



ORIGIN OF THE BIBLE

God inspired or
“breathed out”
His message
into the minds
of each writer

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“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
2 Timothy 3:16-17



Scripture was
copied and
distributed

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These copies are called manuscripts. Manuscripts reassure historians that the copies we have of the Bible are as close to the original as possible. Ancient copies of the Bible have been found all over the world from various time periods and scribes.



The books were
collected and
separated into
two volumes

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The 2 volumes of the Bible are The Old Testament and The New Testament. The Old Testament was written before Jesus entered into humanity and The New Testament was written after Jesus' death and resurrection by many of His disciples and followers.



The Bible was
translated into
numerous
languages

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The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament was written in Greek. These writings have since been translated into numerous languages and versions.



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament

39 books



New Testament

27 books

Division of the Old Testament

<i>Pentateuch</i>	Proverbs
Genesis	Ecclesiastes
Exodus	Song of Songs
Leviticus	<i>Prophetic</i>
Numbers	Isaiah
Deuteronomy	Jeremiah
<i>Historical</i>	Lamentations
Joshua	Ezekiel
Judges	Daniel
Ruth	Hosea
1 Samuel	Joel
2 Samuel	Amos
1 Kings	Obadiah
2 Kings	Jonah
1 Chronicles	Micah
2 Chronicles	Nahum
Ezra	Habakkuk
Nehemiah	Zephaniah
Esther	Haggai
<i>Wisdom</i>	Zechariah
Job	Malachi
Psalms	

Division of the New Testament

<i>Gospels</i>	1 Timothy
Matthew	2 Timothy
Mark	Titus
Luke	Philemon
John	Hebrews
<i>Historical</i>	James
Acts	1 Peter
<i>Epistles</i>	2 Peter
Romans	1 John
1 Corinthians	2 John
2 Corinthians	3 John
Galatians	Jude
Ephesians	<i>Prophetic</i>
Philippians	Revelation
Colossians	
1 Thessalonians	
2 Thessalonians	



NOTABLE AUTHORS OF THE BIBLE



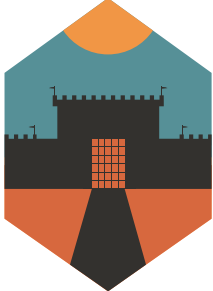
Moses

Moses was called by God to bring the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery. He led Israel for 40 years and is credited with writing the early books of the Bible.



David

David was called by God to be King of Israel. He was a mighty warrior and beloved king. David wrote songs of praise to God in the Psalms.



Solomon

Solomon was David's son and the third King of Israel. Solomon is credited with writing many of the wisdom books including Proverbs.



Peter

Peter was a leader in the early Church and a disciple of Jesus. He was a fisherman before becoming a disciple of Jesus. He went on to write 1 Peter and 2 Peter.



John

John was a beloved disciple of Jesus who was a member of Jesus' "inner circle". He wrote John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation.



Paul

Paul, formerly known as Saul, was a persecutor of the Church until Jesus appeared to him. Paul wrote 13 letters that are in the New Testament.



VOLUMES OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament vs New Testament

History

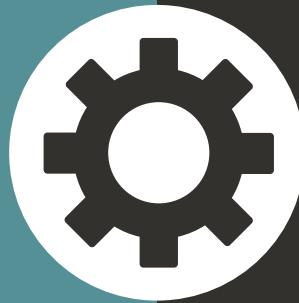
The Old Testament records the history of creation and early humanity. The Old Testament then follows Abraham's descendents (the Israelites) throughout history.



The New Testament records the history of Jesus as well as the early Church. The four gospels and the book of Acts are the historical books of the New Testament.

Instructions

The Old Testament provides instructions for how the Israelites were to live as God's chosen people.



The New Testament provides instructions for how Christians should live and worship.

People

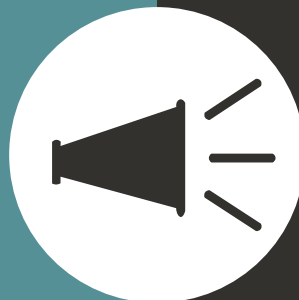
The Old Testament focuses on the Israelites as God's chosen people. It follows their continual rebellion from God and restoration to God.



The New Testament focuses on the Church as God includes them as His people as well.

Prophecy

The Old Testament contains prophecies about the end times, the future of Israel, and the coming of the Messiah.



The New Testament contains prophecies about the future. The book of Revelation is an entire book containing such prophecy.



IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's instruction book for mankind

We look to the Bible for instruction in all circumstances. The Bible provides insight on marriage, politics, careers, relationships, science, history, social issues, eternity and more. God has provided mankind with an instruction book for how to navigate through life, yet few even read it.



