

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a pen over an open Bible. The Bible is lying flat on a wooden surface. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the pen held over the left page. The right page of the Bible has a yellow highlight. The background is softly blurred, showing another person's hands and a glass. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the Bible and the hand.

How To Study The Bible

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- It's important to study how the Bible came to us down the years.
 - If we don't have the original manuscripts, how can we know that what we have is the same as in the 1st century?
 - Did the Catholic Church give us the Bible?
 - Is it enough just to say that we "believe" in it?

1 Pet. 3:15

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- From about 33 A.D. to 100 A.D. was a period of oral revelation.
 - ▣ Jesus promised that His words would not fade away. *Matt. 24:35; John 12:48*
 - ▣ The apostles were inspired in their teaching. *John 16:13*
 - ▣ Some Christians received the gift of prophecy. *1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28-31*

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 - ▣ This period of direct revelation ended in the 1st century. *Gal. 1:8; 1 Cor. 13:8-10; James 1:25; Jude 3*
 - ▣ The apostles wrote down this revelation for future. *Eph. 3:3-5; 2 Pet. 3:1-2, 15-16*

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 - ▣ These letters were copied and in circulation during first century. *Col. 4:16; 1 Thess. 5:27*
 - ▣ Some NT writers would quote other NT writers. *1 Tim. 5:18 cf. Luke 10:7; Jude 1:17-18; cf. 2 Pet. 3:3*

Why Were Original Writings Lost?

- ❑ There was a persecution against Christians, lasted about 300 years.
- ❑ If God's providence would have preserved them, they would have become a source of idolatry.
Exam. **2 Kings 18:4**
- ❑ Catholic relics - pieces of cross, garments, bones, etc.



STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

