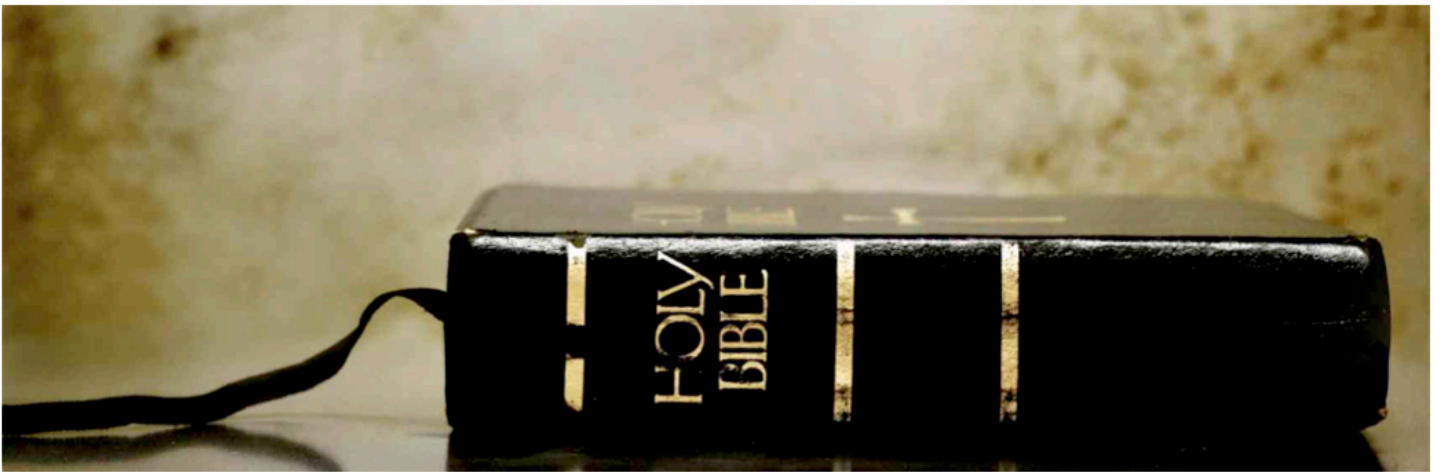


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BIBLE



What arguments have you heard against the Bible being God's Word?

Which argument is the most difficult for you to ignore? Why?

The Bible is the WORD of God

Bible Facts

- Approx. 40 different men
- From several countries and cultures
- From 1400 B.C. through A.D. 90
- 3 languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek

One Story- His glory in man's redemption through one central figure— Jesus Christ

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<https://www.gty.org/resources/bible-introductions>

I. The Old Testament (39 books)

A. The Pentateuch (5 books) The first five books of the Old Testament were written by Moses around 1400 B.C. They often are referred to as the "Five Books of Moses" or the "Pentateuch."

1. Genesis- The book of beginnings: Creation, man, sin, redemption, God's nation
2. Exodus-God delivers His people from Egypt
3. Leviticus-Atonement, holiness, and worship through sacrifice and purification
4. Numbers-God's people continually disobey and wander in the wilderness for 40 years
5. Deuteronomy-Moses' great discourses to prepare Israel to enter the Promised Land

B. History (12 books) The historical books were written between 1400 and 450 B.C. and describe God's dealings with His chosen people, Israel, the Hebrew nation.

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| 1. Joshua | 5. 2 Samuel | 9. 2 Chronicles |
| 2. Judges | 6. 1 Kings | 10. Ezra |
| 3. Ruth | 7. 2 Kings | 11. Nehemiah |
| 4. 1 Samuel | 8. 1 Chronicles | 12. Esther |

C. Poetry (5 books) The following five books are poetic, describing in poetry and song God's greatness and His dealings with men.

1. Job
2. Psalms
3. Proverbs
4. Ecclesiastes
5. Song of Solomon

D. Major Prophets (5 books) A prophet was a person commissioned by God to deliver His message to men. These books are called "Major Prophets" because they generally are longer than the writings of the "Minor Prophets." The Major Prophets were written approximately between 750 and 550 B.C.