The Bible teaches us about our Creator

God reveals much about Himself through nature (Romans 1:20) and through Jesus (Colossians 1:15). However, God has also revealed Himself to us through the Bible. The entire Bible paints a picture of who God is and what He is like.



The Bible contains truth and wisdom for its readers

The Bible is completely accurate: historically, scientifically, and spiritually. The Bible reveals truth throughout its pages as well as provides wisdom to its readers. Books such as Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are filled with wise sayings and disciplines.



The Bible's teachings are timeless and authoritative

The words in the Bible are as true and relevant today as they were when they were written. The teachings in the Bible have authority over our lives. We are to obey the commands in the Bible and uphold its teachings before following what the world tells us to do or believe.





INERRANCY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible has been upheld as a historically reliable text due to its archaeological support, unity, scientific foresight, and accurate prophecies.

How do we know the Bible is accurate?

The Bible is full of alleged contradictions, yet all of them can be explained easily and logically. There is not a single contradiction that stands after a thorough examination.

What about contradictions?

Do we even have the original Bible?

The extensive number of manuscripts plus the short gap from the original to the copies gives us assurance that our Bible is as close to the original as possible.

What about the miracles?

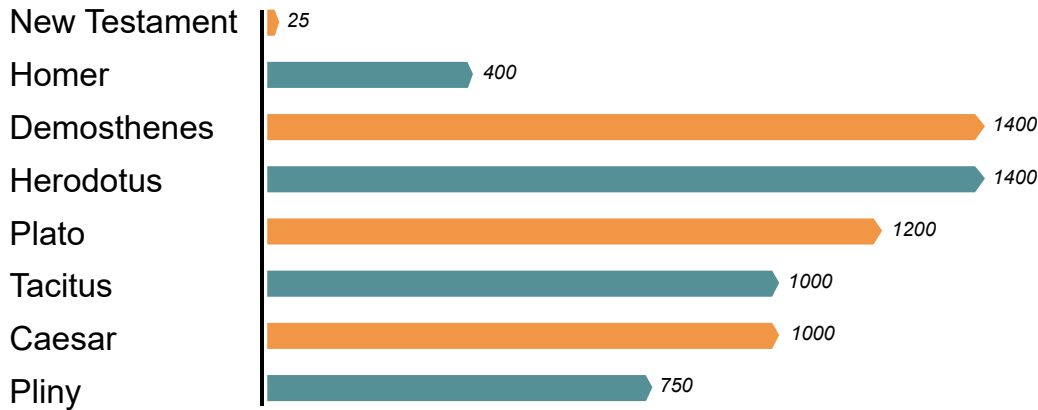
Since the Bible has been confirmed as reliable in its recording of history, it is unreasonable to conclude that the Bible is unreliable when it records miracles.



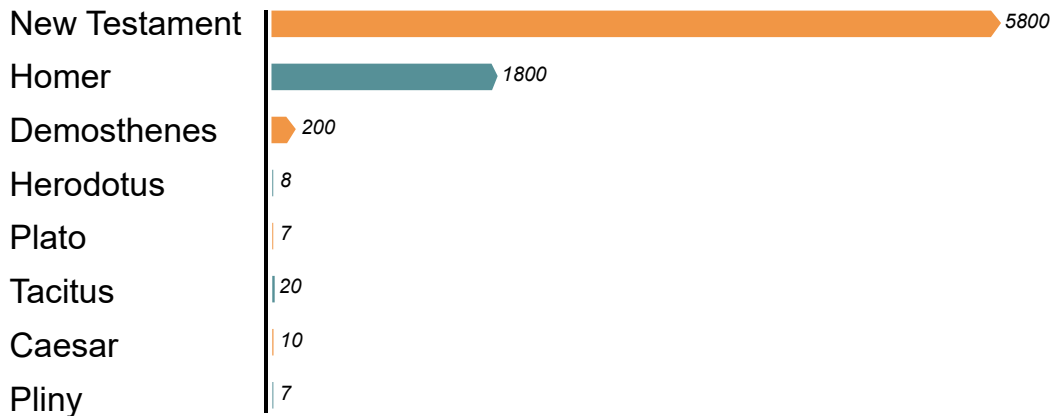


MANUSCRIPTS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Time in years between original writing and earliest surviving copy¹

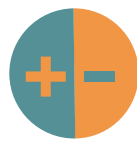


Number of manuscripts that have been discovered¹



Short Gap

The shorter the gap is between the original writing and the copies, the more likely it is that the copies we have were untampered with.



Large Quantity

The more copies of manuscripts that are found, the more likely it is that we have an accurate duplicate of the original.



Widespread

The more widespread the manuscripts are, the more likely it is that the manuscripts were copied by a variety of people.

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LIFE