

Foundations of the Faith

Lesson 5 – God's Word - Calvary Chapel Northwest

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What is God's Word?

- The Things God has said

Scripture calls this *“The Word of God”* or *“The Word of the Lord”*

God chose to communicate with us by the scriptures we have contained in the Bible

Keywords

○ The Bible

The word Bible comes from the Greek word, “*biblia*” which means collection of books.

Keywords

○ Scripture

“The sacred writings.” Comes from the Latin word “*Scriptura*”

Past particle of “*Scribere*” which means “to write” – relating to Scribe.

Simplest terms, scripture is these sacred writings contained in verses, contained in chapters, contained in books contained in the Bible.

Keywords

○ Testament

Testament means agreement or covenant

Keywords

○ Covenant

Literally, a contract.

An agreement between God and his people.

Sometimes the agreements were conditional “If you do this, then I will do this.”

Others were unconditional agreements “God is going to do something, regardless”

Original Language

○ What is the original language of the Bible?

When looking at the Bible as a whole, the original language was not just one but 3.

It was written in Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek

The New Testament was written in Greek

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and Aramaic

Translation

○ What is translation?

Translation simply means translated word for word from one language to another

The Bible was first translated to English by John Wycliffe in 1380!

Translation

- Why does my Bible have 3 or 4 capital letters on the spine?

The Bible you are holding is a translation from the original language

The 3 or 4 letters on the spine of your Bible are letting you know what translation of the Bible you are reading

Translation

○ How many translations are there?

As of September 2023, the Bible as a whole has been translated into 736 languages, the New Testament has been translated into an additional 1,658 languages, and smaller portions of the Bible have been translated into 1,264 other languages according to Wycliffe Global Alliance.

Not just written translations, Bible audio translations for those that can't read!

Translation

- Which translation is best?

Bible Translation Comparison



Arrangement

○ How is the Bible arranged?

The Christian Bible is made up of 66 books, but if your Catholic there's even more.

The Bible was written over a span of 2000 years by approx. 40 authors

The Old Testament - contains 39 books

The New Testament – contains 27 books

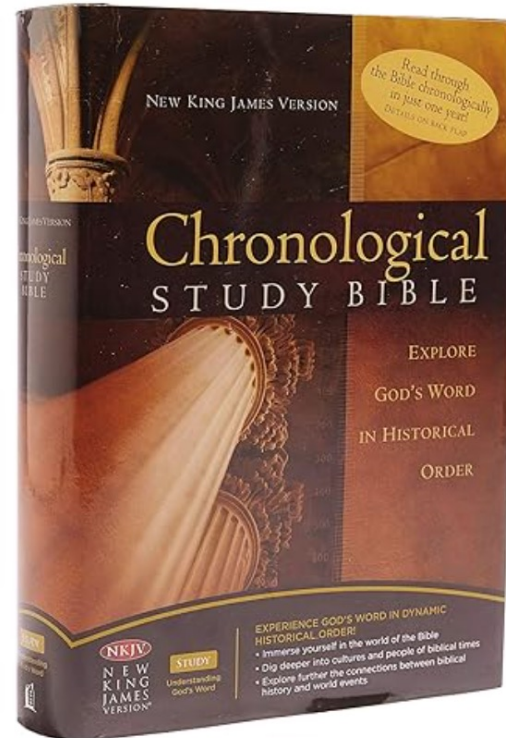
These 66 books were accepted as the Canon of Scripture

The Apocrypha – these 7 books are called “intertestamental” included in the Catholic Bible, but contain false doctrine and are not included in Christian Bibles

Arrangement

- Not arranged in chronological order

Note: Unless you are reading a Chronological Study Bible



OLD TESTAMENT (39 BOOKS)

The Law / Beginning (5)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Wisdom / Poetry (5)

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs

Minor Prophets (12)

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

History (12)

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Major Prophets (5)

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

Passages from the Bible are referenced

[Book] [Chapter]:[Verse]

John 3:16 is found in the book

John, chapter 3, verse 16

NEW TESTAMENT (27 BOOKS)

Gospels / Jesus' Life (4)

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Paul's Letters to Friends (4)

1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

Church History (1)

Acts

General Letters (9)

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

Paul's Letters to Churches (9)

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians

It's Purpose

○ Why do we have the Bible?

The Bible is God's Word, written down to communicate with us.

Not just *History* but *His Story*

God's Word does not change...but is alive and can speak to us!

2 Timothy 3:16 – 17 *“¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

It's Purpose

- To point us to Jesus Christ!

The Old Testament - is about pointing forward to Jesus

The New Testament - *is pointing back at Jesus and forward to His Second Coming!*

It's all about Jesus

○Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

It's all about Jesus

○ Isaiah 9: 6

“For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

It's all about Jesus

○ Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” (God with us)

It's all about Jesus

○ Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting.”

It's all about Jesus

○ Isaiah 53: 4-5

“Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

It's all about Jesus

○Zachariah 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He *is* just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.”

It's all about Jesus

○Zachariah 11:13

“And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.”

It's all about Jesus

○ Psalm 22: 16-18

“For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;
I can count all My bones.
They look *and* stare at Me.
They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.”

Note: Written 500 years BEFORE crucifixion was invented!

It's all about Jesus

○ How many prophecies about Jesus?

In the Old Testament there are over 300+ prophecies of the First Coming of Jesus of which all have been fulfilled!

How to Study the Bible

○ How do we Study the Bible?

- Read it
- Pray it
- Word Study using Bible tools:
Strong's Concordance, Halley's Bible Handbook, Bible Dictionary, Bible Commentaries*

How to Study the Bible

○ How do we Study the Bible?

Many Calvary Chapel pastors and teachers will use the **Inductive Bible Study Method**.

This method attempts to get the most out of a Scripture.

How to Study the Bible

○ Inductive Bible Study Method

A. Pray – Pray for insight with the Scripture

Prayer and Worship go a long way before getting in God's Word

B. Observe – Observe what it says. Ask the 5 W's

Ask questions! Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

C. Interpret – Interpret what the passage means

What is the original intent from the author? Let Scripture interpret Scripture!

D. Apply – Apply what you read to your own life!

This is the main and primary purpose of the Bible and studying it

How to Apply the Bible

- After reading / studying His Word, then what?

James 1:22

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says!”

How to Apply the Bible

○ After reading / studying His Word, then what?

Joshua 1:8

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

How to Apply the Bible

○ How often should I read the Bible?

How often do you need to eat!?

Much like food is fuel for our bodies, God's Word is fuel for our souls!

The outcome of your day has a direct correlation to how much time you spend in God's Word.

Get into a habit of reading God's Word + Prayer (*Bible in a Year*)

Questions

Q/A