

INTRODUCTION TO THE

HOLY BIBLE

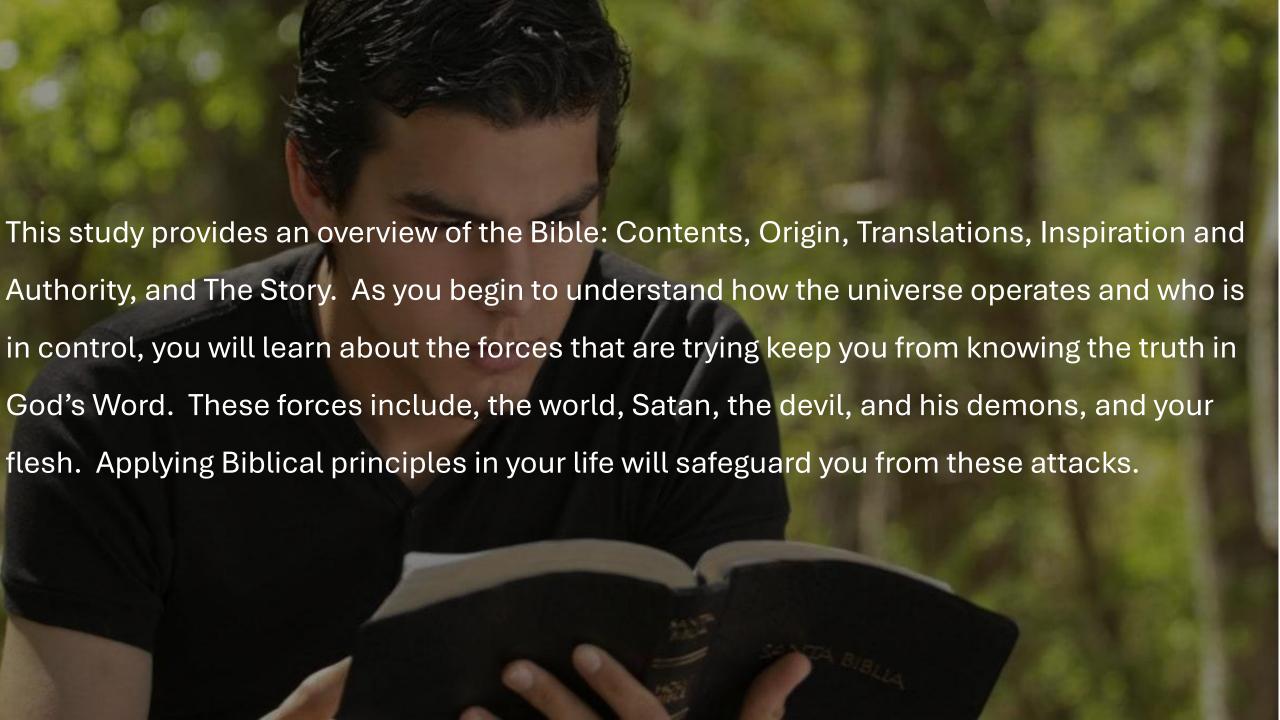


PART 1

Welcome to Life BALANCE!

Making the decision to apply God's Word in your life is spiritually transformational. This action demonstrates your will to trust God by believing in His Word and letting Him hold you accountable. It is a matter of submission in "Letting go and letting God. As you continue on this journey, leaning not on your own understanding, you will find peace in this life. You will find Balance. He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



Life BALANCE is designed to help you better understand and use the arsenal that you have been given as a Child of God. Through all the challenges you will face in this life, you will find Peace in the God that created and loves you. Unfortunately, there are many in this world, that are oblivious to spiritual warfare and the love of God. They have no strategy to protect themselves and fall victim to it.

Congratulations!

You have chosen a different path! May God Bless You, on your journey through the Word of God. It is the best decision you will make in your life. Applying God's Word is the Nourishment you need to grow spiritually and live intentionally for God. He is the Living Accountability that strengthens us into the persons He wants us to become.

