

LESSON 1 – BIBLE OVERVIEW



Everything in Luther's Catechism is based on the Bible. It is our textbook. Let's get to know it!

What do you want to know or learn about the Bible?

A. Bible Facts

- 1.) A collection of _____ total books
- 2.) Written by at least _____ men
- 3.) From 1400 BC – 100 AD
- 4.) Originally all written on scrolls and later copied to books

5.) Has two major divisions:

- a.) _____
 - **39 books**
 - **Written in _____ and _____**
- b.) _____
 - **27 books**
 - **Written in _____**

6.) Many different translations & Types: paper Bibles, Bible apps, and www.BibleGateway.com has every English translation along with dozens of non-English translations too (and it's free)! You can even listen to the Bible in audio format! If you have internet access you have access to the Bible!

B. Navigating in the Bible

- 1.) Individual Bible books are broken down into chapter and verse.
- 2.) Headings on top of page tells you beginning and ending chapter and verse
- 3.) Occasionally there may be an explanatory footnote inserted by the editors.
- 4.) Study Bibles have notes on the bottom and cross references in the middle section.

C. Books are generally grouped together based on the type of literature they are.

1.) The Old Testament Books

- a.) **Genesis – Esther (The Historical Books: _____)**
- b.) **Job – Song of Songs (Poetical Books: _____)**
- c.) **Isaiah – Malachi (Prophecy: _____)**

2.) The New Testament Books

a.) Matthew – John & Acts (Historical Books)

- Record the life of Christ and the history of the early church
- Matthew – John are also called “the gospels” that is _____

b.) Romans – Jude (Epistles = _____)

- Written to Christians to explain the teachings of Christ and meaning of his work

c.) Revelation (Prophecy)

- Uses picture language to describe the time between Christ’s first coming and his coming again on Judgment Day

D. Basic Bible Timeline (see attached sheet)

Assignment:

- No Memory Work!
- Take True/False and multiple choice at-home quiz.
- Be able to put Bible timeline events in the proper order using Bible timeline.
- Answer study questions on back of quiz.