

BIBLE BASICS

OVERVIEW

The purpose of reading the bible isn't only to know the Bible but to know its author, the Holy Spirit and believe in its hero, Jesus Christ.

The Word is:

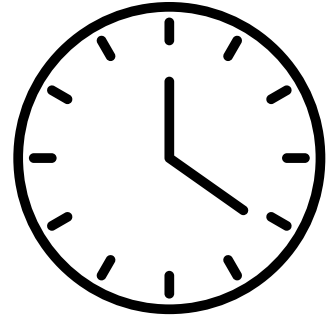
- Timely - it's applicable right now
- Timeless - it's alive and is applicable no matter when it is applied

It was written FOR us, but not TO us.

The Bible was not written to IDIOTS.

Narrative does not equal "normative"

- 1 Samuel 8:6-9 (NIV), (6) But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. (7) And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. (8) As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. (9) Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."



TYPES OF BIBLE LITERATURE



Law	remember "they did all these things"
Narrative	remember it's not saying it's good, it's saying it happened
Poetry	remember to meditate and feel
Design	remember it's not only a story book
Genealogy	remember, it's your family tree, if you believe.
Prophecy	remember the covenants
Parable	remember hyperbole
Letters	remember context



CANON

The Canon is the official list of writings that we believe are authoritative.

"Canon" comes from Greek word "kanōn" meaning "list", "rule", "standard"

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- Written primarily in Hebrew, but also includes Aramaic.
- It is not organized by the date the books were written
 - Time of creation until about 6 BCE
 - The remainder is by theme of the stories.
- Jewish Canon:
- TaNaK
 - Ta = Torah = Teaching
 - 1st 5 Books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
 - All written primarily by Moses
 - Na = Nevi'im = Prophets
 - Former = General:
 - Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st & 2nd Samuel, 1st & 2nd Kings
 - Moses' death to fall of Israel
 - Latter = Specific Prophets
 - Major: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
 - Minor: Hosea, Joel, Obediah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephania, Haggai, Zecharia, Malachi
 - K = Ketuvim = Writings
- Historical Narratives:
 - 1st & 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- Poetic Works:
 - Psalms, Proverbs, Songs of Solomon, Lamentations



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- **Written in Greek**
- **Consists of four main parts:**
 - **Gospels**
 - **Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**
 - **Written by:**
 - **Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**
 - **Gospel means:**
 - **Good news**
 - **Acts of Apostles**
 - **Written by Luke**
 - **Epistles**
 - **Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter, 1/2/3 John, Jude**
 - **Mostly written by Paul**
 - **An epistle is a letter**
 - **No one actually knows who wrote Hebrews**
 - **Speculated Paul or Barnabas**
 - **Apocalypse**
 - **Revelation**
 - **Written by John**



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ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE, PT. 1

1500-400 BC, development of the “Hebrew Bible” or Old Testament

- Starts in 1500 until about 400, content is passed orally
- Started writing things down on stone, clay and eventually leather and papyrus

First time something is said to be written down is Exodus

- God told Moses to write Exodus 17:14

Passing in oral and written form is what develops OT

~450 BC, Ezra (the priest and scribe) collected and organized some of the writings

~200 BC, writings are organized chronologically

45-100 CE - Jesus's disciples write their accounts of His life

Septuagint - 70 or 72 CE in Alexandria

- This is probably what most NT writers used to when writing their accounts

~200 BC, writings are organized chronologically

363 CE - Council of Laodicea, only OT and 26 NT books were canonical

393 CE - Council of Hippo, all 27 books are canonical

397 CE - Council of Carthage, all 27 books are canonical

- Councils wanted to answer these questions:
 - Was the author an apostle or a close connection with an apostle?
 - Was it being accepted by the body of Christ?
 - Is it consistent with orthodox teaching?
 - Does it evidence high moral and spiritual values?

