



## WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

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## THE BIBLE YOU NEVER KNWW

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## Pastoral note

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## How was the Bible formed?

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*The Bible is a small library of books that have been collectively recognized by Yahweh's community over time to have marks of divine authority, spiritual inspiration and genuine evidence of their tangible impact and grounding in their community.*

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### **Old Testament**

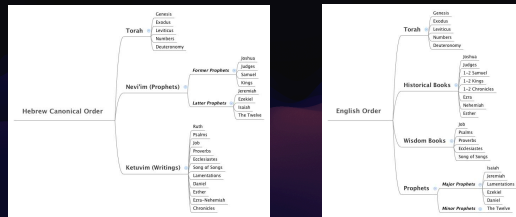
39 books in most Bibles

### **New Testament**

27 books in most Bibles

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## Old Testament



Lindsay, "Do We Read the Old Testament in the Right Order?" *My Digital Seminary*, 11 Mar 2016, <http://mydigitalseminary.com/do-we-read-the-old-testament-in-the-right-order/>.

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## New Testament

### Gospels

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

### Church History

Acts

### Pauline Epistles

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

### Epistles

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

### Revelation

Revelation

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## New Testament

### Synoptic gospels

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

### John Has More Unique Material Than Any Other Gospel

Gospel	Unique Material	Common Material
Matthew	7	93
Mark	42	58
Luke	59	41
John	92	8

Table based on total contents of the gospels equaling 100%.

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31

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KJV

Why did Jesus come to earth?

Luke 9:56  
For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

Matthew 18:11  
For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

NIV

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Matthew 18:11  
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What is the purpose of the Bible?

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...that from childhood you have known  
the holy writings that are able to **make  
you wise for salvation through faith** in  
Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by  
God and profitable for **teaching, for  
reproof, for correction, for training in  
righteousness**, 17 in order that the  
person of God may be **competent,  
equipped for every good work.**

2 Tim 3:15-17

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The purposes of the Bible are  
**Communal**

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**Oral Culture**  
VS  
**Textual Culture**

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The purposes of the Bible are  
**Generational but also Timeless**

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**What expectations should  
we have on the Bible?**

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*We should place no  
expectations on scripture  
that it doesn't place on  
itself*

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# shifting **contexts**

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# literary **context**

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# historical **context**

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## philosophical **context**

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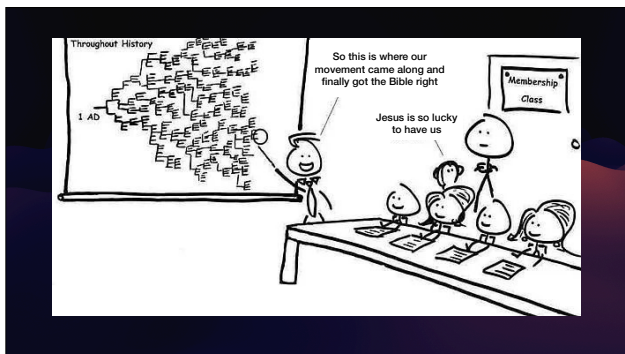
## cultural **context**

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How do we approach  
interpretation of the Bible?

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# translations

word for word



meaning

Luke 17:13

Greek	αὐτοὶ	ἐπὶ	φωνῇ	ἑκόντες
English	they	took up	voice	saying

FORMAL	MEDIATING	FUNCTIONAL
NASB	NIV	NLT
And they raised their voices, saying	They called out in a loud voice	They cried out

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# biased

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# How do we interact with scripture?

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**prayerfully**

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**regularly**

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**plially**

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**together**

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**deeply**

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**imaginatively**

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**well equipped**

Bible Project	Faithlife/Logos	Multiple translations
Blue Letter Bible	Books	Podcasts
Bible Studies	Living Springs	Video series/courses

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**Q&A**

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