
LESSON 1

**GOD'S WORD
FOR MY LIFE**

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ACCELERATED BIBLE CURRICULUM**



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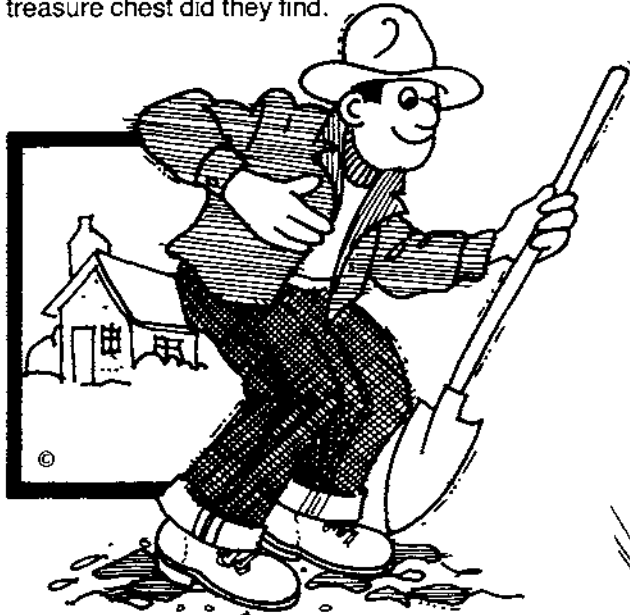
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BURIED TREASURE!

An ancient Greek legend relates the story of a wealthy farmer who lay dying on his bed. In his final moments, two sons hovered close to hear his last words. "My treasure is buried in my fields," he disclosed. "If you would be rich, then dig for it."

Soon the old farmer died. Supposing that their dad had buried his wealth in a treasure chest somewhere on the farm, the two boys set out anxiously to find it. Using spades and shovels, they dug with great enthusiasm and determination, but without apparent success. Carefully they turned over every inch of soil, digging deeper than any plow blade had ever reached. But no clue of a treasure chest did they find.



As spring came, the search was forgotten to plant the crops. Then came summer and the harvest season. What a harvest they had! Never had they enjoyed such a bountiful, rich crop like this in all their years of farming!

Yes, in digging the soil so eagerly in search of treasure, the boys had won the riches they had sought. Their wise old dad's scheme had succeeded!

You, too, have inherited a precious treasure that has come to you through many generations. It, too, is buried. Not in the soil, but rather in a Book. Believe me, this treasure is very close to you. You may even be touching it at this moment! Your Bible!

He who provides it for you says, "If you would be wealthy in all the best of life, then **dig for it!**" Read it. Study it. Meditate upon it. Pray over it. And within its pages you'll find the richest of all treasures.

From its appearance no one would suspect that it might be more valuable than other books. But open it, begin your search, and the first glint of golden treasure will soon begin to shine for you!

Without a doubt, the Bible is the most wonderful Book in the world. We see it every day, yet forget the blessing it has brought us. Can you imagine what it would be like WITHOUT our Bible? For about 2,500 years of human history, there was no Bible. No written revelation came from God and only occasional direct revelations of His will came to man.

Finally, through the prophets He gave this Book to guide us in ways that are acceptable to Him. It is a Book of Life and preserves something of the Spirit of Him who designed it. And while reading it, we feel the great Spirit of the Author as it touches our spirit and makes our life more like His!

The Bible is one Book, one history, one story — His story. From the beginnings of Genesis through Revelation, you can recognize one great plan moving through the ages — HIS plan to redeem a wrecked and ruined world.

