

c. The purpose of Inspiration

The purpose of Inspiration now appears to have been threefold:

- (1) To move holy men of God to set down such events and such interpretation of events in the history of revelation as God wished recorded
- (2) To guide the writers of Scripture to select such events and such interpretation of events in the history of revelation as God wished to be included in Scripture
- (3) To preserve the writers of Scripture from error in the Inscripturation of such events and such interpretation of events in the history of revelation as God wished inscripturated

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The initial impulse to write Scripture did not originate in the will of man, but in the will of God.

- (2) To guide the writers of Scripture to select such events and such interpretation of events in the history of revelation as God wished to be included in Scripture

Again, II Peter 1:21 states: "being borne up (or carried along) by the Holy Spirit, men spoke from God."

The guidance needed to select events and meanings came from the Spirit of God.

- (3) To preserve the writers of Scripture from error in the interpretation of such events and such interpretation of events in the history of revelation as God wished inscripturated.