

(16-1-10s) What is the Bible?

The **Bible**'s definition can be defined in three ways:

- 1> The **Bible** is the God's inspired Word.
- 2> The **Bible** is the God's revelation to all people of himself.
- 3> The **Bible** is the God's plan of salvation for all people.

By inspired Word we mean God gave the writers each Word of the **Bible**, not just the thoughts and ideas. God's revelation means God shows us who he is. In the Old Testament God's plan of salvation was to give an animal blood sacrifice for our sins. In the New Testament God's plan of salvation was to give his son Jesus as blood sacrifice for our sin.

The **Bible** is not just one book but is composed of sixty-six books and the **Bible** is divided into two divisions the Old and New Testament; testament means covenant, contract, or agreement. The Old Testament contains 39 books. The New Testament contains 27 books. The **Bible** was written by about forty different people over a period of 1600 years.

The **Bible** was not written in English the language we speak today. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament was written in Greek; both were translated to English later. Therefore, we have many different versions of the **Bible** in English. They all are the true Word of God just translated differently to help people to understand the meaning of the original text.

The first book of the **Bible** which tells us about the beginning of the world, is Genesis. Genesis is part of the Pentateuch which is another name for the first five books of the **Bible** written by Moses. The Old Testament of thirty-nine books are divided into four sections, Law (5 books), History (12 books), Poetry (5 books), and Prophets (17 books). In the five books of Poetry is the book of Psalms which is the longest book in the **Bible** with 150 chapters and is a collection of hymns and songs.

The New Testament begins with the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Gospel means "Good News" and the theme of the four gospels is the life and teachings of Jesus. After the four gospels we have the book of Acts which tells us about the beginnings of the Early Church. After Acts we come to the thirteen books written by Paul who wrote more books in the **Bible** than any other person. The last book of the **Bible** is Revelation, and it is composed almost entirely of prophecies of the future.

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001 - What is the Bible?

The Bible is the inspired Word of God and is His revelation to all people of himself and His plan of salvation.

002 - How many books are there in the Bible?

Sixty-six

003 - What are the two divisions of the Bible?

Old Testament and New Testament

004 - What does "testament" mean?

Covenant [contract or agreement]

005 - How many books are in the Old Testament?

Thirty-nine

006 - In what language was most of the Old Testament written?

Hebrew

007 - How many books are in the New Testament?

Twenty-seven

008 - In what language was most of the New Testament written?

Greek

009 - About how many people did God inspire to write the Bible?

[About] forty

010 - Approximately how many years did it take to write the Bible?

[Approximately] 1,600 years

011 - Which book of the Bible tells about the beginnings of the world?

Genesis

012 - What are the four Gospels?

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

013 - What does the word "gospel" mean?

Good news

014 - What is the theme of the four Gospels?

The life and teaching of Jesus

015 - Who wrote more books of the Bible than any other person?

Paul

016 - Which book of the Bible tells about the beginnings of the Church?

Acts

017 - Which New Testament book is composed almost entirely of prophecies of the future?

Revelation

018 - Which of the Old Testament books is a collection of hymns and songs?

Psalms

GO-WORD

Read the story. When the Go Word is said in the story, the kids buzz in to stop you and earn points. Recognize the quizzer and then continue to read. After reading, ask the JBQ questions to show why the story is important.

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(16-1-20s) God's Bible

God gave us the **Bible**. The Holy Spirit inspired holy men, giving them both the truth and the words to write. He verbally inspired over 40 different people which means God inspired each word not just the thoughts and ideas. There are over 2,500 times where the **Bible** states "and God said" or the same, which tells us God inspired the **Bible**.

The **Bible** is true or infallible which means it cannot fail and has no errors. Jesus taught by telling parables which is a story about familiar things which helps us understand spiritual truths. After one of Jesus' parables about the "Good Shepherd", Jesus made a statement which tells us the **Bible** will last forever he said "Heaven and earth will disappear, but my Words will never disappear" Matthew 24:35.

The **Bible** is also important to commit to memory, in Psalm 119:11 it says, "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." It is not just words in our mind but the understanding of the words in our heart that helps us to avoid sin by memorizing **Bible** verses. I encourage you all to take up the Quotation Challenge and memorize all 96 Quotation Questions.

Other fun facts about the **Bible**: Paul wrote more books of the **Bible** than any other person. Moses wrote the first five books of the **Bible** referred to as the Books of Law or the Pentateuch. There are seventeen books by the prophets in the **Bible** with a major part written by four men Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Isaiah. These four men can be easily remembered as the first letter of each of their names makes up the acronym J.E.D.I. "Jedi". There were only two apostles Matthew and John, who wrote a Gospel; the other two were written by followers after Jesus' death. One more fact about the **Bible**, 1 Corinthians chapter thirteen is known as the love chapter. I always think of this as the "unlucky at love" chapter because of the superstition over the number thirteen.

The **Bible** is the inspired Word of God and is our authoritative rule of faith and conduct. Meaning: The **Bible** has the right to command us in what we believe and what we do.

Learn the Bible.

Live the Bible.

Lead with Bible.

289 = How did God give us the Bible?

The Holy Spirit inspired holy men, giving them both the truth and the words to write.

290 = What do we mean when we say the Bible is infallible?

The Bible cannot fail and has no errors.

291 = What do we mean when we say the Bible is verbally inspired?

God inspired each word of the Bible, not just the thoughts or ideas.

292 = What do we mean when we say the Bible is our authoritative rule of faith and conduct?

The Bible has the right to command us in what we believe and what we do.

293 = QUOTATION QUESTION. How long will the Bible last?

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear."

294 = QUOTATION QUESTION. Why is it important to memorize Bible verses?

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

295 = Does the Bible claim to be inspired?

Yes. The words, "and God said," or their equivalent, are found over 2,500 times in the Bible.

296 = What chapter of the Bible is known as the "love chapter"?

1 Corinthians 13

297 = Who wrote the first five books of the Bible?

Moses

298 = Who are the four major prophets?

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

299 = Which two apostles wrote a Gospel?

Matthew and John

300 = What is a parable?

A parable is a story about familiar things which helps us understand spiritual truths.

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(16-1-30s)

We are loved by God as a parent loves his child. Paul in Romans states he is convinced (belief without doubt) that nothing can ever separate us from the God's love. Romans 8:38-39 is the second longest quotation question in the Bible Fact-Pak and it is the size of an elephant. When you have quotations like this one break it down into phrases and sentences:

Romans 8:38-39

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

Neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither our fears for today
nor our worries about tomorrow—
not even the powers of hell
can separate us from God's love.

No power in the sky above
or in the earth below—
indeed, nothing in all creation
will ever be able to separate us
from the love of God
that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Just like letters make up words and words make up sentences, phrases and sentences make up ideas. The writer here is emphasizing over and over nothing can separate us from God's love. If there are words you don't know look them up in a dictionary or sometimes a thesaurus can help with other words you do understand.

481 > QUOTATION QUESTION. According to Romans chapter eight, what things cannot separate us from God's love?

Romans 8:38-39 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below— indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

482 > QUOTATION QUESTION. Who can become God's children?

John 1:11-12 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

483 > QUOTATION QUESTION. How can we determine God's will for our lives?

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

484 > QUOTATION QUESTION. How important is church attendance?

Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

485 > QUOTATION QUESTION. Is all the Bible inspired?

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

486 > What four natural or logical evidences do we have that the Bible is inspired?

Findings of archaeology, Its unity, Its endurance, Its timelessness, Its influence on people and nations, Its many fulfilled prophecies [Accept any four answers.]

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