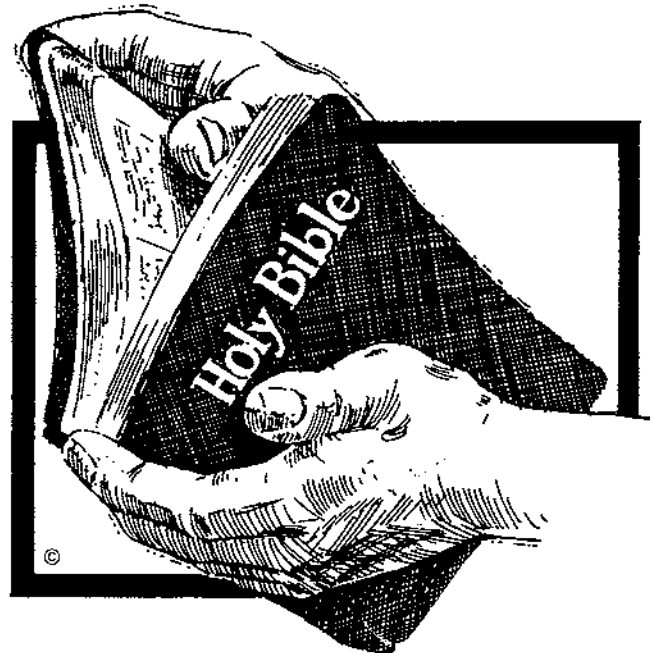


For about _____ years of human history, there was no Bible. God spoke only occasionally to man directly through the _____.

The Bible is a Book of _____. While we read it we can feel His _____, making our lives more like _____. Through its pages we recognize God's great purpose and plan to _____.

The Bible has many different names. Throughout the pages of Scripture, the various writers refer to the Bible with many different expressions. See if you can find them. Find each reference and write the words that describe the Bible:

1. Romans 1:2 _____
2. Psalm 1:2 _____
3. Romans 15:8 _____
4. Isaiah 34:16 _____
5. Romans 3:2 _____
6. Ephesians 6:17 _____
7. Romans 10:17 _____
8. Philippians 2:16 _____
9. Daniel 10:21 _____
10. II Timothy 2:15 _____



WHAT THE BIBLE IS TO ME

How amazing that the Word of God is indeed personalized to meet every need of humanity. At different times and phases of the Christian experience, His word takes on new roles and provides the need of that moment. What is the Word of God to you? Many wonderful things! See for yourself. Find each reference and fill in what the Word of God is in that verse:

The Bible is:

1. A _____ to reflect. (James 1:23)
2. A _____ to break. (Jeremiah 23:29)
3. A _____ unto our feet. (Psalm 119:105)
4. A _____ unto our pathway. (Psalm 119:105)
5. A _____ to cut. (Hebrews 4:12)
6. _____ for babes. (I Peter 2:2)
7. _____ for the hungry. (Matthew 4:4)
8. _____ for men. (Hebrews 5:11-14)

WHAT'S IN IT?

Look at the Book you hold in your hands. Actually, it isn't a single book, but rather a collection of books—more like a library. Many of these "books" are not really books at all in the usual sense of the word. Some are merely letters, while others are messages so short they could be copied on two or three typewritten pages today.

The Bible has two main divisions—the Old Testament and the New Testament. The word "testament" refers to a document disclosing the will of a departed person. It is a covenant or an agreement between two contracting parties.

Thus, the Old Testament is the covenant or agreement God made with man about his salvation before Christ came. The New Testament is the agreement God made with man about his salvation after Christ came.

Each testament, in turn, is divided into five sections. The Old Testament begins with the **LAW**. This includes the first five books of the Bible. The next twelve books comprise the **HISTORY** of the nation of Israel. Next are the five **POETRY** books.

Following are the **MAJOR PROPHETS**, including Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and

Daniel. The remaining books of the Old Testament are attributed to the **MINOR PROPHETS**.

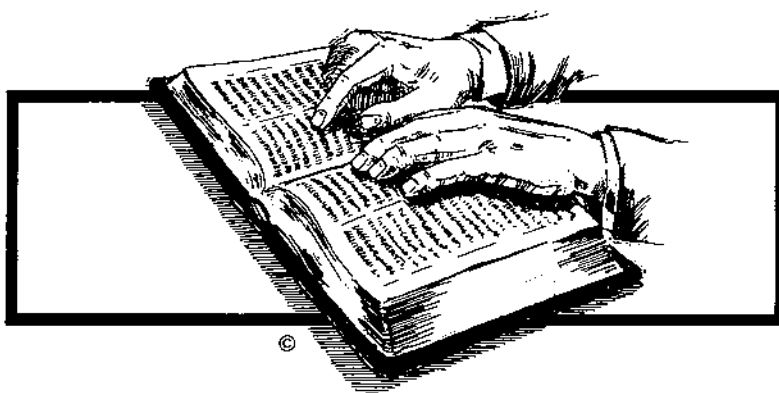
Our New Testament begins with the four **GOSPELS**: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These books are a biography of the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ.

