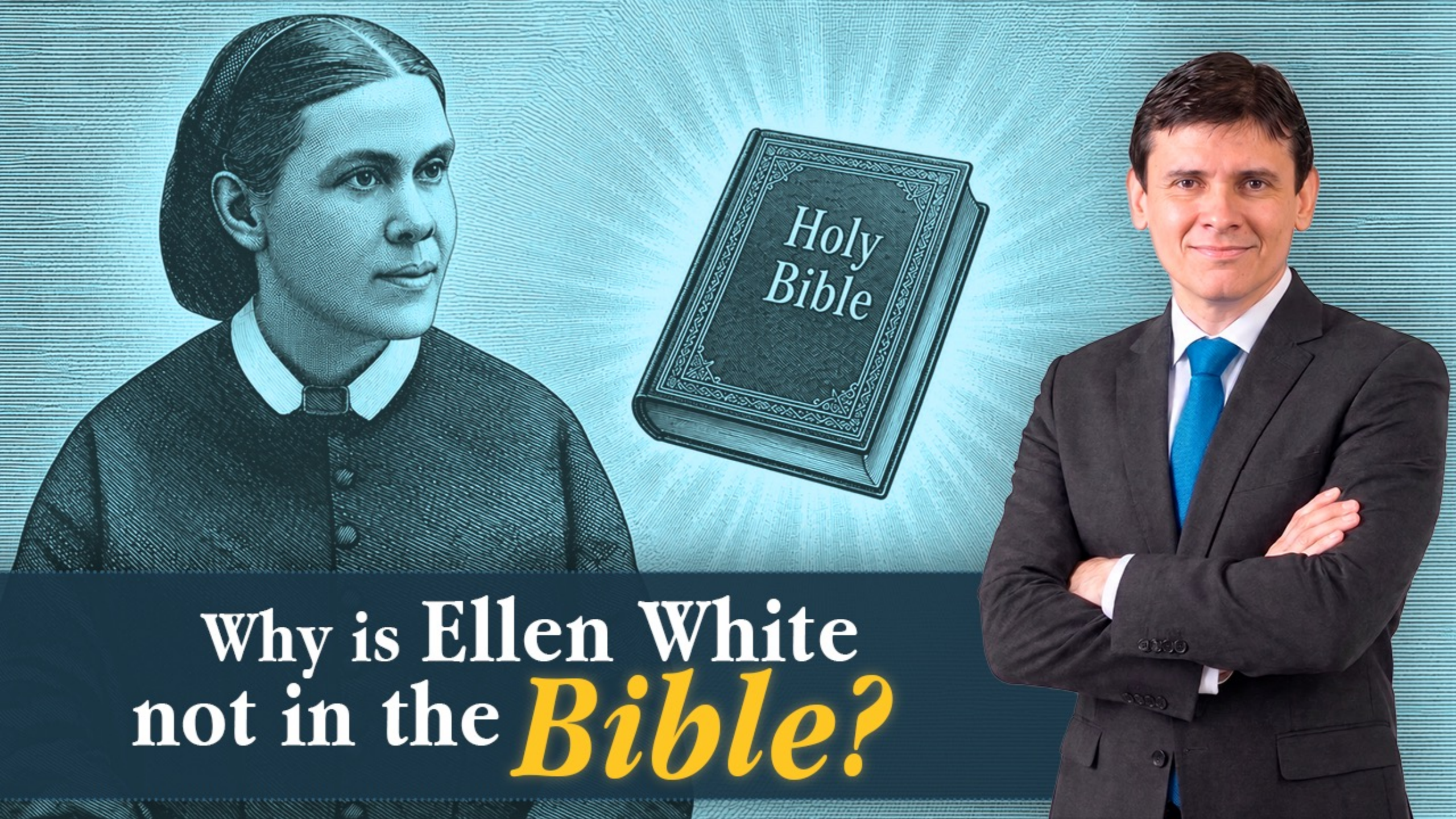


Why is Ellen White not in the *Bible?*

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WHO WROTE THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

Answer:

- **Apostles**
- **Prophets**
- **Disciples of apostles and prophets**
- **Individuals from the circle of apostles and prophets**

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LUKE – PAUL'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE

Colossians 4:14
14 **Luke, the beloved physician**, and Demas salute you.

2 Timothy 4:11
11 **Only Luke is with me.** Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is useful to me for ministering.

Philemon 24
24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, **Luke**, **my fellow-workers**.

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MARK – CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF PAUL AND PETER

2 Timothy 4:11

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1 Peter 5:13

13 She that is in Babylon, elect together with you, saluteth you; and so doth **Mark my son**.

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APOSTOLICITY

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THE PROPHETIC VOICE THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES

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Book of the Wars of the Lord

Book of the Righteous

Book of the History of Solomon

Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel

Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

History of the Seers

Book of the Seer Nathan

Book of the Seer Gade

Book of the Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite

Book of the Visions of Ido, the Seer

Book of the Prophet Shemaiah

Book of the Seer Jehu, son of Hanani

Another Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians

Paul's Epistle to the Laodiceans

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CANON

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(kanon)

Ruler, measurement, standard.

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HISTORY OF SALVATION AND REVELATION

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HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

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HISTORY OF SALVATION AND REVELATION



It is the story of God's work to save humanity, from the time of the patriarchs, through the experience of the people of Israel, to the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus.

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HISTORY OF THE CHURCH



It is the story of God's work on behalf of humanity through the Christian Church, including the persecutions suffered by Christians, the fight against heresies, and the convening of the great councils.