383-405 CE - Pope Damasus assigns Jerome to translate Bible into Latin

- “Latin Vulgate” - common language of the people
- People were angry at Damasus for doing this

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ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE, PT. 2

400-1000 CE - Jewish scribes known as Masoretes make copies of the Hebrew Bible

450-600 CE - Anglo-Saxon pagans push British Christians to Wales

596 CE - Augustine of Canterbury restores effort to take Gospel to England

676 CE - illiterate monk retells scripture

709 CE - Aldheim, translates psalms

1382 CE - First English Bible translated into English from Latin

- Wycliffe Bible

1408 CE - Translating Bible into common English was illegal

Johann Gutenberg - invent printing press

- Creates Gutenberg Bible - first Bible ever printed, uses Latin Vulgate version

1516 CE - Erasmus translation

1522 - Luther translates NT into German

1525 - Tyndale translates NT from Greek into English

- Prints Bible in Germany, then smuggled it in to England in sacks of flour

1535 - Miles Culverdale

1536 - Tyndale is strangled and burned at the stake

1537 - John Rogers (Thomas Matthew) translated with King's permission

1538 - Culverdale revises this translation to create "The Great Bible"

1539 - Thomas Cramer, placed a "Great Bible" in every church

- Chained to pulpit to keep them from being stolen



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ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE, PT. 3

1560 - Geneva Bible is printed,

- Brought to Americas in 1620

1582/1609 - Rheims New Testament/Douay Old Testament

1611 - King James Version

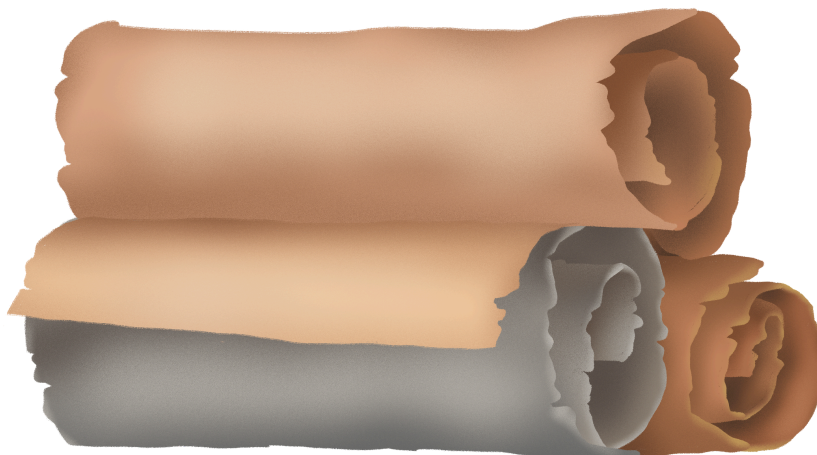
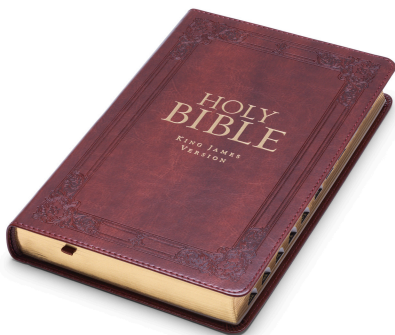
- 54 scholars divided into six teams over the course of 6 years use earlier English translations

1620-1947 - Several early copies of the Bible are found

- Codex Alexandrius
- Codex Sinaiticus
- Codex Vaticanus
- These lead to a revision of KJV

1947 - Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls

- Date back to 100 BCE and 100 CE
- Isaiah is oldest
- Most variants were only spelling differences



