

Characteristics of the Bible

The Bible is made up of _____ books

existing in two sections: *The Old Testament and the*

New Testament

It takes approximately _____ hours to read the entire Bible. (_____ hours OT, _____ hours NT)

It was written in _____ original languages:

Old Testament - _____; _____

New Testament - _____

Why is there a touch of Aramaic found in parts of Daniel, Ezra, one verse in Jeremiah (10:11) and one verse in Genesis (31:47)?

The collective writings of the canon were written over a span of _____ years.

The books were not written _____.

The first written Word of God was _____
_____, written by _____.

From that point on, Scripture was recorded by the _____
_____ and _____.

Recall 2 Timothy 3:16... *"All scripture is breathed out by God..."*

The means it is literally _____.

Recording vs. Approval - a true recording of events does not equate to approval of the events.

Two types of texts:

Descriptive - a true _____ of events that occurred in history.

Prescriptive - an authoritative _____ to be followed, or _____ to be applied.

How was it written?

Concursive Operation- (_____) God used the intellect, skills, personality, and experiences of _____ men to record His _____ message.

Verbal Plenary- (_____) quality of the Bible's authorship being fully _____ - _____ and _____ - _____.

Paradox - a statement, situation, or argument that seems illogical or self-contradictory on the surface, but when inspected, reveals deep truth or insight.

2 Peter 1:19-21 *And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

Torah 5 (law)

Old Testament 39 total

AD 90 Council of Jamnia

NT books written around 90 AD: John, Luke, Matthew, Acts,
1-3 John, and Jude.

Jesus recognized the Old Testament scriptures as:

John 10:35 - unbreakable

Matthew 5:17-19 unchangeable

Matthew 12:38-42 historical and prophetic

Matthew 19:4-5 authoritative and instructive

Intertestamental Period

_____ years of silence with no recorded Scripture from
authoritative sources.

What was happening at this time? This was the rise of the

_____.

Galatians 4:4

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law,*

New Testament 27

Apostolic Authority - written by a _____ of _____ or a
verified OT prophet or patriarch.

Catholicity - _____; accepted by the entire New
Testament church during circulation as authoritative in source.

Orthodoxy - in full agreement of _____
found in other canonical texts. True. Verifiable in source and
content.

The _____ recognized each other's writings as Scripture.

2 Peter 3:15-16 *And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,¹⁶ as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.*

The apostles knew their writings were authoritative.
Paul refers to himself as an apostle in 9 of his 13 letters.

1 Corinthians 14:37-38

If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

***The 66 books of the Bible were never _____,
they were universally _____.***