## 2 Peter 01:19–21 The Bible, Scripture

"Word of prophecy" is better translated *prophetic word*, referring to the whole prophetic message centred on Jesus Christ. The *prophetic word* did not begin or originate in the mind of man, but in the mind of God. However, God used men as instruments and authors to communicate His message to the world.

Over a period of some 1500 years He chose kings, soldiers, peasants, farmers, scholars, priests, statesmen — approximately thirty-five authors from different nations, professions and social strata. The original manuscripts were written in three different languages — Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.