



Inspiration & Inerrancy

We begin this Institute with the Word of God because it is the foundation for everything we believe as followers of Yeshua. If we are going to understand the calling of this army, we must first understand the Scriptures. That is why we “front load” this course with biblical teaching—because everything we teach, train, and believe stands on this foundation.

The Vision of Ezekiel 37: A Mighty Army

The inspiration for this Institute comes from **Ezekiel 37**. In verses 10–11, the prophet describes a vision in which God commands him to prophesy over a valley of dry bones. As he does, the breath (Spirit) enters them, and they rise to their feet as an exceedingly great army. The text identifies these bones as the whole house of Israel.

We believe this passage reflects what God is doing today—restoring His people to the land of Israel and filling them with His Spirit for a divine purpose. If God is raising up an army, then we must ask: what does that army need?

The Word of God as Our Weapon

An army requires weaponry. In **Ephesians 6**, Paul describes the armor of God: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation. All of these are defensive—except one: the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

If this Spirit-filled army is to stand firm, it must know how to use its offensive weapon—the Scriptures. That requires confidence that the Word of God is reliable.

To illustrate this, consider military training. In the Israeli military, an M16 rifle has often been used. A significant part of a soldier’s training involves learning how to fix it when jammed. By contrast, the AK-47 (Kalashnikov) is known for its reliability under harsh conditions. In the same way, we must understand that the Word of God is not a faulty weapon—it is trustworthy, durable, and dependable in every circumstance.

The Inspiration of Scripture

A key concept in understanding Scripture's reliability is inspiration. In **2 Timothy 3:16**, Paul writes that "all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness."

The Greek word translated "breathed out by God" is *theopneustos*, combining *theos* (God) and *pneo* (to breathe). This word emphasizes that Scripture originates from God Himself—it comes from His very "lungs," so to speak. While many translations use "inspired," the emphasis is actually on God breathing out His Word.

Just as God breathed life into Adam in Genesis, He breathed life into the Scriptures. Though written on paper, they are living and active because their source is divine.

The Purpose of Scripture

Paul explains that Scripture is profitable in a specific progression:

- **Teaching** – presenting truth and facts
- **Reproof** – persuading and convicting
- **Correction** – redirecting behavior
- **Training in righteousness** – cultivating godly habits

This process equips the believer for every good work. Scripture not only informs us; it transforms us.

Old and New Testament Authority

Some may ask whether inspiration applies only to the Hebrew Scriptures. The New Testament itself affirms the authority of both testaments.

In **1 Timothy 5**, Paul refers to both Deuteronomy and a saying of Yeshua from Luke as "Scripture," using the same Greek term (*graphe*). Likewise, in **2 Peter 3**, Peter refers to Paul's letters and equates them with "the rest of the Scriptures." This demonstrates that both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament writings are understood as inspired by God.

How Inspiration Happened

According to **2 Peter 1:21**, prophecy did not originate from human will; rather, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. The imagery suggests a ship moved by wind—the authors were active participants, but the Spirit directed the movement.

God used many methods to inspire Scripture:

- Direct dictation
- Dreams
- Visions
- Historical research (as seen in Luke’s Gospel)
- Supernatural remembrance, as Yeshua promised His disciples

Though human personalities and writing styles are evident, the ultimate source was the Holy Spirit.

The Role of Faith

Understanding inspiration requires faith. Scripture testifies about itself as the Word of God, and believers experience the inward witness of the Holy Spirit confirming its truth. Ultimately, only God has the authority to declare what is His Word. If we grant that authority to someone else, they—not God—become the final authority.

The Inerrancy of Scripture

Another essential concept is inerrancy—the belief that Scripture, in its original writings (autographs), is without error. This means the original texts did not affirm anything contrary to truth or fact.

While we no longer possess the original handwritten manuscripts, the transmission of Scripture has been extraordinarily reliable. By the same historical standards applied to any ancient text, the Bible stands far above others in manuscript support and consistency.

Why Inerrancy Matters

Several passages affirm God's truthfulness:

- God "never lies" (Titus 1).
- It is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6).
- The words of the Lord are pure (Psalm 12).
- In **John 17**, Yeshua declares, "Your word is truth."

Notice that He does not say the Word is merely true; He says it is truth itself—the standard by which all else is measured.

If Scripture is God's Word, and God cannot lie, then His Word is without error. Confidence in this truth is essential. If we doubt the reliability of our weapon, we will not wield it boldly.

Addressing Common Questions

Some object that we lack the original manuscripts. While true, the manuscript tradition demonstrates a faithful and careful transmission. Others raise concerns about translation, literary style, or apparent discrepancies. These issues can be addressed through proper study—particularly hermeneutics, the science of interpretation.

Over thousands of years, the unity, prophetic fulfillment, and coherence of Scripture testify to divine oversight. Such harmony across centuries points to a sovereign God guiding its formation.

A Foundation for the Journey Ahead

As we move forward in this Institute, our goal is to build a deep confidence in the Word of God. If Scripture is our authoritative foundation and our spiritual weapon, we must trust it fully.

We invite you to continue with us as we explore the Scriptures more deeply and discover how they equip the army God is raising up in Israel to fulfill His purposes.