

God's Word – Holy Scripture – The Bible

All of Scripture is about Jesus in one way or another.
Even the Old Testament!

The Bible is a collection of **66** books prepared by individual people who were inspired by God the Holy Spirit.

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וְהוּא מְחֻלָּל מִפְּשָׁעֵינוּ מִדָּבָר מְעֻזְנֵינוּ מִדְּבַר שְׁלוֹמֵנוּ עָלֵינוּ וּבְחִבְרַתֵּנוּ נִרְפָּא-לָנוּ:¹

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ἀλλ' εἰς τῶν στρατιωτῶν λόγῃ αὐτοῦ τὴν πλευρὰν ἔνυξεν, καὶ ἐξῆλθεν εὐθὺς αἷμα καὶ ὕδωρ.²

The Old Testament

Types of Books

Law:	Genesis / Exodus / Leviticus / Numbers/ Deuteronomy
History:	Joshua / Judges / Ruth / 1&2 Samuel / 1&2 Kings / 1&2 Chronicles / Ezra / Nehemiah / Esther
Poetry:	Job / Psalms / Proverbs / Ecclesiastes / Song of Solomon
Major Prophets:	Isaiah / Jeremiah / Lamentations / Ezekiel / Daniel
Minor Prophets:	Hosea / Joel / Amos / Obadiah / Jonah / Micah / Nahum / Habakkuk / Zephaniah / Haggai / Zechariah / Malachi

Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Old Testament!

¹ *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: with Werkgroep Informatica, Vrije Universiteit Morphology; Bible. O.T. Hebrew. Werkgroep Informatica, Vrije Universiteit.* (2006). (Is 53:5). Logos Bible Software.

² Nestle, E., Nestle, E., Aland, B., Aland, K., Karavidopoulos, J., Martini, C. M., & Metzger, B. M. (1993). *The Greek New Testament* (27th ed., Jn 19:34). Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft.

Lesson 1

Reading the Bible

The key to understanding the word of God is understanding that the bible is not directly about you, but rather that the Bible is about God and what God has done through Jesus Christ. The key to the scriptures is Jesus. When reading the bible you should always ask yourself how is this passage pointing me to Jesus? [It is easier to see in some places than others]

Creation Account

Day 1: Light/Darkness Day/Night

Day 4: Sun/Moon/Stars

Day 2: Sky/ Water Separated

Day 5: Birds/ Sea Creatures

Day 3: Seas/Land Plants/Trees

Day 6: Animals/ People

Observe that things move from general to specific when God creates. The general creations are then sustained and cared for by the specific creations.

What is man's task given in the Garden? Read Genesis 1:28-31

Day 7: God Rested

Did God need to rest?

Why did He? [Mark 2:27-28]

Humanity is God's workmen in creation. You were created to care for the creation, which is in fact a tiresome job. You have a duty to work in some fashion caring for creation and you have a duty to rest. What does this look like in your life?