The Book of Acts tells the **HISTORY** of the birth of the Church. It explains the plan of salvation.

Next are the **EPISTLES**, fourteen of which are called Pauline epistles. These are letters Paul wrote to various churches and companions of the Gospel. Contrary to popular belief, the epistles do **NOT** instruct us how to be saved, but rather how to *live* the Christian life. Epistles were written to people who had already become Christians. Therefore, they needed no instructions on *how* to be saved.

The remaining seven epistles are called **GENERAL EPISTLES** and include the writings of James, Jude, Peter and John.

Finally, the Book of Revelation is the only book of **PROPHECY** in the New Testament. Written by the Apostle John, it foretells events that will occur at the end of the age.



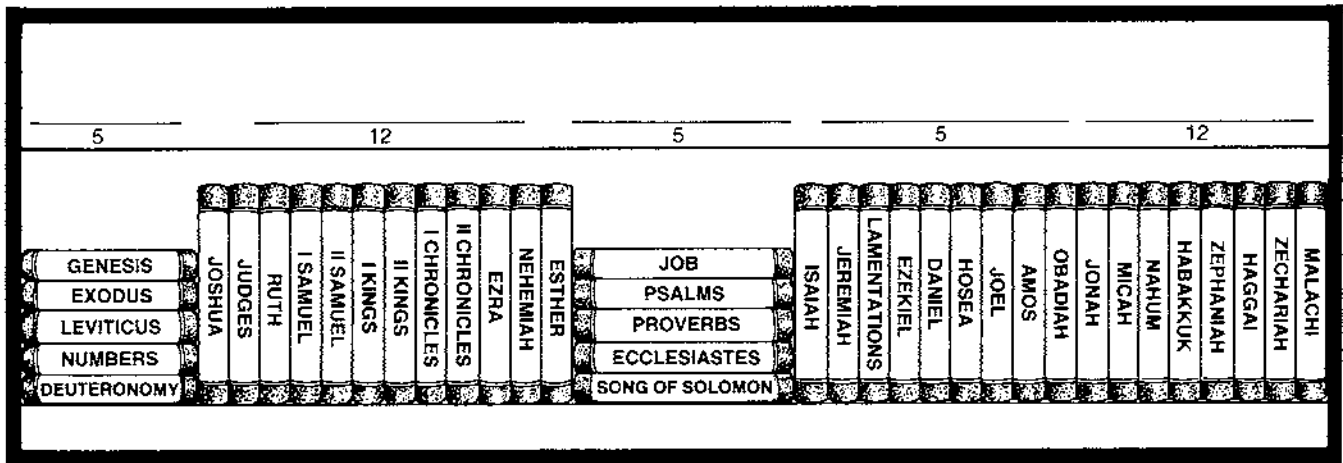
The Bible isn't a single book, but rather a _____ of books, more like a _____.

The two main divisions of the Bible are the _____ and _____.

The word "testament" means a _____.

The Old Testament is divided into _____ sections.

DIVISIONS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



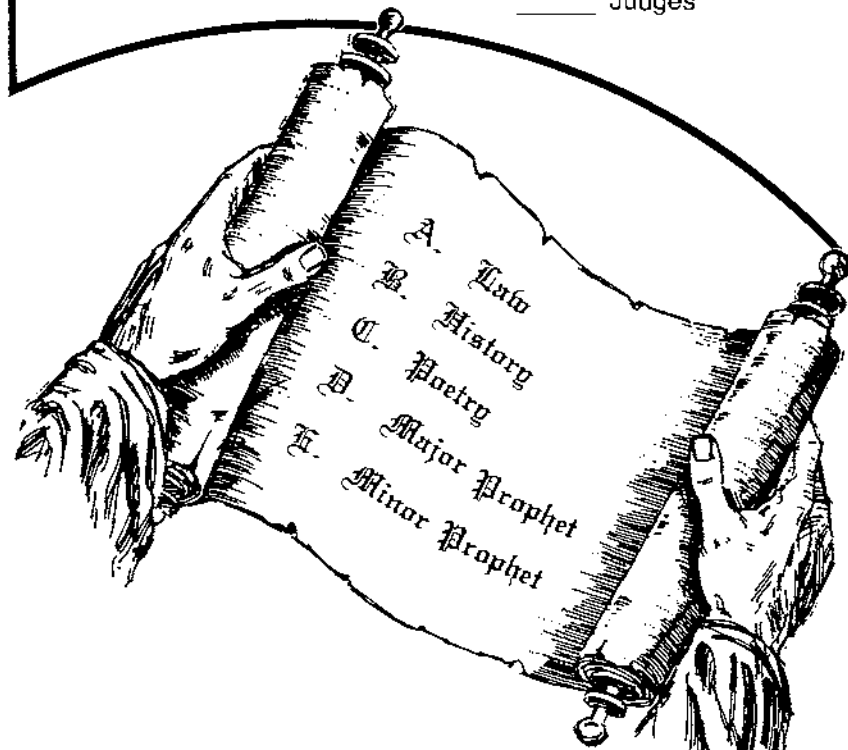
Above the diagram, write in the name of each section:

Which books belong to each section?

Match the letter of the correct answer beside the book given on the left.

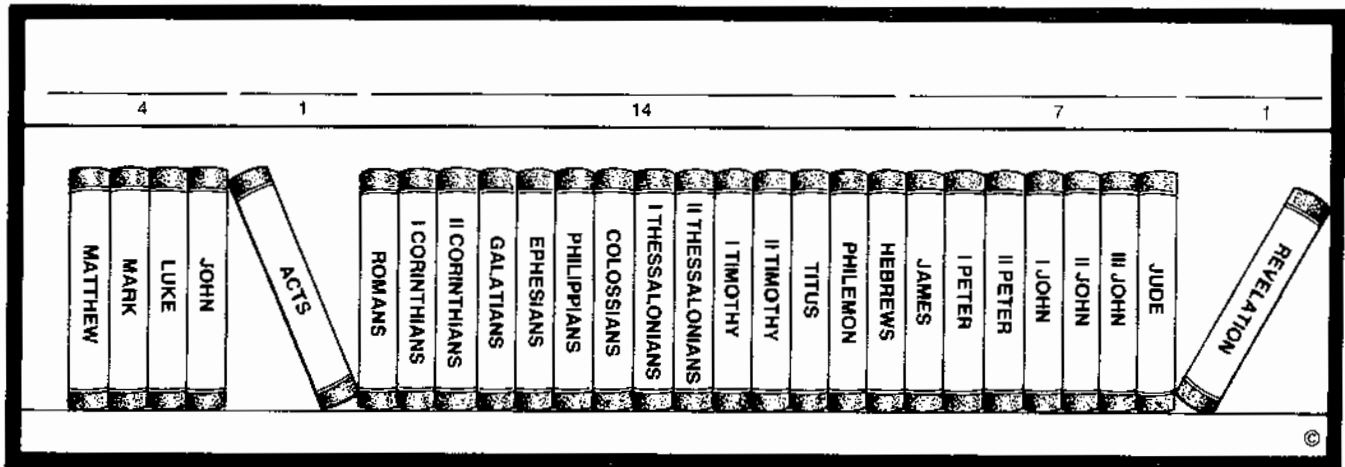
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- Proverbs
- Obadiah
- Ezra
- Job
- I Chronicles
- Daniel



- Leviticus
- Amos
- Jonah
- Joshua
- Numbers
- Song of Solomon
- Joel

DIVISIONS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT



Above the diagram, write in the name of that section:

The New Testament begins with the four _____, followed by the _____ of _____. Next come the _____, and _____ of these are called the _____ epistles because Paul wrote them.

Paul's books are followed by the _____.

Finally, the Book of _____ is the only book of _____ in the New Testament. It was written by the Apostle _____.

Which book belongs to each section? Match the letter of the correct section beside the books given on the left.

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| _____ James | _____ Acts |
| _____ I Timothy | _____ John |
| _____ I John | _____ Revelation |
| _____ Colossians | _____ Galatians |
| _____ Hebrews | _____ Titus |
| _____ II Peter | _____ Romans |
| _____ Philippians | _____ Mark |
| _____ II Corinthians | _____ Jude |
| _____ III John | _____ I Corinthians |
| _____ Ephesians | _____ Matthew |

