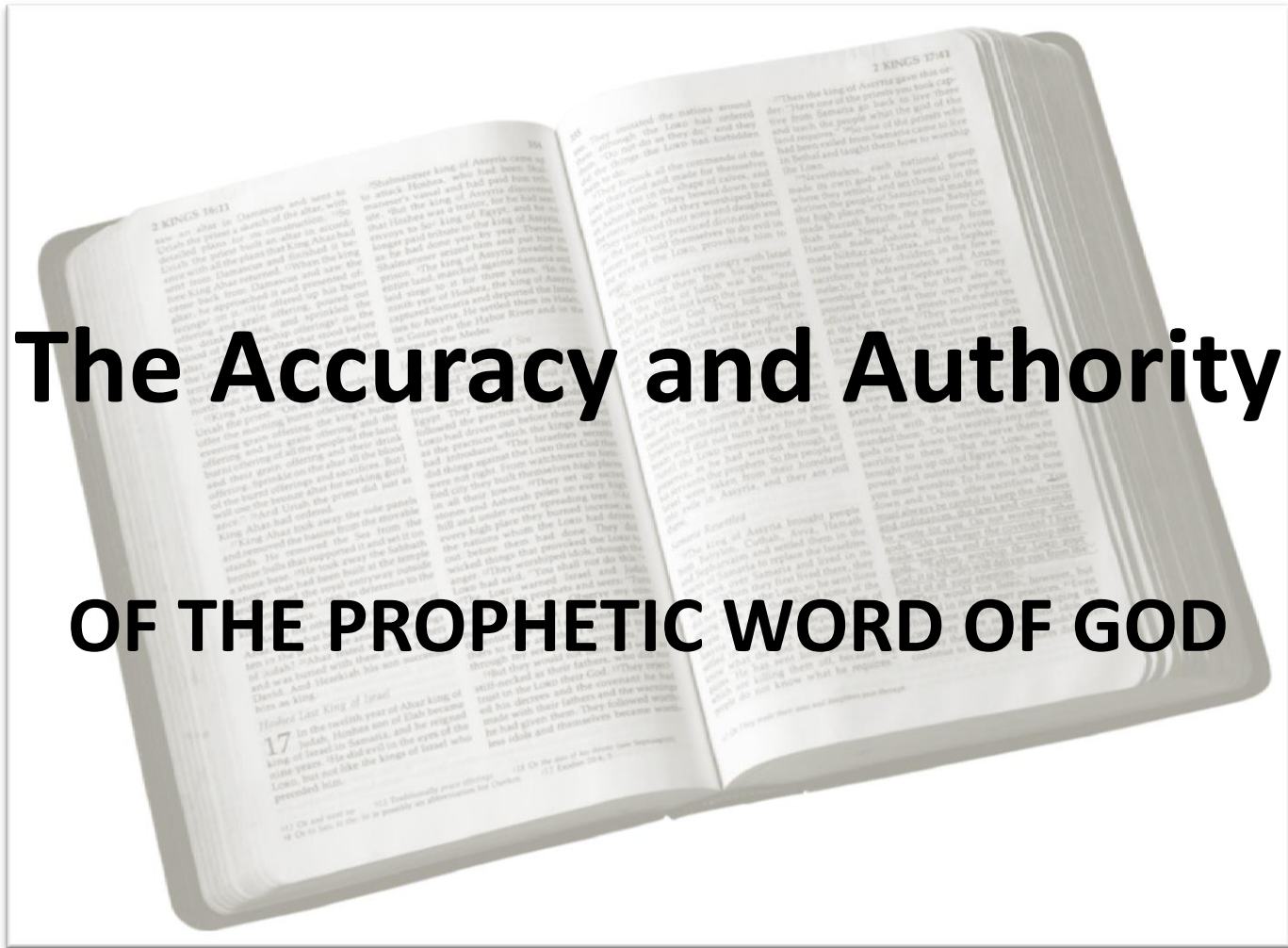


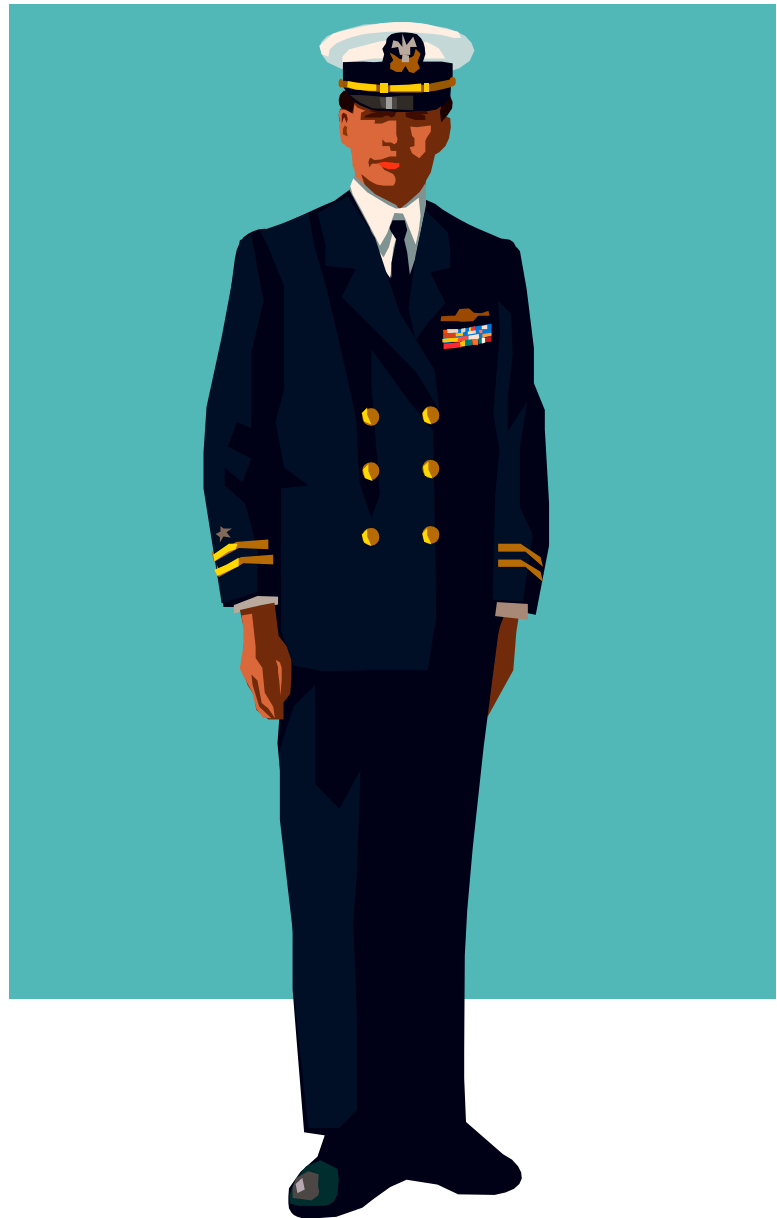
# The Accuracy and Authority OF THE PROPHETIC WORD OF GOD



