

1. WHAT DO THE WORDS “BIBLE” AND “SCRIPTURES” MEAN?

The word ‘BIBLE’ comes from the Greek word ‘Biblion’ which means ‘Roll’ or ‘Book’, and its contents is the written Word Of God.

The word “SCRIPTURES” comes from the Latin word, ‘Scripto’, which means, “I write”.

(1) *“Sanctify them through thy truth: _____.” John 17:17*

“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” John 20:31

2. WHO PRODUCED THE BIBLE?

God is the author of the Bible and He chose holy men of God to communicate His thoughts. Prophets and priests wrote the Old Testament while evangelists and apostles wrote the New Testament.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” II Peter 1:21

(2) *“All scripture is given _____, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works” II Timothy 3:16-17*

3. WHAT DOES THE PHRASE, “THE WORD OF GOD” MEAN?

The phrase, ‘The Word Of God’ means that God has spoken or expressed Himself. Just as we exchange our thoughts, promises and intentions by speaking words, God being the Supreme Communicator, expresses Himself to His people through His Words.

(3) “In the beginning was the _____” *John 1:1*

*“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever... **But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” I Peter 1:23, 25*

(4) According to **Hebrews 4:12**, the Word of God...

... **is Quick (alive) &** _____

... **divides between** _____

... **is a discerner of** _____

(5) Some other names which refer to the Sacred Writings

includes:

- _____: *Isaiah 34:16*
- _____: *Romans 1:2*
- _____: *Daniel 10:21*
- The Book: *Psalms 40:7; Revelation 22:19*

* The phrase, '**GOD SAID**' and '**THUS SAITH THE LORD**' are repeated literally, thousands of times throughout the Scriptures.

4. WHY IS THE BIBLE CALLED THE WORD OF GOD ALTHOUGH IT WAS WRITTEN BY MEN?

Very simply, the Bible is the Word of God because these writers were inspired of God to communicate His thoughts.

"All scripture IS GIVEN by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16

Notice the phrase, "IS GIVEN" in the above scripture. This means that the Word of God did not originally derive from anyone who was used to record the words. The words were GIVEN to them by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." I Thessalonians 2:13

5. WHAT DOES, "INSPIRATION OF GOD" ACTUALLY MEAN?

The Greek word for inspiration is '**theo-pneustos**' which simply means "'**God-Breathed**". God breathed His thoughts into the spirits of these holy vessels, so that these men could in fact express with exactness the very thoughts of God.

(6) *"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake _____." II Peter 1:21*

(7) *"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the _____ teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. I Corinthians 2:13*

It's important to understand that while the Scriptures themselves are inspired this does not mean that they sanction every act recorded in them. For contained in them we also have record of those words which were spoken by uninspired men, evil intentioned men, good men, demons and angels.

Since these sayings are included in the Word Of God, then we must conclude that it was God's determination for these to be recorded for our profit.

6. THE WORD OF GOD ORIGINALLY CAME TO US BY 'INSPIRATION' BUT HOW HAS IT REMAINED WITH US DOWN THROUGH THE AGES?

The same God who brought His Word into existence through men, has also promised to PRESERVE His own Word throughout the ages. This perhaps, is one of the greatest miracles of all times.

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt PRESERVE them from this generation forever." Psalms 12:6-7

"Forever, O LORD, thy word is SETTLED in heaven." Psalms 119:89

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words SHALL NOT pass away." Matthew 24:35

Nothing has ever suffered more direct and intentional attacks throughout all of history like the Bible has suffered. Throughout the course of time, leading and influential figures have dedicated their time, talent and influence to see that the Bible would in fact become a book in extinction:

THOMAS PAINE, wrote his masterpiece, "The Age Of Reason", published in 1794, and in it he scoffed at Christianity and made this claim concerning his work, "This will destroy the Bible". He further predicted, "Within 100 years, Bibles will be found only in museums or in musty corners of second-hand book stores".

Thomas Paine became a bed-ridden invalid until his death in 1809, where he died friendless and alone, despising his very own work, "*The Age of Reason*".

VOLTAIRE, the noted 18th century French Philosopher, said that it took centuries to build up Christianity, but, "*I'll show the world how just one Frenchman can destroy it within 50 years.*" He proceeded to spend the remaining years of his life writing against the concept of faith and God.

Twenty years after his death, the **Geneva Bible Society** purchased his house for the printing of Bibles. It would later become the headquarters for the **British and Foreign Bible Society**.

