

Lesson Two

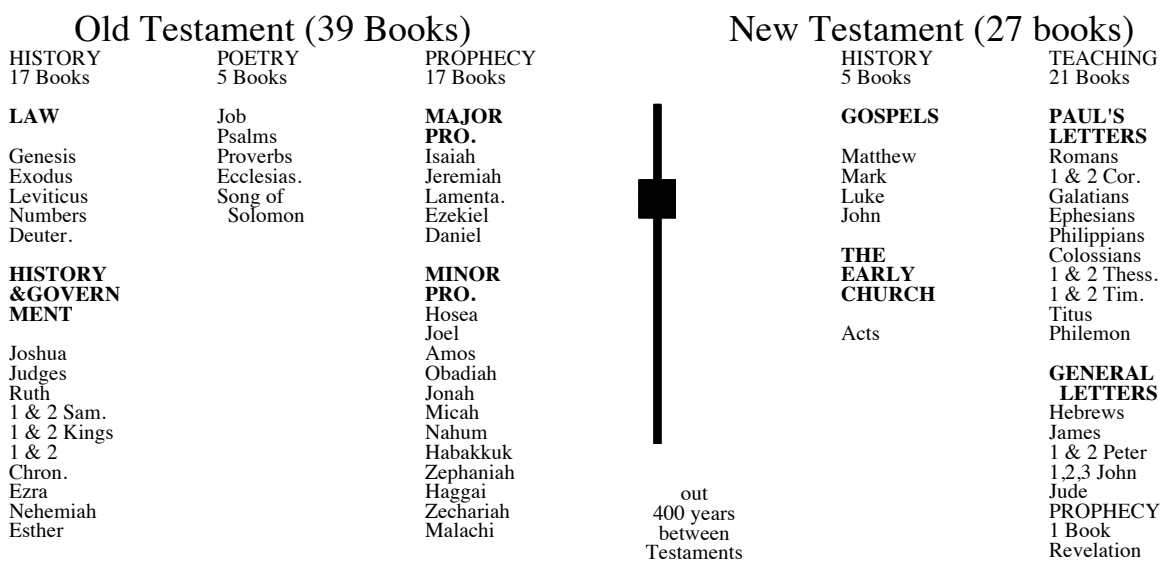
What Does The Bible Teach About Itself?

1. What is the Bible?

1 Thessalonians 2:13 Received, not as Paul's word but as God's Word, the Word that Paul Preached and Taught

The Bible is composed of a total of 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language and the New Testament was written in the Greek language.

THE BIBLE AT A GLANCE (66 BOOKS)



The Old Testament looks forward to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross

The New Testament is based on the work Christ finished on the Cross

God used forty different men over a period of 1,500 years (about 1,400 B.C. to A.D. 90) in writing the Bible.

2. How can the Bible be the Word of God since it was written by men?

1 Corinthians 2:9-13 v 13 refers to the development of the N.T. (spoken) developed by the Spirit

2 Timothy 3:16 God breathed, not only thoughts but words as well.

2 Peter 1:21 The Holy Spirit moved or 'impelled' them to write.

Psalms 119:105 this is later in the lesson

3. What are some of the qualities of the Bible? (Is 40:8 is the umbrella for all of this.)

John 17:17 it is truth, there is nothing false in it. The issue in every struggle that you have is truth. What is the truth is the question. And the quality of the word of God is that it is truth (True truth)

1 Peter 1:25 God's promises do not come to an end and they will not be taken away. The Word lasts forever.

Psalm 119:105 it does not require interpretation of the church or any individual. There is only one correct interpretation. There are many and various and even creative applications. In addition, there are very difficult things in Scripture (2 Pet 3:16) but everything regarding salvation is clear, even for children.

4. For what purpose has God given us the Bible?

Romans 3:20 open our eyes to sin

1 Pet. 2:2 to grow and mature in faith

2 Tim. 3:15 teach salvation/forgiveness

Ps. 119:9 to lead a sanctified life

Titus 1:9 for defense and instruction of faith

Ps. 119:92 apply to life situation. Keep the promise in front of you.

5. How should we use the Bible?

Luke 2:19 Give it much thought

John 5:39 Ransack (study) Diligently

Notice that simple study does not automatically bring transformation. This cannot happen apart from the work of the HS.

Luke 11:28 to learn proper response

John 14:23 functional knowledge of the word leads to live in His word.

Acts 4:20 We are told to response by proclaiming and witnessing. This transcends any law.

2 Peter 3:18 – Grow in Grace

The Bible is not hand-book to better living. It is transformative to the core or it is nothing at all.

Quiz

A

1. The Bible is the Word of God. (**true/false**)
2. The Bible simply contains the Word of God. (T/F)

B

1. The Bible is the Word of God because it tells us about God. (T/F)
2. The Bible is the Word of God because it was written by wise men. (T/F)
3. The Bible is the Word of God because it was inspired by the Holy Spirit (T/F)

C

1. God used Moses to write the first five books of the Bible.
2. Under God's inspiration David wrote most of the Psalms.
3. The name of the first book in the New Testament is Matthew
4. The Epistle to the Romans was penned by Paul

D

1. There are contradictions in the Bible. (T/F) The are only apparent contradictions.
2. The only way we can understand the Bible is through human interpretation.
(T/F)
3. Any single passage of Scripture can have many meanings. (T/F)
4. It is appropriate today to accept only those parts of the Bible which are in agreement with our human reason and understanding. (T/F)

E

1. The supreme purpose of the Bible is too teach us how to live well. (T/F)

2. The supreme purpose of the Bible is too draw us into salvation. (T/F)
Note the change of the phrase from the workbook pages.