**“We don’t know where we are...and he don’t know who he is....”**

**But WE know where we are going!**

- 1. The Accuracy and Integrity of the Prophetic Word of God!**
- 2. The Authority of the Prophetic Word of God!**
- 3. The Interpretation of the Prophetic Word of God!**



# The Key to Understanding Bible Prophecy

You must have an absolute trust and confidence in the Bible and the God who gave it.

Hebrews 4:12 - *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

These are not just academic words to me - they made a difference in my life as they have in the lives of countless others. The Bible is more than a book – it is **THE BOOK** of Books. It is the very word of the living God!



# What Inspiration Does NOT Mean:

- It does not mean that the Bible is one of the great writings of all time --- though it is the greatest of all books ever written.
- “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”  
Psalm 119: 89
- The Bible is the only book that cannot only claim specific future fulfillment of its pronouncements, but can demonstrate those fulfillments with scientifically measurable accuracy.

# What Inspiration Does Not Mean:

- It does not mean that the Bible is simply inspired like all the other “Holy” Books in the World.
- When it comes to prophecy, the Bible ALONE accurately predicts future events of history.
- The so-called holy books of other faiths cannot even be shown to be historically accurate in the past --- much less can we discover the future thru prophecies from these false writings.



# What Inspiration Does Not Mean:

- Some people think that the Bible merely “contains” the Word of God and it is not to be completely trusted.
- They are willing to accept what it says about heaven, about God as a God of love, and maybe some things about morals and ethics, but they would completely deny the supernatural. They want to take out spiritual scissors and edit the Bible.
- But God can accurately foretell the future because He is an all knowing, sovereign God who is not bound by time!



# What Inspiration Does Not Mean:

- Some people argue that God did not inspire words of the Bible but rather God gave men certain big ideas or concepts and these God has protected but not the individual words.
- God gave words and words have meaning. You cannot have concepts without words!
- The inspiration for which we contend is the inspiration of the exact word God intended in the original language which is accurately rendered into the English through our translation of the Bible.

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# What Inspiration Does Not Mean:

- Some people think that God used the writers of Prophecy as copy or dictating machines.
- But this would mean that none of the Bible would have different styles or grammar.
- The Bible was written by over 40 very different individuals with very different backgrounds and educational levels yet God used each to give us His precious Word.



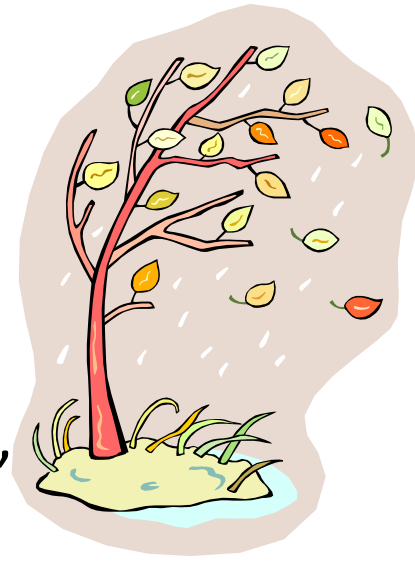


# Two Key Passages Concerning the Inspiration of Bible Prophecy

- II Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
- II Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

# II Timothy 3:16-17

- The Extent of Inspiration – All Scripture
  - Verbal “every word of the Bible”
  - Plenary “every portion of the Bible equally”
- The Means of Inspiration - Inspiration
  - “God-breathed” theopneumatosis
- The Purpose of Inspiration “profitable”
  - Isaiah 55:11 “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”



# II Peter 1:21

- Who is the REAL AUTHOR of the Bible?
  - The Holy Spirit of God, the 3rd person of the Trinity
- How did He accomplish the Inspiration of the Prophecies of the Bible – He moved them by His Will and Power



# Putting It All Together

Inspiration is the way that God the Holy Spirit guided and guarded the human authors of the Bible so that they presented the exact words that He desired without error and yet in their own style of writing. One author said "God used men and gave us a completely truthful Bible."

