

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

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.

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

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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