

God doesn't want us to take one verse and build a whole big doctrine thereon. God did it the very best way that could have been done. This is a most vital doctrine--the doctrine of inspiration. It is very easy to pin something off one verse or one word and even argue something from the way that it is punctuated but that is not God's plan for us. Cf. Scripture with Scripture and from that draw conclusions.

Let us look at Jer. 39:3--all these names mean little to us and if they had been copied with the usual care that most copyists used they would bear no similarity to the original at all. These are names of some Babylonian princes. These names were copied and recopied long after Babilon crumbled and disappeared to dust. Of course no vowels were used in the ancient Hebrew but were passed on by word of mouth. Even in the English the consonants are the main letters that give us the meaning and in the Hebrew even more so. But this wouldn't be strictly true when one would come to names (proper). Tell how the Babylonians wrote and on what they wrote--clay tablets--on one of these tablets was found one of names of one of Nebuchradrezzar's generals.--thonly change we have to make from the English we would only have to erase a hyphen--the only error that has crept in these hundreds of years. It is really remarkable how these names that mean nothing to us have been preserved absolutely accurately through so many years. It shows how carefully the writers of the MSS were in copying what they had in hand.

It is wonderful that we have a divine book free from all error and at the same time a human book written by fallible men. (Record # 16) The Biblical attitude is all of the Bible is divine and at the same time human. This might seem absurd when first heard but every Christian believes in a far greater mystery--We believe that Jesus Christ is God of very Gods and yet at the same time we believe that He truly was a man. Trace some of the early heresies of the early Christian church. He was as truly a man as any man that ever lived. He was at the same time God though. Tell what Arius claimed--Christ became God but Athanasius stood for the opposite view and in time his view won out over the Arians. Christ truly was from the very beginning and never was created. Cf. John 1:1. Then some claimed that Christ had a human soul but a divine spirit but this was not what the Bible taught.