

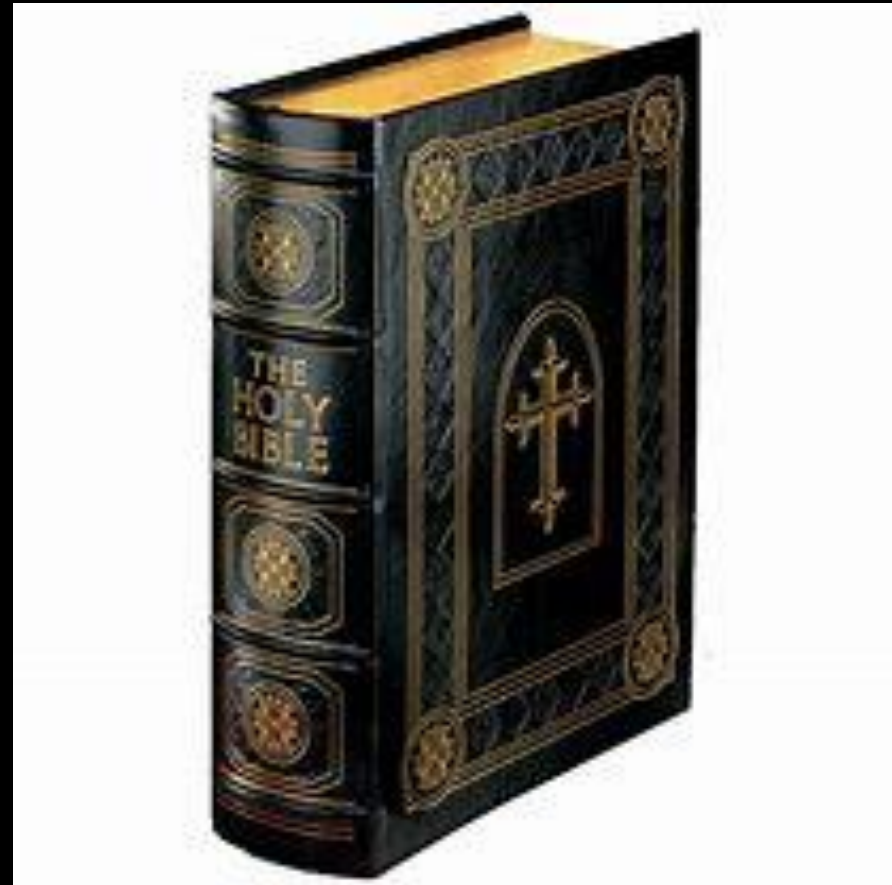


THE BIBLE

A Living Book – It's History & Staying Power

The Bible

- It's Composition & Makeup
- It's History
- It's Impact on the World
- It's Alive – Truly Living Book



The Bible – It's Composition & Makeup

- Collection of 66 Books and Letters Written by more than 40 Authors over a Period of more than 1,500 Years – OT 1,000+ yrs then a gap of about 450 yrs – NT over about 50 yrs
- From Moses (1st 5 Books) to John the Apostle (Revelation)
- The writers were from very diverse backgrounds – Kings, Religious Leaders, Prophets, Doctor, Tax Collector, Fishermen & Shepherds
- Written on lots of various Materials: (Clay, Stone Tablets, Papyrus, Vellum, Parchment, Leather, and even Metals)
- Originally Written in (3) Different Languages: (Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic) and on (3) Different Continents (Asia, Europe & Africa)

The Bible – It's Composition & Makeup

- God Inspired every Author through the Holy Spirit –
 - How else would we have such a great span of time, all the different authors from different backgrounds, locations, styles and languages and yet a consistent message without contradictions throughout
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2 Peter 1:20-21
- The 66 Books are known as the “Canon” of Scripture
- Canon is Derived from the Hebrew word “Kaneh” which means “Reed”.
- A “Reed” was used as a measuring rod so it came to mean “a criteria or standard”
- Other Books were excluded from the “Canon” – “Apocrypha & other Pseudepigraphia” – were not included in the Hebrew Bible

The Bible – It's Composition & Makeup

- How was the Biblical Canon Formed?
- What is the Bible?
- <https://youtu.be/ak06MSETeo4>



