

## The Word Of God

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- 1) **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is given by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- 2) **Hebrews 1:1-2** Today God speaks to us by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) **2 Peter 1:20-21** Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) **1 Corinthians 2:13** Paul spoke the things which the \_\_\_\_\_ teaches.
- 5) **John 14:26** The Holy Spirit was to teach the apostles all \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) **John 16:13** The Holy Spirit was to guide the apostles into all \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) **Ephesians 3:5** The mystery was made known by the Holy Spirit to His \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) **Acts 17:26** All people are made from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) **Isaiah 40:22** God sits on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) **Isaiah 40:8** The word of God stands \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11) **Job 26:7** The earth hangs on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12) **Matthew 24:35** The Lord's words will not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13) **Matthew 4:4** We are to live by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14) **John 12:48** What will judge us in the last Day? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15) **Deuteronomy 4:2** In order to keep God's word we \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 16) **Revelation 22:18-19** What will happen if we add to or take away from God's word? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 17) **2 Corinthians 4:2** The word of God must not be handled \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18) **Galatians 1:6-9** What will happen to those who teach another gospel? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19) **Colossians 3:17** Whatever we do we must do all \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20) **2 John 9** One who abides in the doctrine of Christ has \_\_\_\_\_.
- 21) **Acts 17:11** Why should we search the scriptures? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 22) **1 Peter 2:2** Why should we study the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 23) **James 1:21-22** What will the word of God do for us? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24) **Romans 10:17** How do we get faith? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25) **Psalms 119:11** How do we keep from sinning? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 26) **Psalms 119:105** The word of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ to our path.
- 27) **Proverbs 30:5-6** One who adds to God's word is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28) **2 Peter 1:3** God has given us all things that pertain to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 29) **Acts 20:26-27** We must declare \_\_\_\_\_.

# **The Bible**

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The Bible was written by about 40 men over a period of about 1600 years dating from about 1500 BC to about 100 AD. These men wrote Scripture as they were inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible has 66 books, divided into 1,189 chapters consisting of 31,173 verses. The word "Bible" comes from Latin "*biblia*" meaning books. The word "testament" means "covenant".

The longest book in the Bible is Psalms of which there are 150 chapters or Psalms. The shortest book in the Bible is 2 John with 13 verses. The longest chapter in the Bible with the most verses is Psalms 119 with 176 verses. The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9 with 83 words. The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35, "Jesus wept".

The Bible is the most translated book in the world. It has been translated into more different languages and dialects than any other book that has been written, more than 1700. The first translation of the English Bible was initiated by John Wycliffe and was completed by John Purvey in 1388. The Bible was divided into chapters by Stephen Langton in 1228. The Old Testament was divided into verses by R. Nathan in 1488 and the New Testament by Robert Stephanus in 1551. The Bible was the first book to be printed in 1454. The Bible continues to be the best seller in the world. It is the only book that reveals the origin, mission, and destiny of man. It answers some crucial questions. Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Nowhere else can we find these answers. It is our only textbook on how to get to Heaven. There are now in existence about 4000 known manuscripts of the Bible or parts of the Bible made between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. This is far more than the manuscripts of any other ancient writing.

The backgrounds of the 40 inspired writers were very diverse. They include Samuel the judge; Amos the sheep herder and farmer; Ezra the priest; Nehemiah the statesman; David & Solomon were kings; prophets; Peter and John were fishermen; Matthew a tax collector; Luke a physician; Paul a tentmaker; and a host of other backgrounds. Its chapters were written in palaces and prisons, in cities and in wildernesses, in times of war and in times of peace, and many other circumstances. It was written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek; and on three continents: Europe, Asia, and Africa. The prophecies stand alone in their graphic detail, accuracy, and exacting fulfillment. Yet with the 40 different writers over a 1600 year span of time in three different continents, there are no contradictions because they were all inspired by an all-knowing all-wise God.

Many of the inspired writers were unaware of one another's writings and sometimes in the dark as to the meaning of their own words. 1 Peter 1:10-11 says, "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow."

It is better to speak the truth in love that hurts than falsehood that comforts and then kills. It is not love or friendship if we fail to declare the whole counsel of God. It is much better to be disliked for telling the truth than to be loved for telling a lie. Any teaching that is without Bible authority and integrity is false teaching and will cause both the teacher and those being taught to be eternally lost. Any teaching that is more than what the Bible teaches is false teaching. Any teaching that is less than what the Bible teaches is false teaching. Anyone who teaches that which is different from the Bible will be held accountable by the Lord on Judgment Day.

Down through the ages the Bible has come under attack with criticism, perversion, and abuse in Satan's effort to cast doubt on the truthfulness of God's word. Many have sought to ban and destroy the Bible, but their efforts have been futile. In spite of all this the Bible has survived completely intact. There is no conflict between the Bible and the facts of science. But there are conflicts between the Bible and the theories of so-called scientists.