Since the invention of the printing press, the Bible remains the best selling book of all times!!

7. FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID GOD GIVE US THE BIBLE?

God gave us the Bible to reveal Christ to us, so that in Him we might have eternal life, know His redemptive plan and walk pleasing in His sight.

(8) "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures,

_____ . All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for _____, for _____, for _____, for _____ in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:15-17

(9) "Thy word is a _____ unto my feet, and a _____ unto my path" Psalms 119:105

8. HOW DOES THE BIBLE REVEAL CHRIST TO US?

In the Old Testament the prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah (Saviour). In the New Testament, Jesus is presented as the very fulfillment of these prophecies.

(10) "Then said, I _____" Psalm 40:7

(11) "According to John 5:39, Jesus said that the scriptures _____"

9. WHAT ARE THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

The Bible is not simply one book, but rather a library or compilation of **(66)** books bound together. Every Christian should know the books of the Holy Bible so that they can easily locate the specific passages to read and study and for a ready reference.

They are easily memorized if taken in groups as listed below and on the following page. Since both the Old Testament and the New Testament have **(5)** Major sections each, an easy memory aid would be the use of the five fingers on each hand.

The Old Testament (39)

The Law (5)	History (12)	Poetry (5)	Major Prophets (5)	Minor Prophets (12)
<i>Genesis</i>	Joshua	Job	Isaiah	Hosea
<i>Exodus</i>	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah	Joel
<i>Leviticus</i>	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations	Amos
<i>Numbers</i>	I Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel	Obadiah
<i>Deuteronomy</i>	II Samuel	Song of Solomon	Daniel	Micah
	I Kings			Nahum
	II Kings			Habbakuk
	I Chronicles			Zephaniah
	II Chronicles			Haggai
	Ezra			Zechariah
	Nehemiah			Malachi
	Esther			

The New Testament (27)

The Gospels (4)	History (1)	Pauline Epistles (14)	General Epistles (7)	Prophecy (1)
Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts	Romans I Corinthians II Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians I Thessalonians II Thessalonians I Timothy II Timothy Titus Philemon	James I Peter II Peter I John I John III John Jude	Revelation

The books that were considered divinely inspired and accepted by the early church fathers as part of the Bible are called **‘The Canon’**.

The word **‘Canon’** comes from a Greek word (kanon) meaning **‘a reed’**. Metaphorically it is used to mean **‘a rule of measure’** or **‘a measuring stick’** or **‘a standard’**.

“... walk according to this RULE (kanon)” Galatians 6:16

“... walk by the same RULE (kanon)” Philippians 3:16

CANON OF TRUTH was a term used to describe the restriction of the number of books that composed the Sacred Volume- First used in **A.D. 367**.

Canonicity did not raise a book to the position of Holy Scripture, but recognized that it was already Scripture.

* The **APOCRYPHA** (Greek: “hidden”) is comprised of **14** Jewish books that contain Jewish folklore and history of that period known as the **400 SILENT YEARS** between **Malachi** and **John the Baptist**.

“Behold, I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me...” Malachi 3:1

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” Malachi 3:3

* The **Roman Catholic Church** still includes these books in it’s Bible.

10. HOW IS THE BIBLE DIVIDED?

The Bible is divided into the Old Testament, written before the coming of Jesus Christ and the New Testament which was written after the ascension of Our Lord.

(12) In *II Corinthians 3:14*, Paul refers to the reading of the _____ .

11. HOW MANY MEN DID GOD USE TO WRITE THE BIBLE?

Approximately **41** writers were used by God in the course of nearly sixteen centuries to write the Bible. The Old Testament was written primarily in Hebrew (parts of Ezra; Jeremiah & Daniel were written in Aramaic, the Chaldean dialect) and the New Testament in Greek.

“Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. Jeremiah 36:18

Additional scriptures: [Galatians 6:11](#); [II Thessalonians 3:17](#)

12. WHAT ARE THE TWO GREAT TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE?

The **Old Covenant (The Law)** and the **New Covenant (The Gospel)** are the two great doctrines of the Bible.

(13) *According to John 1:17, The _____ came by _____ and _____ and _____ came by _____*

The Law refers most specifically to The Ten Commandments. In addition, it also includes the judgments, statutes and ordinances given by God to Moses in order to instruct the people of Israel, to motivate them to obey God, and to make them conscious of sin.

