

The Bible

The Bible is God's Word

- Written by servants of God - II Peter 1:21
- Inspired by God
- Written to make us wise unto salvation - II Timothy 3:15 & John 20:31

How is the Bible like:

- A great Novel? A Road Map?
- A Telephone Book? A love letter?



The Bible can be divided into the "Law" and the "Gospel".

- The Law tells us what we should do or should not do to save ourselves, and it reveals our sin, and need for a Savior
- The Gospel - "Good News" tells us what God has done to forgive and save sinners through Jesus Christ.

Tell if the following verses are "Law" or "Gospel"

- _____ "You shall not steal"
- _____ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son."
- _____ "You shall not kill."
- _____ "Lo, I am with you always."
- _____ "God is our refuge and strength."
- _____ "The Lord is my shepherd."
- _____ "Love one another."
- _____ "Rejoice in the Lord."
- _____ "I am the way, the truth and the light."

The Bible can also be divided into the Old and New Testament

- The word "Testament" means - "Will", "Covenant", "Contract" or "Promise".

The Old Testament is God's promise to the people of Israel to be their God, and to bless all people through them.

- It has 39 books. You can remember this in that "Old" has 3 letters and "Testament" has 9 letters.
- It was written in Hebrew.
- It covers the B.C. "Before Christ" events - the story of creation, stories of the Jews, God's chosen people, and history up to, but not including the birth of Jesus.
- Hebrew was written backwards from English (from right to left), did not include vowels and did not have spaces between words.

See if you can translate the following passages written as they would have been written in the Hebrew style:

- Psalm 23:1 TNWTNLLHSDRHPHMSDRLHT

- Genesis 1:1 HTRHTDNSNVHHTDTRCDGGNNGBHTN

Try writing the following passage in the Hebrew style (Write only consonants, write from right to left, and run the words together):

- Isaiah 53:5 "He was wounded for our transgressions."

The New Testament is God's promise to all people to be their Savior, and to bless them through Jesus Christ.

- It has 27 books. You can remember this in that the word "New" has 3 letters, and "Testament" has 9 letters - $9 \times 3 = 27$.
- It was written in Greek.

- It covers the story of Jesus' birth to the end of the universe.
- Greek was written in the same direction of English without punctuation or spaces between word.

Translate the following passages written as they would have been written in the Greek style:

- Luke 2:8 IAMTHEGOODSHEPHERDIKNOWMYSHEEPANDMYSHEEPKNOWME

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- John 10:14 ANDINTHATREGIONTHEREWERESHEPHERDSOUTINTHEIRFIELD.

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Try writing the following passage as they would have written it in the Greek style:

- Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

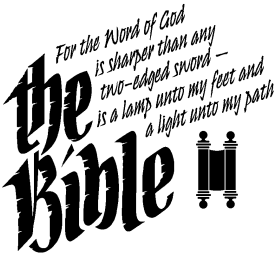
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How to locate Bible References

- If you were asked to locate Matthew 6:9-13 how would you find the passage?
Step 1: The book you are looking for is the name "Matthew". You may look this up in the Table of Contents, or go to the book based on having memorized the Books of the Bible.
Step 2: The number after the name tells you what chapter - "Chapter 6". Turn the pages of Matthew until you come to Chapter 6 - This will be a large number. Chapter numbers may also be found on the top corner of the pages.
Step 3: The number after the colon (:) tells you what verses. In Matthew, Chapter 6, look up the smaller numbers marked 9 through 13.

Look up these verses in your Bibles:

- John 3:16
- Deuteronomy 5:6-7
- Psalm 92:1-4
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Isaiah 42:1
- Ephesians 2:8-9



Where would you find these Bible stories in the New or Old Testament? (Circle the correct answer.)

- Adam and Eve - New Testament/Old Testament
- The Promise of a Savior to come - New Testament/Old Testament
- The story of the first Christmas - New Testament/Old Testament
- Moses and the Ten Commandments - New Testament/Old Testament
- The persecution of the early followers of Christ - New Testament/Old Testament
- Noah and the Ark - New Testament/Old Testament
- The story of Joseph and his coat of many colors - New Testament/Old Testament
- Jesus' crucifixion - New Testament/Old Testament
- Descriptions of the early Christian Church - New Testament/Old Testament
- Descriptions of Jewish worship - New Testament/Old Testament
- Letters to and from early Christians - New Testament/Old Testament
- The account of the end of the world - New Testament/Old Testament

Begin memorizing the Books of the Old and New Testaments