1. Isaiah
2. Jeremiah
3. Lamentations
4. Ezekiel
5. Daniel

E. Minor Prophets (12 books) The last 12 books of the Old Testament were written approximately between 840 and 400 B.C.

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| 1. Hosea | 7. Nahum |
| 2. Joel | 8. Habakkuk |
| 3. Amos | 9. Zephaniah |
| 4. Obadiah | 10. Haggai |
| 5. Jonah | 11. Zachariah |
| 6. Micah | 12. Malachi |

II. The New Testament (27 books) The New Testament, or New Covenant, reveals Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of men.

- In it we find:
 - The life of Christ
 - The way of salvation
 - The beginning of Christianity
 - Instruction for Christian living
 - God's plan for the future

A. History (5 books)

1. The Gospels (first 4 books)

- a. Matthew-The life of Christ, written especially for the Jews, revealing Jesus Christ as their long-awaited Messiah
- b. Mark-The life of Christ, revealing Jesus as the obedient Servant of God; written especially to the Roman world
- c. Luke-The life of Christ, revealing Jesus as the perfect man, emphasizing His humanity; written by Luke, a Greek, to the Greek world
- d. John-The life of Christ, revealing Jesus as the Son of God, stressing His deity; very evangelistic

2. History of the Early Church (1 book)

Acts-The beginning and spread of the Christian church; it could be called the "Acts of the Holy Spirit," and was written as an evangelistic tool

B. Letters or Epistles (21 books) These books were written to individuals, to churches, or to believers in general. The letters deal with every aspect of Christian faith and responsibility.

1. Paul's Letters (13 books)

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| a. Romans | h. 1 Thessalonians |
| b. 1 Corinthians | i. 2 Thessalonians |
| c. 2 Corinthians | j. 1 Timothy |
| d. Galatians | k. 2 Timothy |
| e. Ephesians | l. Titus |
| f. Philippians | m. Philemon |
| g. Colossians | |

2. General Letters (8 books)

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| a. Hebrews | e. 1 John |
| b. James | f. 2 John |
| c. 1 Peter | g. 3 John |
| d. 2 Peter | h. Jude |

C. Prophecy (1 book)

The last book of the New Testament tells of future events.

- Return of Christ
- Reign of Jesus Christ
- Glory of Jesus Christ
- Future state of believers and unbelievers

This book is called Revelation

Christ in the Bible- The OT and the NT work together to portray Jesus Christ as the central figure

According to Luke 24:27, Where can we see Christ in the Scriptures?

Who did Jesus say the scriptures bear witness of in John 5:39?

Jesus is the key of Scripture

5 Law	12 History	5 poetry	17 Prophecy	4 Gospels	1 History	21 Letters	1 Prophecy
The Promise of Christ	Anticipation of Christ Type, Experiences, and Prophecies			Coming near of Christ	The Church of Christ		Crowning of Christ

We see in Matt. 4:4, Jesus quotes Deutronmy 8:3... What do these verses tell us about the WORD of God?

What does 2 Timothy 3:16 say about God's Word?

What does 2 Timothy 3:15 tells us about the WORD of God and the wisdom it can give us?

What does Hebrews 4:12 say about God's WORD?

Look at Psalm 19:7-8, What 4 things does it say God's Word does?

Look at these passages of scripture and list the reasons of why it is important to know God's Word

2 Tim 2:15-

1 Peter 2:2-

Psalm 119:11, 38, 105-

2 Tim. 3:16-

How the Bible Became Ours

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Original Manuscripts around 1500 B.C. through A.D. 100 Sixty-six distinct works. Some writers unknown.

Manuscripts in original language/ Translations into other languages and quotations

A.D. 385– 404: The Vulgate, Jerome's Latin translation

700– 1000: Various Anglo-Saxon partial translations

1382: Complete translations by John Wycliffe and followers

1525– 1535: First printed translation by William Tyndale

1535: Coverdale's translation; 1537: Matthew's; 1539: Taverner's and Great Bible translation;

1560: Geneva Bible; 1568: Bishop's; 1610: Rheim's-Douai

1611: The King James Version

1885: English Revised Version 1901:

American Standard Version

More Discoveries → 1947: Dead Sea Scrolls

1952: Revised Standard Version; 1960: New American Standard Version;

1973: New International Bible

1995: New American Standard Update;

2001: English Standard Version

Online Resources for more info on the Bible

www.gotquestions.org