It's purpose was to teach man how God expects him to live and to show man that he cannot obey God through his own efforts, without Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

14. WHAT ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

The TEN COMMANDMENTS are first found in [Exodus 20:3-17](#):

1. “Thou shalt have **NO OTHER gods** before me.” (v.3)
2. “Thou shalt not make unto thee any **GRAVEN IMAGE**, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not **BOW DOWN** thyself to them, nor **SERVE** them... (v.4-5)

3. "Thou shalt not **TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN**; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." (v.7)
4. "Remember the **SABBATH DAY**, to keep it **HOLY**." (v.8)
5. "**HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER**: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." (v.12)
6. "Thou shalt **NOT KILL** (murder)." (v.13)
7. "Thou shalt **NOT COMMIT ADULTERY**." (v.14)
8. "Thou shalt **NOT STEAL**." (v.15)
9. "Thou shalt not **BEAR FALSE WITNESS** against thy neighbor." (v.16)
10. "Thou shalt **NOT COVET** thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's." (v.17)

(14) According to [Psalm 19:7-8](#),

- The **LAW** of the Lord is _____, **converting the soul**
- The **TESTIMONY** of the Lord is _____, **making wise the simple**
- The **STATUTES** of the Lord are _____, **rejoicing the heart**
- The **COMMANDMENT** of the Lord is _____, **enlightening the eyes**
- The **FEAR** of the Lord is _____, **enduring forever**
- The **JUDGMENTS** of the Lord are _____, and _____ **altogether**

(15) According to [Romans 3:20](#), Paul said by the LAW came _____

15. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

'Gospel' means 'Good News'. The Gospel is that doctrine of the Bible declaring the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"In this was MANIFESTED the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." I John 4:9

(16) According to [Romans 1:16](#), Paul said that he wasn't _____ of the Gospel of Christ.

Why?

16 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL?

A. The Law teaches what we are **TO DO** and **NOT TO DO**. Whereas, the Gospel teaches what **GOD HAS DONE** to make His salvation available.

B. The Law shows us our **SIN** and the **JUDGEMENT** of God. Whereas, the Gospel shows us our **SAVIOUR** and the **GRACE** of God.

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.” Romans 8:3

17. WHAT IS THE OLD TESTAMENT?

The Old Testament is that portion of the Bible that was written before the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. It is made up of the **(39)** books, which include **Genesis** through **Malachi**.

18. WHAT DOES THE WORD, “TESTAMENT” MEAN?

Testament comes from the Greek word, ‘Diatheke’ and it means Covenant. A covenant is a binding agreement between two parties. Our Bible has (2) Testaments, an OLD and a NEW, which show the two great covenants of God with His people.

19. WHAT IS THE NEW TESTAMENT?

The New Testament was promised during the time of the Old Testament and was brought into affect through Jesus Christ. It refers to that portion of the Bible that was written after the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. It is made up of the **(27)** books, which include **Matthew** through **Revelation**.

At the last supper, Jesus spoke of the New Covenant that He was about to bring in through the shedding of His own blood.

*“Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the **NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD**, which is shed for you. Luke 22:20*

20. SHOULD CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

ABSOLUTELY! True Christians believe the **WHOLE BIBLE**, but interpret the Old Testament portions in the light of the New Testament.

(17) According to [II Timothy 3:14-17](#); The scriptures are...

Able to make thee _____ unto _____

The scriptures are profitable for:

_____ in righteousness

21. HOW MUCH OF THE OLD TESTAMENT APPLIES TO NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY?

All Old Testament teaching and practice should be maintained by the Christian Church, but always as it is ***interpreted and qualified by New Testament doctrine***. The New Testament's

interpretation is the key that unlocks Old Testament teaching.

Illustration of this Principle:

A. THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW

In **Matthew chapters 5-7**, we have what is known as **Jesus' Sermon on the Mount**. Notice how often Jesus refers to what was written in the Law and then uses the phrase, "***But I say into you...***". He brought out the "Spirit" of the Law, dealing with the ***hearts of men***, while the Pharisees held to the "Letter" of the law which only dealt with the ***actions of men***.

B. CIRCUMCISION

A man had to receive physical circumcision in the Old Testament so he could partake of the Passover and become numbered among God's people ([Ex. 12:48-49](#)).

In the New Testament, the apostles did not issue such a command to the believing Gentiles. Instead, it was the 'circumcision of heart' that was emphasized and this takes place by the Spirit during Water Baptism ([Acts 15:1, 19-20](#), [Rom. 2:28-29](#); [Col. 2:11-12](#)).

