

God's Word – Holy Scripture – The Bible

All of Scripture is about Jesus in one way or another.

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

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וְהָיָא מִחֻלְלֵי מִפְּשָׁעֵינוּ מִדְּבָרָא מְעוֹנָתֵינוּ מִסֵּר שְׁלוֹמֵנוּ עָלֵינוּ וּבְחִבְרָתוֹ נִרְפָּא-לָנוּ:¹

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

The New Testament

Types of Books

Gospel/History:

Matthew / Mark / Luke / John / Acts

Letters:

Romans / 1 & 2 Corinthians / Galatians / Ephesians /
Philippians / Colossians / 1&2 Thessalonians /
1&2 Timothy / Titus / Philemon / Hebrews / James / 1&2
Peter / 1&2&3 John / Jude

Prophetic:

Revelation

The first 4 books are about the life of **Jesus** on Earth!

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.

Three Types of Law in the Scriptures

- Moral: Ten Commandments (along with other laws that reflect God's eternal will) – God still wants us to keep these laws not for our justification but because they are good and an expression of love.
- Civil: Laws that governed the land of ancient Israel. – These were only binding for the people of that time.
- Ceremonial: Laws that govern the way Israel was to worship the one true God.

10 Commandments Summary

Commandments 1-3 deal with our relationship to God. Love God summarizes these commandments.

Commandments 4-10 deal with our relationship to others [our neighbors]. Love your neighbor as yourself summarizes these commandments.

Matthew 22:36-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."