

Bibliology

Study of the Bible

The Facts about the Bible:

1. The Bible is inspired by God [2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21]
2. The Bible is made up of 66 different books that were written over 1,600 years [from approximately 1500 B.C. to AD 96] by more than 40 writers: kings, prophets, leaders and followers of Jesus. The Old Testament has 39 books [written approximately 1500-400 BC]. The New Testament has 27 books [written approximately AD 45-96]. The Hebrew Bible has the same text as the English Bible's Old Testament but divides and arranges it differently.
3. The Old Testament was written mainly in Hebrew, with some Aramaic. The New Testament was written in Greek.
4. The books of the Bible were collected and arranged and recognized as inspired sacred authority by councils of rabbis and councils of the church based on careful guidelines. [The Canon of Scripture]
5. There is much evidence that the Bible is true to the original autographs. Of the thousands of copies made by hand before AD 1500, more than 5,300 Greek manuscripts from the New Testament alone still exist today.

The Books/Divisions of the Bible:

THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. The Law [Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy]
2. The Historical Books [Joshua – Esther]
3. Poetry & Wisdom Books [Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon]
4. Major Prophets [Isaiah – Daniel]
5. Minor Prophets [Hosea – Malachi]

THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. The Gospels and Acts
2. Paul's Epistles [Romans – Philemon]
3. General Epistles [Hebrews – Jude]
4. Revelation