

Timeless Truths of the Bible



Bible Canonicity

The word canon means a rule, measuring line, standard or model

The word canon has the same meaning whether it is in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, or English

Foundational Scriptures:

Matthew 23:35

Luke 24:27, 44

II Timothy 3:16

II Peter 1:21

Hebrews 1:1-3

The Nucleus of this Truth

II Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The Timeless Truth: The Canon of Scripture

The Old Testament is a prophetic statement from God

A prophet was one who spoke for God, not only foretelling, but also speaking as God inspired him

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The Old Testament is the inspired Word of God

History verifies the Word of God

The 39 Books of the Old Testament: The Canon of Scripture

Josephus, the famous Jewish historian, said:

For we (meaning the Jews) have not an innumerable multitude of books among us, disagreeing with and contradicting one another (as the Greeks have), but only twenty two books, which contain the records of all the past times; which are justly believed to be Divine; and of them, five belong to Moses, which contain his laws and the tradition of the origin of mankind till his death.

This interval of time was little short of three thousand years; but as to the time from the death of Moses till the reign of Artaxerxes, king of Persia, who reigned after Xerxes, the prophets, who were after Moses, wrote down what was done in their times in thirteen books.

The remaining four books contain hymns to God and precepts for the conduct of human life.

It is true, our history hath been written since Artaxerxes, very particularly, but hath not been esteemed of the like authority with the former by our forefathers, because there hath not been an exact succession of prophets since that time; and how firmly we have given credit to those books of our own nation is evident by what we do;

for during so many ages as have already passed, no one has been so bold as either to add anything to them or take it from them; but it becomes natural to all Jews, immediately and from their very birth, to esteem those books to contain Divine doctrines, and to persist in them, and, if occasion be, willingly to die for them.

The 22 O.T. books = The 39 books in our O.T.

5 Books of Moses	13 Prophetical Books	4 Hymns to God
1. Genesis	1. Joshua	1. Psalms
2. Exodus	2. Judges & Ruth	2. Proverbs
3. Leviticus	3. 1 & 2 Samuel	3. Ecclesiastes
4. Numbers	4. 1 & 2 Kings	4. Song of Solomon
5. Deuteronomy	5. 1 & 2 Chronicles	
	6. Ezra & Nehemiah	
	7. Esther	
	8. Isaiah	
	9. Jeremiah & Lamentations	
	10. Ezekiel	
	11. Daniel	
	12. Books of the 12 minor prophets	
	13. Job	

$$22 + 17 = 39$$

The Timeless Truth: The Canon of Scripture

**Jesus and the New Testament affirm
the Old Testament Canon of Scripture**

**The testimony of Jesus and the New Testament fulfill
all that had been promised in the Law and Prophets**

The entire Old Testament is Christ centered

The New Testament was inspired by God,
the Holy Spirit

The New Testament books were written by
an apostle or a companion of an apostle

What does today's Timeless Truth Teach Us?

The canon of Scripture is inspired by God,
written by men of God, reveals the truth of God,
is kept and preserved by the Holy Spirit of God,
and is accepted and loved by the people of God

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