C. PRAYER

Prayer is taught throughout the Bible. In fact, the New Testament uses the Old Testament to teach about prayer.

(18) In [James 5:17](#), what Old Testament person does James use to illustrate earnest prayer?

D. WORSHIP

Worship is not cancelled at the Cross. If anything, it is intensified. Paul said, that according to the New Covenant, He now WORSHIPPED the God of His fathers.

“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, So worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: Acts 24:14

22. DID THE PEOPLE OF OLD TESTAMENT TIMES UNDERSTAND ALL THE MEANING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?

NO. Much of the deeper spiritual meaning was hidden, especially concerning Christ and His Church.

(20) According to *Romans 16:25-26*, The preaching of Jesus Christ is the preaching of a revelation that was a _____, which was kept _____ since the world began. But now the secret is made _____ by the _____ of the prophets, according to the _____ of the everlasting God.

(21) According to *II Corinthians 3:14-16*, A _____ is upon the heart which can only be taken away in Christ.

23. IS THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW?

Valuable spiritual lessons are learned by studying the history of ancient Israel. God uses Israel for an object lesson and direct example to the Church.

*“Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But **FOR US** also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification. Romans 4:24-25*

*“For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? **FOR OUR SAKES, NO DOUBT, THIS IS WRITTEN:** that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. I Corinthians 9: 9-10*

(22) Now all these things happened unto them for _____: and they are _____ for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

24. WHAT WAS JESUS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OLD TESTAMENT?

He accepted the Old Testament as God's inspired record to mankind, and lived His entire life to fulfill the demands of it.

(23) *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe _____: Luke 24:25*

(24) According to [Luke 24:27](#), how many scriptures did Jesus use to expound to His disciples the things concerning Himself? _____.

25. IS IT POSSIBLE TO REJECT THE OLD TESTAMENT AND STILL KNOW THE FULLNESS OF TRUTH ABOUT THE LORD JESUS, OR ANY OTHER SCRIPTURAL DOCTRINE?

NO. The entirety of the Bible is needed to understand truth in it's fullness.

(25) Fill in the following (3) verses:

"To him give _____, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." Acts 10:43

"And he said unto him, If they hear not _____, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:31

"For had ye believed _____, ye would have _____: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his _____, how shall ye believe my words?" John 5:46-47

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF 11 SYMBOLS FROM THE BIBLE REPRESENTING THE WORD OF GOD

- | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. <u>Dew</u> : Deut. 32:2 | E. <u>Milk</u> I Pet. 2:2 | I. <u>Sword</u> Eph. 6:17 |
| B. <u>Lamp</u> : Ps. 119:105 | F. <u>Honey</u> Ps. 19:10 | J. <u>A Seed</u> I Pet. 1:23 |
| C. <u>Mirror</u> : II Cor. 3:18;
James 1:23 | G. <u>Fine Gold</u> Ps. 19:10 | K. <u>A Fire</u> Jer. 20:9 |
| D. <u>Laver</u> : Eph. 5:26 | H. <u>Hammer</u> Jer. 23:29 | |

TRUTH IN REVIEW

LAW	27	OLD TESTAMENT
39	ISRAEL	MALACHI
BIBLE	THE WORD	REVELATION
JESUS CHRIST	GOD-BREATH	THE GOSPEL
TESTAMENT	THE GOSPELS	PRESERVE
TEN COMMANDMENTS	ACTS	LAMP
HEBREW	VAIL	

1. The word, "INSPIRATION" means _____
2. The first four books of the New Testament are called _____
3. This is the number of books that make of the Old Testament: _____
4. The things that happened to ancient _____ were written for our instruction.
5. The book of _____ falls into the HISTORY category of the New Testament.
6. The _____ came by Moses.
7. The _____ are the centerpiece of the Law.
8. The Bible was written to reveal _____.
9. There are _____ books in the New Covenant.
10. The Old Testament was primarily written in _____.
11. In the beginning was _____.
12. _____ is the last book of the Old Testament.
13. This is over the heart when the Jews read the Old Testament: _____
14. _____ is the last book of the New Testament
15. The word 'Biblion' is where we get the English word for _____.
16. This word means, 'Covenant': _____.
17. The Law is contained in the _____.
18. The two great doctrines of the Bible include THE LAW and _____
19. God has promised to _____ His Word throughout time
20. This symbol indicates that God's word provides light in the midst of darkness:

Memorize: [John 1:17](#); [II Timothy 3:16-17](#)