OLD TESTAMENT

EVERY BOOK IN A PHRASE

GENESIS - THE PEOPLE OF GOD

EXODUS - THE EXIT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LEVITICUS - THE PRIESTS OF GOD

NUMBERS - THE WANDERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

DEUTERONOMY - THE SECOND LAW OF GOD

JOSHUA - THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOD'S NATION

JUDGES - THE DETERIORATION OF GOD'S NATION

RUTH - THE PRESERVATION OF GOD'S LINE

1&2 SAMUEL - THE CHOOSING OF GOD'S KING

1&2 KINGS - THE HISTORY OF GOD'S KINGS AND THE PEOPLE'S KINGS

1&2 CHRONICLES - AN ALTERNATE HISTORY OF GOD'S KINGS AND THE PEOPLE'S KINGS

EZRA - GOD'S LAW AND TEMPLE RESTORED

NEHEMIAH - GOD'S CITY REBUILT

ESTHER - GOD'S NATION PRESERVED

JOB - GOD'S WISDOM ON SUFFERING

PSALMS - GOD'S WISDOM ON WORSHIP

PROVERBS - GOD'S WISDOM

ECCLESIASTES - GOD'S WISDOM ON EMPTINESS

SONG OF SOLOMON - GOD'S WISDOM ON SEXUALITY

ISAIAH - GOD'S PROPHET OF REDEMPTION

JEREMIAH - GOD'S PROPHET OF REPENTANCE

EZEKIEL - GOD'S PROPHET OF RETURN

DANIEL - GOD'S PROPHET OF REVELATION

HOSEA - ISRAEL AND GOD'S MERCY

JOEL - ISRAEL AND GOD'S JUDGMENT

AMOS - ISRAEL AND GOD'S REBUKE

OBADIAH - ISRAEL AND GOD'S ENEMIES

JONAH - ISRAEL AND GOD'S GRACE

MICAH - ISRAEL AND GOD'S UNIQUENESS

NAHUM - ISRAEL AND GOD'S ANGER

HABAKKUK - ISRAEL AND GOD'S PRESENCE

ZEPHANIAH - ISRAEL AND GOD'S REDEMPTION

HAGGAI - ISRAEL AND GOD'S REDEMPTION

ZECHARIAH - ISRAEL AND GOD'S VISION

MALACHI - ISRAEL AND GOD'S MONEY



NEW TESTAMENT

EVERY BOOK IN A PHRASE

MATTHEW - JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT

MARK - JESUS IS THE VICTOR

LUKE - JESUS IS OUR BROTHER

JOHN - JESUS IS GOD

ACTS - JESUS' CHURCH BEGINS AND OVERCOMES

ROMANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS OVER IGNORANCE

1 CORINTHIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS OVER SIN

2 CORINTHIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS OVER ATTACKERS

GALATIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS OVER LEGALISM

EPHESIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS THROUGH JESUS HIMSELF

PHILIPPIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS OVER SELFISHNESS

COLOSSIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS OVER HERESY

1 THESSALONIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS THROUGH PERSECUTION TO THE END

2 THESSALONIANS - JESUS' CHURCH VICTORIOUS THROUGH DELIVERANCE FROM EVIL

1 TIMOTHY - GOD'S PASTORS AND LEADING WELL

2 TIMOTHY - GOD'S PASTORS AND SUFFERING WELL

TITUS - GOD'S PASTORS AND TEACHING WELL

PHILEMON - GOD'S RIGHTEOUS RESTORATION

HEBREWS - JESUS FOLLOWERS HOLD HIM OVER EVERYTHING IN FAITH

JAMES - JESUS FOLLOWERS AND RIGHTEOUS LIVING

1 PETER - JESUS FOLLOWERS AND HOLINESS DURING SUFFERING

2 PETER - JESUS FOLLOWERS AND KNOWLEDGE LEADING TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 JOHN - JESUS FOLLOWERS AND KNOWING THAT YOU ARE SAVED

2 JOHN - JESUS FOLLOWERS AND OVERCOMING FALSE TEACHING

3 JOHN - JESUS FOLLOWERS AND LIVING IN LOVE

JUDE - JESUS FOLLOWERS AND PERSEVERING TO THE END

REVELATION - JESUS COMES BACK AND WINS IN THE END