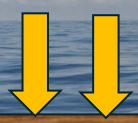
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Biblical Application; Living Accountability

Nourishing Christ-centered Excellence

BALANCE

Bible Study & Application



Nourishes



LIFE



World, Flesh & Devil



Neutralizes

HOLY BIBLE



The word Bible comes from the Greek word *biblos*, meaning a book. It is also called . . .

- "The Holy Scriptures (Rom. 1:2; 2 Tim.3:15)
- "The Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4; Mt. 21:42; 22:29;

Luke 24:32; Jn. 5:39; Acts 8:32; 18:24; Gal.3:22)

• "The Word of God" (**Heb. 4:12**)









The Structure of the Holy Bible

2 Main Sections

The Old Testament

(Hebrew Scripture)

The New Testament

(Christian Scripture)

Each testament is divided into:

Four Sections:

- The Pentateuch or Torah
- The Historical Books
- 3. Wisdom and Poetry Books
- 4. Major and Minor Prophets

Four Sections:

- The Gospels
- Acts of the Apostles
- The Epistles (Letters)
- The Book of Revelation

Individual Books

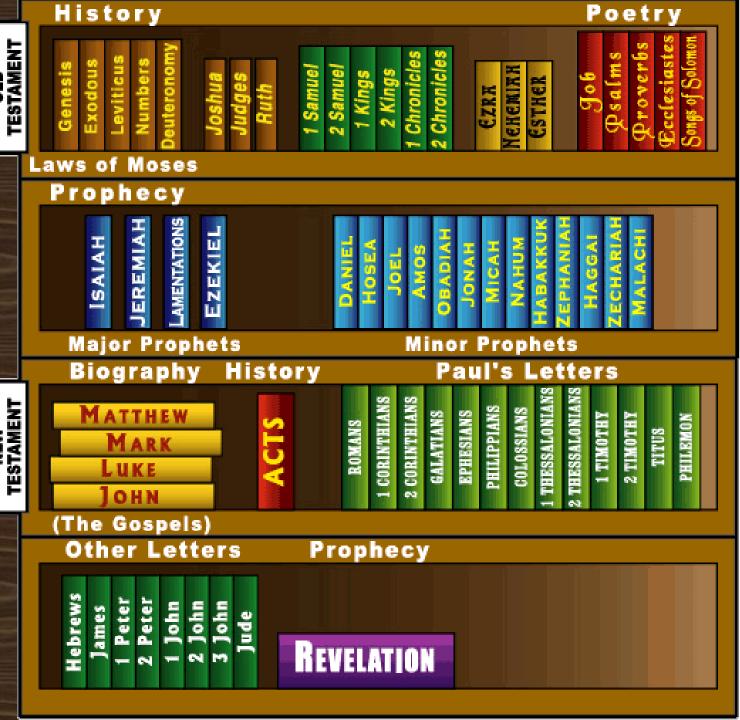
Chapter and Verse

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God" John 1:1

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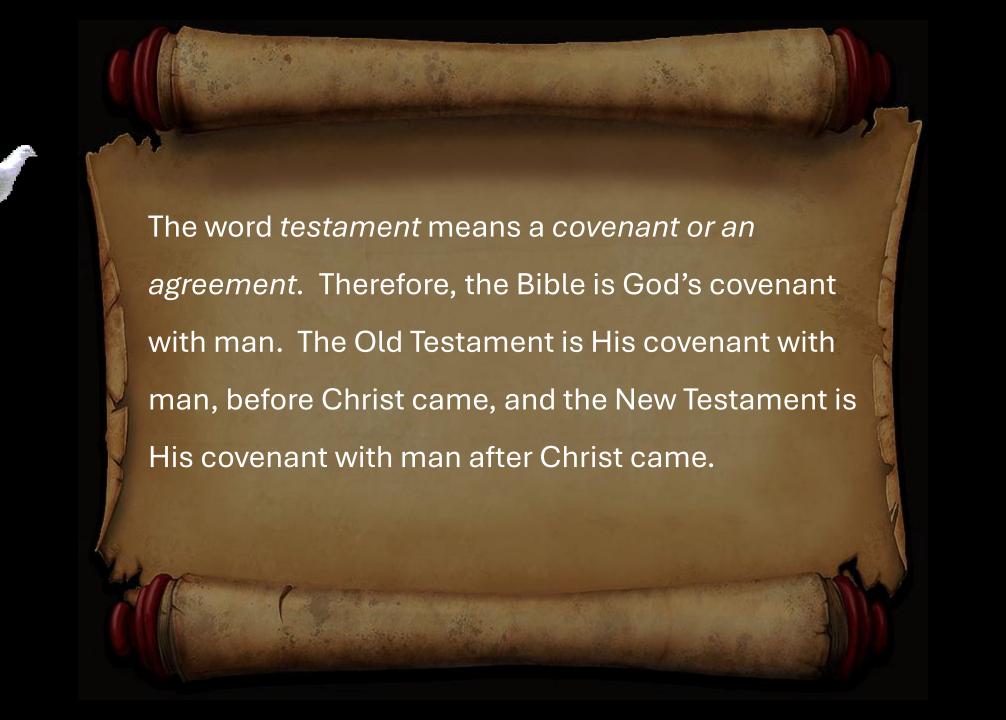


