



The Bible Overview

The Bible is a collection of:

- 66 books
- Written by about 40 authors
- In three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek)
- Written over the span of approximately 1600 years.

The Bible is inspired and inerrant.

- Inspired: Came from God
- Inerrant: Is without error (2 Timothy 3:16)

Contains different styles of writing

- Poetry
- History
- Parables
- Prophecy
- Fiction
 - Ezekiel 23:1-4

Source of the Christian religion

- Contains the Word of God
- How Christians are to apply the words of God to their life.

4 Stages of the Bible

- **Origin** of man (Gen 2:18-25)
- **Fall** (Gen 3:1-19)
- **Redemption** of mankind through Christ
- **Restoration** of new heaven, new earth by God.

The Bible points to Jesus

You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me.

John 5:39

Archaeology confirms the Bible's people, places, and events.



JEWISH BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN BIBLE COMPARISON

Jewish Bible has 39 books.

Christian Bible has 66 books (including the New Testament)

Roman Catholic Church added several apocryphal books in 1546 in response to the Protestant Reformation. These additional books are NOT inspired.

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Because the Bible is inspired by God, it is automatically authoritative.

This means that the Bible is the final authority in everything and we as Christ-followers must submit to.

It addresses rules of conduct and worship for Christians.

Those who reject the final authority of the Bible being the final authority, often are led to false beliefs such as Mormonism and certain false doctrines found in some Roman Catholicism.

MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

It's all about Jesus.

John 5:39

It concerns the historical narrative of how God worked through history, through Israel, and finally through Christians to bring about the Revelation of Scripture.

The Bible contains truths, wisdom sayings, and the final revelation of Jesus who is God in the flesh. The message of the Bible can best be summed up by saying that it's about Jesus, how he lived, what he did on the cross, and how he will return to claim his church.



LAYOUT OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

Pentateuch - 5 books

- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Historical Books - 12 books

- Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings, First and Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Poetical - 5 books

- Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Prophetical - 17 books

- Major Prophets - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
- Minor Prophets - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT

GOSPELS (Historical Books) - 5 books

- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts (Was a continuation from the book of Luke)

Epistles written by Apostle Paul- 13 books

- Romans, First and Second Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, First and Second Thessalonians, First and Second Timothy, Titus, Philemon

Epistles not written by Apostle Paul- 9 books

- Hebrews, James, First and Second Peter, First, Second, and Third John, Jude, Revelation

NOTE: Some authors attribute Hebrews to Paul.

GREAT RESOURCES ABOUT THE BIBLE

<https://apologeticscanada.com/>

<https://carm.org/about-the-bible/what-is-the-bible/>