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CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE



The Church has been given the authority to recognize and define, with the help of the Holy Spirit, which books are inspired and should belong to the canon.

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PROTESTANT PERSPECTIVE



The authority of the books of the Bible comes from their own inspiration. The Church can only recognize and declare, with the help of the Holy Spirit, which books are inspired and therefore belong to the canon.

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Hebrews 1:1, 2

1 God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners,
2 hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds;

Ephesians 2:20

20 being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone;

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CLOSING OF THE CANON

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The Desire of Ages, p. 826

In the commission to His disciples, Christ not only outlined their work, but gave them their message. Teach the people, He said, "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The disciples were to teach what Christ had taught. **That which He had spoken, not only in person, but through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament, is here included.** Human teaching is shut out.

There is no place for tradition, for man's theories and conclusions, **or for church legislation**. **No laws ordained by ecclesiastical authority are included in the commission.** None of these are Christ's servants to teach. "The law and the prophets," with the record of His own words and deeds, are the treasure committed to the disciples to be given to the world. Christ's name is their watchword, their badge of distinction, their bond of union, the authority for their course of action, and the source of their success. Nothing that does not bear His superscription is to be recognized in His kingdom.

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MONDAY – The Process of Inspiration

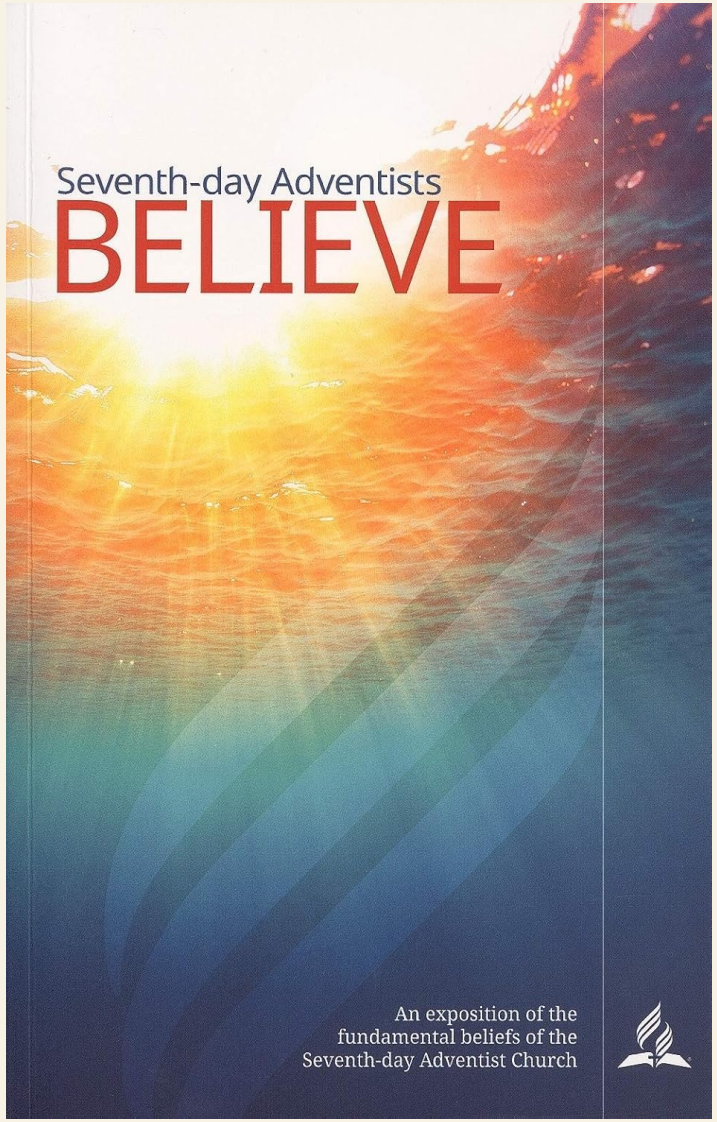
FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF 1:

1. The Word of God

The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration. The inspired authors spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.)

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Bible Study: Presuppositions, Principles, and Methods
(Bible Study: Assumptions, Principles and Methods)

(1) **The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments** are the clear, infallible revelation of God's will and His salvation. The Bible is the Word of God, and it alone is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested (2Tim. 3:15, 17; Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 2Thess. 3:14; Heb. 4:12).

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Deuteronomy 4:2

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you.

Proverbs 30:6

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18

18 I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book:

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The Great Controversy, p. 8

In harmony with the word of God, His Spirit was to continue its work throughout the period of the gospel dispensation. During the ages while the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testament were being given, the Holy Spirit did not cease to communicate light to individual minds, apart from the revelations to be embodied in the Sacred Canon. The Bible itself relates how, through the Holy Spirit, men received warning, reproof, counsel, and instruction, in matters in no way relating to the giving of the Scriptures. And mention is made of prophets in different ages, of whose utterances nothing is recorded. In like manner, **after the close of the canon of the Scripture**, the Holy Spirit was still to continue its work, to enlighten, warn, and comfort the children of God.

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Why don't we accept the apocryphal books of the Catholic Bible?

1) They teach things that contradict what the Bible says elsewhere;

2) Paul states that the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God (Rom. 3:1).

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Main criteria for a book to be included in the canon:

a) **INSPIRATION**;

b) **WIDE ACCEPTANCE**.

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2 Peter 1:21

21 For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but **[holy] men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit**.

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Selected Messages, vol. 1, p. 55

Abundant light has been given to our people in these last days. Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last.

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