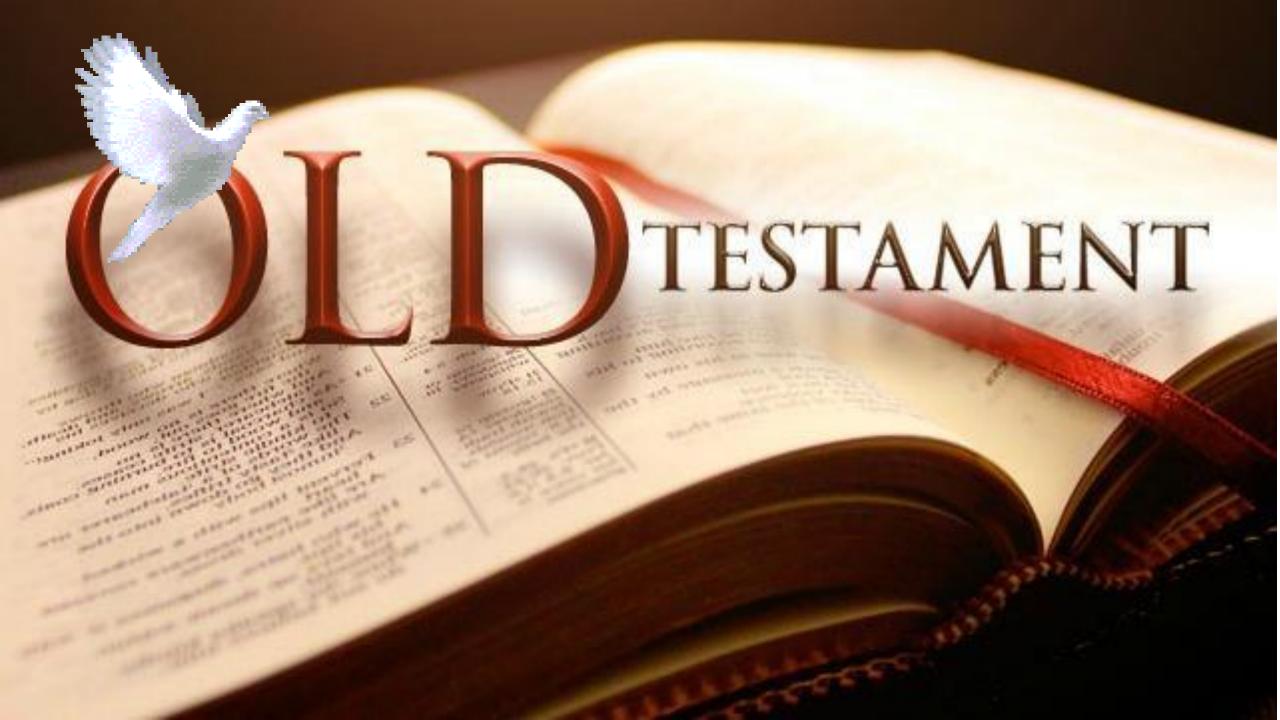
The Bible is not a book, not in the technical sense. Rather, it is a collection of books, a great library of sixty-six (66) books. The Bible naturally falls into two divisions that are separated by the birth of Jesus Christ.

