

# 7, April 2024 -- The Bible

Who | What | Where | When | Why

*The B-I-B-L-E that's the book for me, I stand alone on the word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!*

## What is the bible?

The inspired and inerrant Word of God.

**Inspired:** (of air or another substance) that is breathed in; fill (someone) with the urge or ability to do or feel something, especially something creative

**Inerrant:** incapable of being wrong; free from error

The literary source we use in the Christian religion.

**Source:** a generative force; cause, one that initiates

2 Peter 1:20-21 NASB "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

## When was it written?

- a) 1500 B.C. to about A.D. 100
- b) 1200 B.C. to about A.D. 400
- c) 1300 B.C. to about A.D. 200
- d) I don't know ☺

Within it we have two testaments, the Old Testament and the New Testament

- How many books total? 66
- How many books in each testament? 39 Old Testament 27 New Testament

In the beginning – John 1:1-3

## Where was it written?

Spans three continents and was written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

Which continents was it written on?

- a) Antarctica, Asia and South America
- b) Asia, Europe and Africa
- c) North America, Oceania and Asia
- d) None of the above

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew.

- Was written before Christ, what was the Old Testament called originally?  The Hebrew Bible

- The Old Testament speaks of and shows us the covenant God made with Abraham.
  - o Genesis 12: 1-3;4-9
- Points toward Christ, the coming Messiah expected to and believed by the Jews to be the one to save and restore them.
  - o They were looking for God's kingdom to be established.
  - o They were looking for justice and mercy.

Is the Old Testament Still relevant to us today?

- a) Yes, but only some of it
- b) Yes, in its entirety
- c) No.
- d) No, it is irrelevant for the current times

The New Testament was written in Aramaic and Greek.

- We see the New covenant God has made with us
- Tells the story of Jesus Christ; the Messiah has come
  - o John 1:14 <sup>14</sup> "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
  - o John 1:17(b): <sup>17</sup> "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."
  - o John 1:29-34
- We are commissioned (Matthew 28:18-20)
  - o <sup>18</sup> *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. <sup>19</sup> **Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

The bible is our sole authority !