

## The Bible and its Authors

### The “Canon”

#### Question:

I have often heard the term “canon of scripture” with respect to legitimate book of the Bible. What does the word “canon” mean, and from where did it come?

#### Our Answer:

The word “canon” originally meant a rod or ruler (cane). As an instrument of measurement, it came to refer to the criteria by which something qualifies or measures up to a standard. The biblical “canon” can be defined as the authoritative or orthodox list of books that measure up to the standard as sacred scripture.