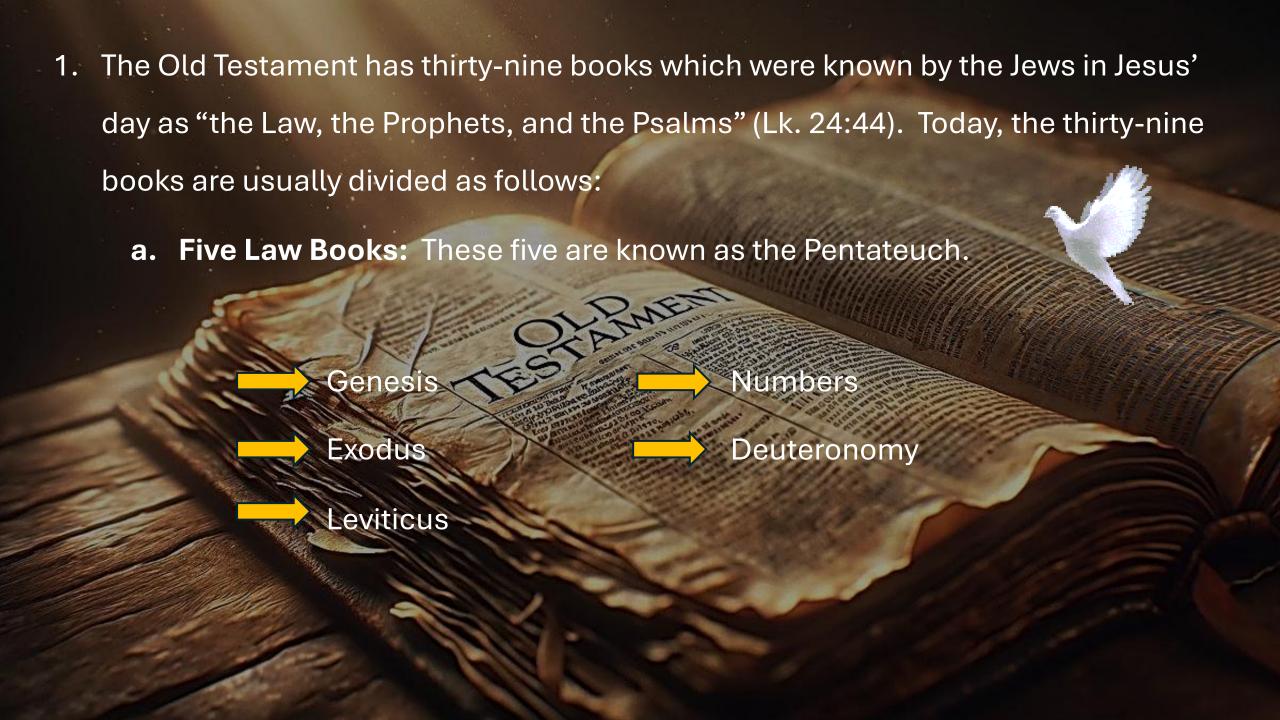


The two parts are . . .

- The Old Testament, which was written before Jesus Christ came to earth.
- The New Testament, which was written after Jesus Christ came to earth.
 - The books of the Bible were written over a period of over a millennium and a half, approximately 1500 years.
 - Beginning around 1400 years Before Christ B.C. and ending towards the last of the first century 90-100 A.D.

