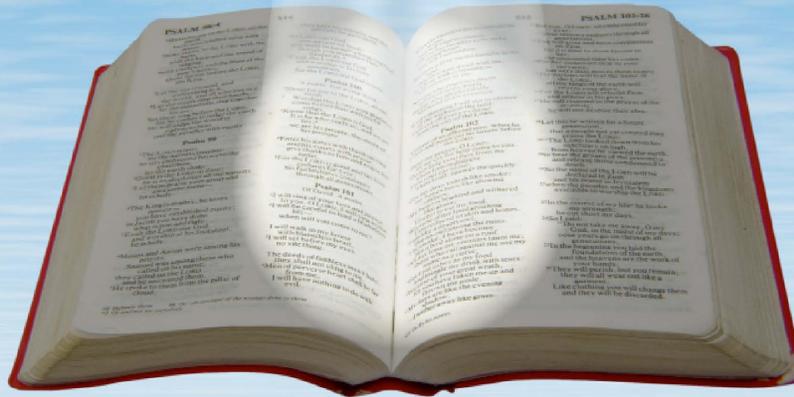


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Our Wonderful Bible

“Thy testimonies are wonderful”
(Psalm 119:129).

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

The Bible never calls itself “the Bible”. But we use this name more than any other when referring to God’s Word.

Where did this Holy Book get the name “Bible”? It is interesting that the word *paper* and the word *Bible* both come from the same plant. Papyrus reeds grow in the marshes near the Nile river. Many centuries ago Egyptians discovered that the inner bark of these reeds, when dried and woven together, could be written upon. The word *paper* comes from *papyrus*.

The Greek word for that inner bark itself is *biblos*, which gradually came to mean “book,” because that’s what many ancient books were written on. So, we get the word *Bible* from *biblos*; and it means “book.”

But the Bible is not merely a book. It is *THE* Book of all books. Millions of useful volumes have been written during the past dozen centuries. But the greatest of them is a poor excuse for second-best when compared to the value the Bible has been, is, and will continue to be for mankind.

“Bring the Book.” Sir Walter Scott begged as he lay dying.

The servant scanned the shelf of books that Scott had written. Finally, he asked, “Which book, sir?”

“*THE* Book. There is but one Book; bring the Bible,” came the famous reply.

“This is the Book worth more than all other books which were ever printed.” - *Patrick Henry*

“The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others are of minor importance. In all my perplexities and distress the Bible never failed to give me light and strength.” - *Robert E. Lee*

“There is no solid basis for civilization but in the Word of God. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper. I make it my practice to read through the Bible every year.” - *Daniel Webster*

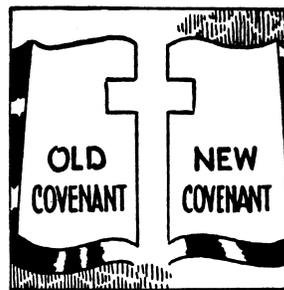
“It is impossible rightly to govern the world without God and the Bible.” - *George Washington*

“The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty.”
- *Thomas Jefferson*

“A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world if he has deprived himself of the Bible.”
- *Woodrow Wilson*

“The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests.”
- *Andrew Jackson*

Yes, there is a great difference between the books men make and the Book that makes men! The Bible was the first volume to be printed (1450 A.D.), and it remains the best-seller to this day. Probably about 50 million (a stack of Bibles 100 miles high) are published every year.



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• Old Testament •
• 3 & 9 = 39 books •
• New Testament •
• 3 X 9 = 27 books •
• Bible = 66 books •
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THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

The Bible is divided into two major divisions: The Old Testament and The New Testament. The word *Testament* means *Covenant* (or agreement). The Old Testament forms the background for the New Testament, and deals with God’s agreement with mankind *before* the coming of Christ. The New Testament completes the story of His covenant for salvation *after* the coming of Christ.

The Bible is also called *The Scripture* or *The Scriptures*. These terms mean “Holy Writings.” Before the printing press, copies were written by

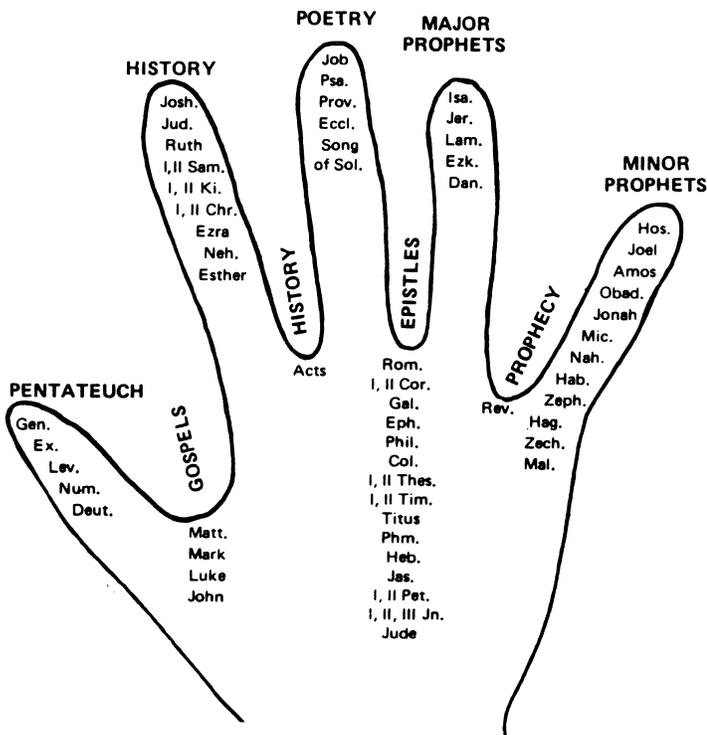
hand. The early Christians of New Testament history usually referred to God’s Word as “The Scriptures.”

