

## GW 101: The Bible—The Rule of Faith and Life

### Lesson 2.1 (Blog article: “History: How We Got the Bible in Six Minutes or Less”)

1. Who was the first human being to write down the words of God and where did that take place?
2. What materials did the Old Testament writers use to record the words of God?
3. What was the name of the group who developed careful rules for copying of scrolls in the centuries following the life of Jesus—counting every letter of the Old Testament and including special markings to preserve the right readings of every text?
4. How do we know the Masoretes faithfully copied the text of the Old Testament?
5. How long did the “silence” last—the time period from the last prophet to the arrival of Christ Jesus?
6. How did Jesus view the reliability and authority of the Old Testament?

7. The article states that, "Around twenty books of the New Testament were recognized as authoritative from the very beginnings of the Christian faith." In the end, why were each of the 27 books of the New Testament recognized to be authoritative in the church?