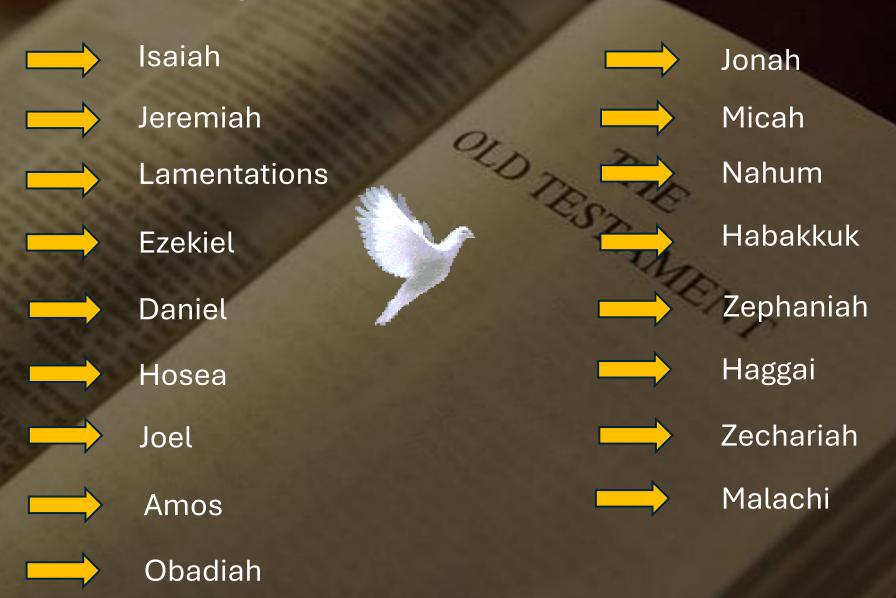


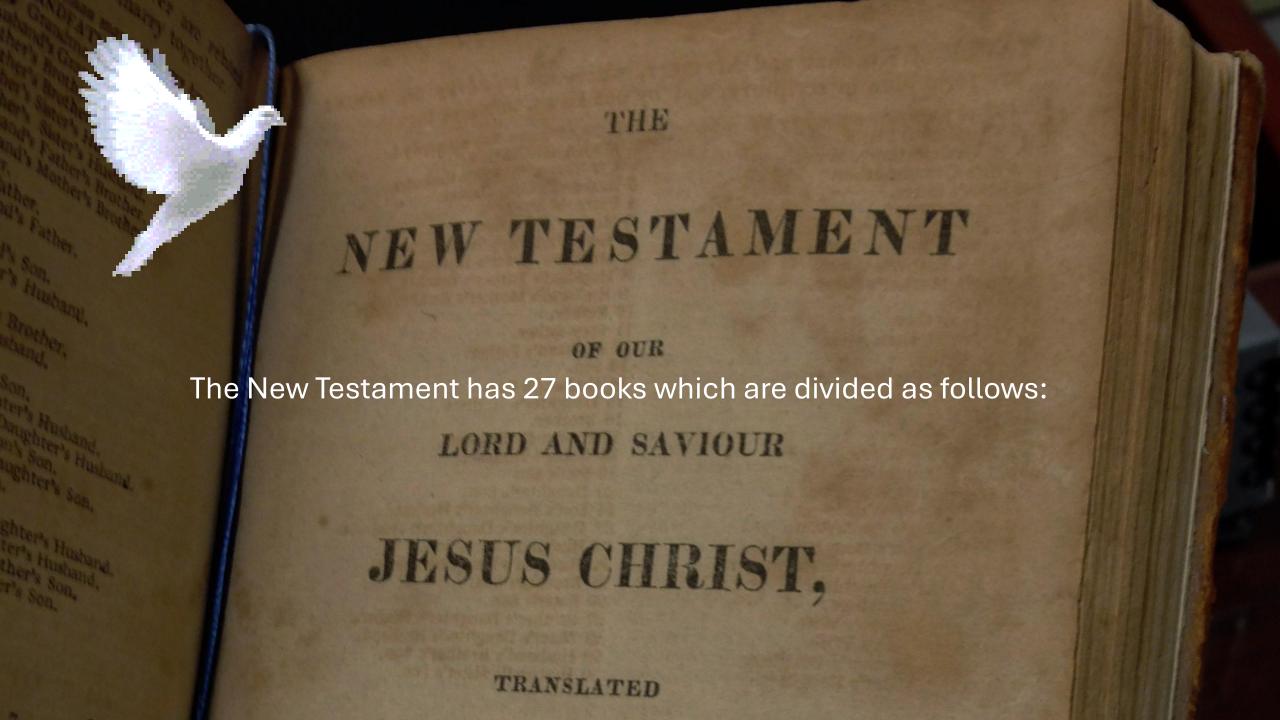






d. Seventeen Prophetic Books:

