TITLE: Inspired or Expired?

TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

TARGET: The Bible is not just inspiring —it is *inspired*; it is not just relevant—it is *revelation*.

I. <u>INTERNAL</u> EVIDENCE

- A. Author's Unity-40 authors, 66 books, 1,500 years, 3 languages, 3 continents
- **B. Doctrinal Consistency**-Jesus Christ is the center of the storyline
- C. Functional Sufficiency-Teaching, Reproof, Correction, Training 2 Peter 1:3
- D. Fulfilled Prophecy-Isaiah 46:9-10 Historical & Messianic
- E. Miraculous Validity-100s of witnessed & recorded miracles
- F. Divine Authority-Inspired by God 2 Peter 1:20-21

II. EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

A. Archaeological

- 1. Tel Dan Steele (900-850 BC)-King David
- 2. Moabite Stone (846 BC)-King David, King Omri, Yahweh
- 3. Carbonized loaves of bread (7th-8th century AD): With gratitude to the blessed Jesus

B. Historical

- 1. Dead Sea Scrolls (250 BC-AD 68)
- 2. Aleppo Codex & Leningrad Codex (AD 1000)

C. Scientific

- **1.** *Astronomy* Earth is round (Isaiah 40:22)
- **2.** *Geology* Water Cycle (Ecclesiastes 1:7; Isaiah 55:10)
- **3.** *Biology* Blood is necessary for life (Leviticus 17:11)
- **4.** *Time, Space & Matter-* (Genesis 1:1)

III. ETERNAL EVIDENCE

A. God

- 1. God is eternal (1 Timothy 1:17)
- 2. God's Word is eternal (Isaiah 40:8)

Psalm 138:2...You have exalted your Word above all your Name. (Hebrews 4:12)

B. You

- 1. New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- 2. Spiritual Growth (2 Peter 3:18)
- 3. Eternal Life (Romans 6:23)

Takeaway: The Bible does not simply *inform* you; it *transforms* you.