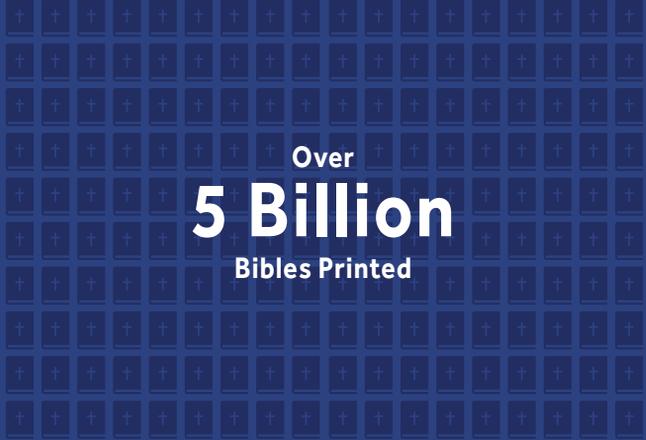


Why
Trust
the
Bible

Quick Facts

1

The Bible is the best selling book of all time.



2

There are 66 books from Genesis to Revelation.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, **Revelation**

3

The writing of the Bible was done in a span of over 1300 years. That's 43 Generations!



4

It contains many different types of writing.



Poetry



Prophecy



Songs



Letters



Eyewitness
Accounts



Historical
Stories



Historical
Documents



Advice

5

Written all over the known world at the time.



6

Over 40 different writers including:



Soldier



Fishermen



Kings



Royal Officials



Prophets



Musicians



Tax Collector



Poets



Physician

Old Testament

The Old Testament, in hebrew called the Tanakh, is the Jewish Bible. Tanakh is a hebrew acronym T for Torah, N for Nevi'im, and K for Ketuvim.

Torah

The Torah also known as "The Law" is the first five books of the bible written by Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. They tell the story of God's creation of the world, choosing the Jewish nation, and the rules He put in place for them.

Nevi'im

The Nevi'im is split into two groups: The Former Prophets and the Latter Prophets. The Former Prophets consists of narrative books: Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings. The Latter Prophets consists of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the twelve minor prophets. These books continue the narrative of the Jewish nation after Moses, as well as, prophecies for the future of thier people and the world.

Ketuvim

The Ketuvim is the third and final section of the Tanakh. It contains books of wisdom, poetry and stories: Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah and Chronicles. These books fill out the rest of the story of the Jewish nation.

All together these books tell an epic story of how God is working through the Jewish people to bring order and beauty to a chaotic world. It reveals the inability of this chosen nation to follow the rules God put in place, and predicts the coming of a Messiah, a Savior, who would bring redemption to this nation and a broken world.

New Testament

The New Testament contains four sections of the Gospels, The Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles, and the book of Revelation.

Gospels

The Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They tell the story of Jesus' life. He comes as the Savior, the Messiah predicted in the Old Testament. He dies on the cross to pay the price for all sin, and rises from the dead!

Acts of the Apostles

Jesus leaves for heaven, and gives His close followers the mission to continue His work. They establish the Christian church that grows quickly. This is the same Christian following that has continued to live and grow all the way into our current time.

Epistles

The Epistles are letters written by leaders in the early church to various established churches. They are all of Paul's letters, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, and Jude. These writings provide encouragement to the early churches and doctrine to follow.

Revelation

Jesus left the disciples with a cliff hanger. He told them He would come again, and hasn't yet. The book of Revelation (an account by John) is where God revealed to John the plans for the end of the world as we know it, the return of Jesus, and a new heavenly world for those that choose to follow Him.

Is the Bible Valid?

The standard way to test how accurate or valid an ancient text is, is by looking at ancient copies of that book, and comparing it to its counterparts of today.

Example:

Homer's Iliad - The story of the Trojan war

Written in 800BC - Closest manuscript written in 400BC - 400 Year gap

1800+ ancient copies with strong correlation to the book today

There is plenty of evidence proving the validity of Homer's Iliad

The New Testament

Written between 50-100AD

Closest Manuscript written in 130AD - 30 Year gap

5800+ ancient Greek manuscripts (original language)

18,000+ ancient manuscripts in ancient languages dating back to the 5th century such as Slavic, Syriac, Old Latin, Ethiopian, etc.

There is even more evidence for the Old Testament. Over 42,000 manuscripts and scrolls. If you combined the evidence for the entire Bible, flattened each page and stacked it up, it would be two and a half miles high. For reference, that is 5 times higher than the tallest building in the world as of 2020.

Under this scientific validity test the Bible is the most valid ancient book in the entire world.

The Main Message

The whole book, bookend to bookend, expresses Jesus.

God creates mankind with free will, meaning we all make our own choices. He showed mankind how to live righteously through the Law, but not one person could follow it perfectly. Mankind consistently makes immoral choices, setting the world in a downward spiral of wrongs and sins. Every action has consequences, and the consequence for sin is death.

Sin and its consequences led to the need for a Savior. God promised a Savior would come to redeem the world. This Savior is Jesus. Jesus, God the Son, arrives on earth as a human. He took the consequence mankind deserved by dying on the cross. God, through Jesus, creates the church that brings the message of who Jesus is, and what He did, to the world.

Lastly Jesus promised to return and give everlasting life to those who have chosen to believe and follow Him.

The Bible should not exist.

The Bible is written in over 40 different countries. It has over 40 different writers with different lives and occupations. It was written in a period of 1,300 years. All of these factors leave room for variance in story and message, but the Bible still tells one unified story of Jesus.

It is impossible that this book could exist, but it does. It exists through God's divine plan and power. God planned for this book to be an instrumental tool in the lives of every person. The Bible is the most important book you will ever read. Open it up and study it, and you'll find God working in your life like never before.



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