But of all the names given to the Bible, *The Word of God* is doubtless the most impressive, significant and complete. The Bible does not simply *contain* the Word of God; *it is* the Word of God. The Lord moved upon men to write exactly what He knew we needed to know.

If you don’t already know them, you should learn the divisions and names of the books of the Bible.

Now, you can learn the five divisions of the Old Testament quickly by associating them with the five fingers, as illustrated. Let the thumb represent the Pentateuch (first 5 books of the law), etc.

Use the space between your fingers to help you remember the books in the four divisions of the New Testament.



HOW DO WE KNOW THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD?

That is a good question, a question that should be asked and answered. God gives us internal as well as external proofs that the Bible comes from Him.

1. The Bible itself claims to be the Word of God.

More than 2,500 times the Scripture uses phrases like, “God said...the Lord has said...thus saith the Lord,” etc. No other book makes such claims, nor would God permit such statements to endure throughout centuries if they came from an imposter. God has made it clear that He is speaking to us in the Bible.

2. Marvelous Preservation.

An external proof that the Bible came from God is the fact that it cannot be destroyed. Jeremiah told us about an Old Testament king who cut the Scriptures to pieces with a penknife, then burned the pieces. But it was rewritten, and is still here today.

Down through the centuries millions of copies of the Bible have been burned. But it still remains.

Ingersoll once held up a copy of the Bible and said, “In fifteen years I’ll have this book in the morgue.” Fifteen years rolled by. Ingersoll was in the morgue. But the Bible lives on.

Voltaire said that within 100 years the Bible would be a forgotten book, found only in museums. One hundred years later, the house where Voltaire made that statement was owned and used by the Geneva Bible Society.

Today, enemies of the Bible in America have outlawed it in schools and many other places. University professors scoff at it. News commentators ridicule it. Even some religious leaders belittle it. But the Bible continues to withstand all attacks.

Century follows century—there it stands.
 Empires rise, fall and are forgotten—there it stands.
 Dynasty succeeds dynasty—there it stands.
 Kings are crowned and uncrowned—there it stands.
 Despised and torn to pieces—there it stands.
 Storms of hate swirl about it—there it stands.
 Atheists rail against it — there it stands.
 Unbelief abandons it — but the Bible still stands.

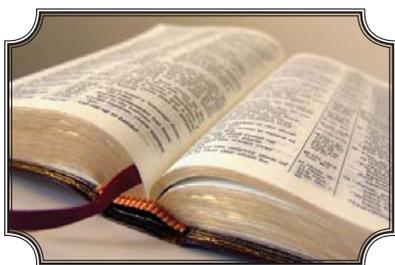
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Answer the following while reading the Resource Packet:

1.1 Our English word "Bible" comes from the Greek word _____.

1.2 How many times do you find the word "Bible" in the 66 books? _____



1.3 **Biblos** means _____.

1.4 Who said, "The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty?"

1.5. There is a great difference between books that _____
_____ and the Book that _____.

1.6 It is estimated that enough copies of the Bible are published each year to build a stack of Bibles _____ miles high!

1.7 The word "Testament" means _____.

1.8 What did most early Christians call the Bible? _____

1.9 The most significant name for the Bible is _____

1.10 How many books are in the New Testament? _____ The Old? _____

1.11 **What is the Bible called in each Scripture below?**

- _____ Mark 12:10
- _____ John 5:39
- _____ Matthew 1:1
- _____ Hebrews 9:15
- _____ II Timothy 3:15
- _____ Galatians 4:30
- _____ I Thessalonians 2:13
- _____ Hebrews 4:12
- _____ Romans 10:17



1.12 *To what does the Bible compare itself?*

_____ Deuteronomy 8:3
_____ Hebrews 5:14
_____ James 1:23-25
_____ Ephesians 5:26
_____ Luke 8:11
_____ Psalm 119:105
_____ Ephesians 6:17
_____ 1 Peter 2:2
_____ Psalm 19:10
and _____
_____ Jeremiah 23:29
and _____
_____ Jeremiah 15:16



The Bible offers

*light to direct you,
food to support you, and
comfort to cheer you.*

**It is the traveler's map,
the pilgrim's staff,
the pilot's compass,
the soldier's sword, and
the Christian's character.**

**Here paradise is restored,
Heaven opened, and the gates
of hell disclosed. Christ is its
grand subject, our good its
design, and the glory of God its
end.**

OLD TESTAMENT DIVISIONS AND BOOKS

1. *The Pentateuch—the fivefold “book of the law” (Joshua 1:8)*

Name these first 5 books: (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____

2. *Historical books*

The next 12 Old Testament books are the historical books.

(6) _____ (7) _____ (8) _____
(9) _____ (10) _____ (11) _____
(12) _____ (13) _____ (14) _____
(15) _____ (16) _____ (17) _____

