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A QUICK & EASY GUIDE TO
Understanding the Bible



What is the Bible?

The books of the Bible contain different types of literature. There are books of law, books of history, books of poetry, books of prophecy, biographies, and letters. All of them together make up one book we call the Bible.



THE BIBLE IS A
COLLECTION OF
66 BOOKS

Who wrote the Bible?

About 40 different human authors contributed to the Bible. It was written over 1600 years. The authors were shepherds, farmers, kings, fishermen, priests, government officials, and doctors. Ultimately, it has one Author—God Himself. The personality and individual style of the human authors is evident in the books, but each wrote exactly what God wanted **2 Timothy 3:16**. The result is the perfect and holy Word of God **Psalms 12:6; 2 Peter 1:21**.

How is the Bible organized?



The Bible is divided into two main parts called “Testaments.”

Each Testament has 4 sections

THE OLD TESTAMENT

- 1 LAW** | GENESIS TO DEUTERONOMY
Tells us how God related to Israel.
- 2 HISTORY** | JOSHUA TO ESTHER
Outlines the history of Israel.
- 3 POETRY** | JOB TO SONG OF SOLOMON
Contains songs, proverbs and writings.
- 4 PROPHECY** | ISAIAH TO MALACHI
Called Israel back to God and predicts the coming of Jesus.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

- 1 BIOGRAPHY** | MATTHEW TO JOHN
Describes the life of Jesus.
- 2 HISTORY** | ACTS
Tells us about the formation of the church.
- 3 LETTERS** | ROMANS TO JUDE
Provides teaching and instruction for the church.
- 4 PROPHECY** | REVELATION
Describes the return of Jesus and other future events.

What is the Bible about?

Jesus is the central character in the Bible. The Old Testament predicts His coming and sets the stage for His entrance into the world. Since God established the nation of Israel and promised that Jesus would come from them, the Old Testament focuses on the Jewish people. The New Testament describes how God the Father kept His promise by sending His Son into the world to accomplish our salvation and bring us eternal life. Following the resurrection of Jesus, the remainder of the New Testament focuses on the church – her development, instruction, and future reign with Christ.



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