

# What the Bible is All About

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The Bible is no ordinary book. It is a divine book. A powerful book. There is no other religious book in history that compares to the Bible

It was written over a period of **1600** years in over a dozen countries on three continents by **40** people in **3** different languages.

Poets, prophets, farmers, kings, soldiers, shepherds, princes, priests, historians, fishermen, tax collectors, scholars, business people, and doctors wrote the Bible.

The Bible was written in caves, ships, palaces, prisons, and deserts.

## There is only one Author of the Bible.



**Timothy 3:16-17** "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."

The Bible speaks to every part of our lives, marriage, children, decision making, money, job, thinking, emotions, etc. The Bible works because it is alive.

Some people find it challenging to understand the Bible because of how it is grouped. The Bible is not a book; it's a collection of 66 books. And the books were not organized and categorized chronologically. So, it doesn't read like a book; you can't begin at the beginning and end at the end and have read it through.

### How the Bible is organized

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#### **Law Books - (5) Genesis – Deuteronomy**

Five Law books. They are called Law Books because in Exodus, God gave the Ten Commandments. Often called The Pentateuch.

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#### **History Books - (12) Joshua – Esther**

It has many stories about Joshua, Samson, Gideon, Ruth, and many others. Also, it has some of the greatest love stories and adventure stories of all time.



**3 Poetry Books - (5) Job – Song of Solomon**

The first book written in the Bible was Job. It's the oldest book of the Bible. If you were reading the Bible chronologically – you would start in Genesis and jump into Job while Genesis was going on.

**4 Major Prophets - (5) Isaiah – Daniel**

The Major prophets are grouped together just because they are long. Not because one is more important than the other.

**5 Minor Prophets - (12) Hosea – Malachi**

Not minor because they are less important, but minor because they are shorter.

There are **40 years of complete silence** between the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, and the first book of the New Testament, Matthew. We call this the intertestamental period. For 400 years, no Scripture was written. During this time, you have the Greek conquest – the rise and fall of Alexander the Great. And then Jesus comes on the scene.

**6 The Gospels - (4) Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**

These are all one story with four different accounts of the same story.

**7 The Book of Acts**

The historical record of the first Church.

**8 The Epistles - (21) Romans – Jude**

These epistles were written during the time Acts was taking place. They are letters to various churches throughout the new world.



## Revelation

Prophecy of the last days and eternity.

### That is how the Bible is put together, but what does it mean? What is it all about?

12 Tribes/Israel God's holy people  
 "One World" Government system  
 The world judged and destroyed  
 Satan and sin enter  
 God and righteous people in Paradise



12 Disciples/Church God's holy people  
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### The subject of the Bible is Jesus



**John 5:39 (NLT)** "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"

Jesus, at this point, only had the Old Testament. Even the Old Testament points to me. We are the object – He is the subject!

The goal of the Bible is for us to have a relationship with Jesus.

What is your one takeaway from this session?

