God instructed Jeremiah to pen down the revelation that He had given him. It was not enough that Jeremiah just preach it. God knew there was a more effective means of communicating His truths to the most possible people.

In Jeremiah 30:2, God uses the words "*that I have spoken*." God used inspiration to tell Jeremiah exactly what he was to pen down.

In verse 3, God uses the words *"will bring"* and *"will cause"*. God was revealing to Jeremiah truths concerning His people of His divine activity in their lives.

Jeremiah 36 records God's explanation to Jeremiah for why he was to write down the revelation he had been given.
The written (inspired) response would produce _____ (Jer. 36:3 – *"return"*).

The written (inspired) revelation would give a promise of _____ (Jeremiah 36:3 – "*forgiveness*" – restoration of broken fellowship because of sin).

God gave Jeremiah a revelation of His divine plan in vs. 3 (*"purpose to do"*). Jeremiah conveyed the revelation to Baruch through an inspired message to be penned (Jer. 36:18).

It is amazing to think that a holy God used ordinary and imperfect people to do such an important task as penning everything He wanted us to know. Though the Bible has been completed, He still uses ordinary people to do great things for His honor and glory. The same God who loved you enough to save you wants to use your life to do great things for Him now. What is more important than allowing God to use you for His glory to impact others with the message of His Son?

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A FEW — A PEOPLE GROUP — A GENERATION — THE WORLD

READ 1 PETER 1:12

Were those who were given God's message supposed to keep it for themselves? The revealed Truth that God gave to a man was not to stay with just him. He wanted him to take it to others. Since the beginning of mankind, God's desire has been for us to live with not only a knowledge or recognition of His existence, but also with an awareness of His excellence. More specifically, he desires for man to know not just about His presence, but also to know His person. He desires for the whole world to know not just of a god, but to personally know the real God of heaven (Jn. 17:3; 1 Th. 1:9; 1 Jn. 5:20). God has a plan in which to fulfill this objective.

God's ultimate will is that all men everywhere would repent of their sins and come into the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pt. 3:9). With that as His desire, He began a four-part plan to illuminate mankind with the knowledge of Himself. As we saw in last week's lesson, the first piece to God's plan is revelation. The second part is inspiration.

An interesting fact illustrating this divine activity is that God used over _____ different authors, during a period of about _____ years, on _____ different continents to give us everything He wanted for us to receive.

READ 2 PETER 1:21

What word does this verse use to describe the men that were used by God? _____

They were ordinary, but God-fearing people who strived to live holy lives. Those divinely appointed men still were sinful human beings. In their own humanity, they could not be trusted to accurately convey a Divine message from God in their own ability or talents or memory. The Holy Spirit of God "moved" them in such a way that they penned exactly the words God wanted them to record, free of human error. The finished product was a Divinely inspired, perfect Holy Bible.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

According to this verse, how much of the Bible is inspired by God?
_____

The laws of arithmetic teach us that the whole of something is made up of the sum of all its parts. If the whole of the Scriptures is inspired, then all of the pieces completing these Scriptures also have to be inspired. All means exactly what it says, All. This includes the recording of the great events and miracles, as well as the less-exciting passages, including genealogies and things of that sort. It is not our place to pick and choose or make judgments of what is or is not inspired. God said All is inspired and profitable.

An Old Testament example of the Inspiration Process is found in the book of Jeremiah.

READ JEREMIAH 1:9; 30:1-4; 36:1-3

According to Jeremiah 1:9, where did God place His message?
_____

According to Jeremiah 30:2, what did God want Jeremiah to do with His message? _____