

WHERE WE GOT THE BIBLE (chapters 6- 9)

- 1) Explain three of the reasons to account for the disappearance of the original Bible documents:

- 2) Various materials were used in ancient times for writing, such as _____, _____, _____, leather, and _____, among the Babylonians and the Egyptians.

- 3) Paper in the form of papyrus was formed from _____, parchment from _____, and vellum from _____.

- 4) What is a palimpsest? Give a famous example.

- 5) For writing instruments _____ was used on papyrus and _____ on vellum or parchment. A _____ was used with a ruler to make columns and lines.

- 6) Ink was made with:

- 7) Explain how early manuscripts were shaped:

- 8) Early types of writing included two distinct kinds. Explain.

- 9) The original manuscripts of the Bible had no divisions into verses or chapters, and not points or full stops, or commas. The division into chapters was the work of _____ or _____ in the year _____. The division into verses was the work of _____ and the first English version of it appeared in the year _____.

- 10) There are _____ verses in the Bible. Explain the intentional and the unintentional variations.

11) The Middle Ages of History are considered the years 800 -1400 A.D. This period was also known as Medieval or the _____ Ages. The Church was the only civilizing force of those times, providing leadership and continued learning. Knowledge from ancient Greece almost disappeared, and knowledge from the ancient Romans survived only in a few monastery, cathedral and palace schools, where only few persons received schooling. It was the _____, _____, and _____ of the Catholic Church during this time that preserved the Holy Book from destruction. During this age the Church produced philosophers and theologians such as _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____, and saints such as _____, _____, and _____.

12) The copying and transcribing of Sacred Scripture was done in by monks in a large room called a _____. It was a common thing in those ages to copy out particular parts of the Bible such as the _____, or the _____, or the _____ so that many who could not afford to purchase a complete Bible could at least have some part of it. For 35,000 verses it would have taken _____ skins of parchment. Some princes gave the monks special permission to hunt for _____ in their royal forests to get skins for parchment for their copy work.

13) Give proof that both the clergy and the lay people during the Dark Ages had access to and knowledge of the Sacred Scripture:

14) Many during the Dark Ages were unable to read, how did they become acquainted with the Bible?