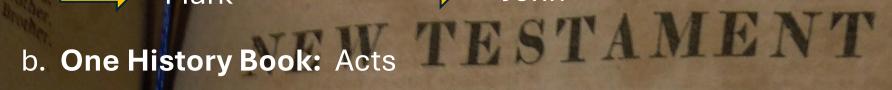




a. Four Gospels



Mark John



c. Fourteen Pauline Epistles: Letters written by Paul the Apostle

Romans — Colossians

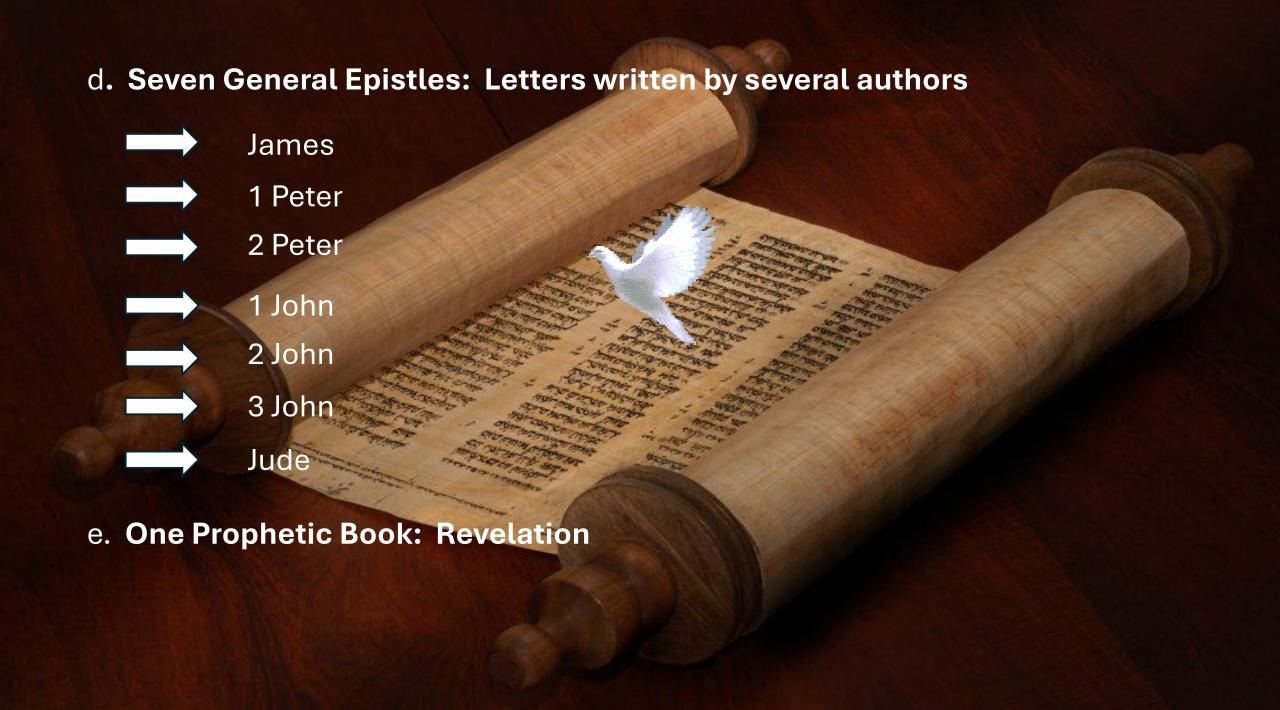
I & II Corinthians I & II Thessalonians

Galatians L& II Timothy

Ephesians Titus

Philippians Philemon

Hebrews (probably)





APOCRYPHA

Apocrypha means hidden. The Apocrypha are related writings not forming part of the accepted canon of Scripture. In addition to books of the Old Testament, in Catholic Bibles you will find 14 additional books. These books are sometimes called deuterocanonical or second canon to distinguish them in value from the first canon. Protestant Bibles do not consider these to be the inspired Word of God.

