

The Bible

The Bible is a collection of writings (also called the Scripture and God's Word).

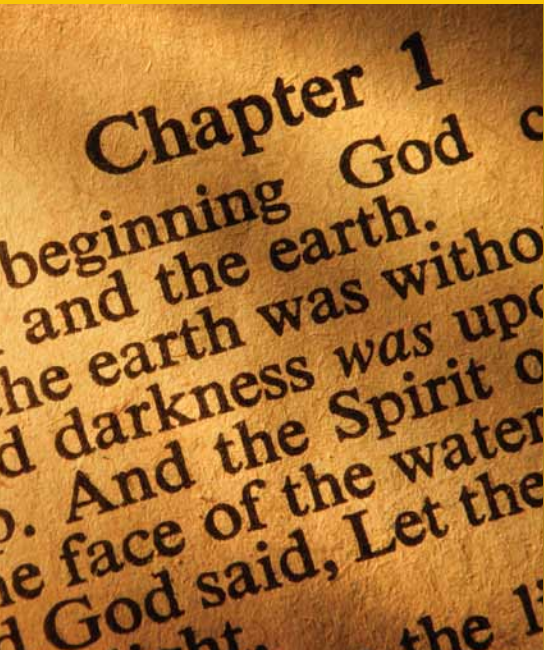
The Bible consists of 66 different books. The Bible was written by many different writers and primarily in two languages — Hebrew and Greek. It has been translated into over 400 languages. The writers were of many social ranks — rich, poor, kings, farmers, fishermen, priests, tax-collectors, tentmakers, educated, uneducated, Jews and non-Jews. The writers were mostly unknown to each other. The Bible was written over a space of 1600 years.

The Bible deals with one subject — man's salvation — how mankind can be reunited with God. It is divided into two parts — Old Testament and New Testament. Find the division of the Old and New Testaments in your Bible. The word *testament* means

covenant. A covenant is a mutual and total commitment between two people. The old covenant was established through Moses (a Jewish leader who lived about 1500 BC) and was based on the Ten Commandments (a list of 10 laws that God gave the Jewish people in the time of Moses). The new covenant is established through Jesus and is based on God's grace (undeserved forgiveness toward people).

Review the books and structure of the Bible in the lower part of this page.

Each book of the Bible is divided into chapters and verses. These divisions were introduced in the 13th and 16th



Old Testament Statistics

- 39 books
- Written in Hebrew
- Covers the creation of the world until 400 BC
- Four types of books:
 - 5 books of the Law
 - 12 books of Jewish History
 - 5 books of Poetry
 - 17 books of Prophecy

BC – Before Christ

AD – Anno Domini,
which means “In the
Year of our Lord.”

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