The Bible – It's Composition & Makeup

- The Bible Project
- Non-profit animation studio producing short films to make the biblical story accessible to anyone
- Founded in 2014 by Jonathan Collins and Timothy Mackie. They wanted to help people read through scripture and understand it without falling into the common trap of seeing the Bible as a rule book or a “devotional grab bag”; rather they desired to present the Bible as a “unified story that leads to Jesus.”
- It has no denominational ties
- Their aim is to genuinely help everyone everywhere have access to the Bible



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- The Old Testament (OT):
- The 39 books were compiled together for the first time during the time of Ezra – 5th Century B.C.
- Jesus confirmed the authority of the OT as he consistently quoted many of the passages even preaching and reading from them in the synagogues
- How could the OT have been copied so many times over the ages and never change?



The Bible – It's Composition & Makeup

- The Old Testament (OT) cont:
- Masoretes – Jewish scholars who copied and preserved the Hebrew Old Testament
- Flavius Josephus (Jewish Historian)
- “We have given practical proof of our reverence for our own scriptures. For although such long ages have now passed, no one has ventured either to add, or to remove, or to alter a syllable; and it is an instinct with every Jew from the day of his birth to regard them as decrees of God”
- When scribes copied the scriptures, they would count the number of letters on each line to make sure they had not omitted even a single letter, and other scribes proofread the copy again. They made great efforts to preserve the original text.



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- The New Testament (NT):
- The 27 books/letters of the NT were written at the time of the early church by those who eye-witnessed or closely knew about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus
- As the Apostles were being persecuted and killed. There became an urgent need to write down and preserve the words and acts of Jesus. As a result, the Apostles wrote the Gospels and Epistles
- The contents of the NT were all accepted by and read during the worship services by the early church as they followed the examples of Jesus and the Apostles.



The Bible – It's Composition & Makeup

- The New Testament (NT) cont:
- As false teachers began disrupting matters, the early church had to decide which writings to recognize as inspired by God
- The early church had (4) tests for inclusion in the Bible:
 - 1) Was it written by an apostle or one closely associated with an apostle
 - 2) Were the contents “revelatory” in nature – making something known
 - 3) Was the book universally recognized by the church in their preaching and teaching ministry
 - 4) The book was considered inspired because it bore the marks of inspiration
- The first full list of the NT books that mirror our NT of today is found in a letter by Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, in AD 367
- (3) Councils endorsed these books as scripture as well. There has been widespread agreement regarding the NT books from then until to the present day



The Apocrypha - It's Composition & Makeup

- From the Greek word “Apokryphos” meaning “hidden”
- They were never included in the Hebrew Old Testament (Tanak)
- The moral tone of the Apocrypha is far below that of the Bible, and it also contains doctrines that contradict the Bible. For this reason, these books were never accepted into the traditional Jewish canon.
- Jesus NEVER quoted from the Apocrypha which was in existence when he spoke and preached



The Apocrypha - It's Composition & Makeup

- Alexander the Great conquers the known world and Greek became the dominant language. The OT was translated into Greek w/ the Septuagint. The books of the Apocrypha were added to this translation
- Officially accepted by the Roman Catholic Church after St. Jerome, translated the Bible into Latin along with the Apocrypha as an appendix in the 4th century.
- To be Noted: St. Jerome doubted the Apocrypha books were divinely inspired like the rest of the scriptures.
- Council of Rome confirmed the additional books as canonical in AD 382.
- Reformers began to reject the Apocrypha, so the Catholic church convened the Council of Trent – AD 1546 and declared some but not all of the Apocrypha to be part of the canon
- Martin Luther's Bible (1534) included the Apocrypha but noted that they weren't divinely inspired
- The Geneva Bible (1599) followed this same approach
- The King James Bible (1611) also published the Apocrypha but eventually eliminated it from inclusion (1885)



The Apocrypha - It's Composition & Makeup

- Catholic Approved Books of the Apocrypha:
 - Ecclesiasticus
 - Wisdom
 - Tobit
 - Bel and the Dragon
 - Judith
 - Additions to the Book of Esther
 - Baruch
 - I Maccabees
 - II Maccabees
 - Prayer of Manasseh
 - Song of the Three Children
 - History of Susanna
 - I Esdras
 - II Esdras
 - Even the Catholic Church struggled to agree on which ones to include and not include



The Apocrypha - It's Composition & Makeup

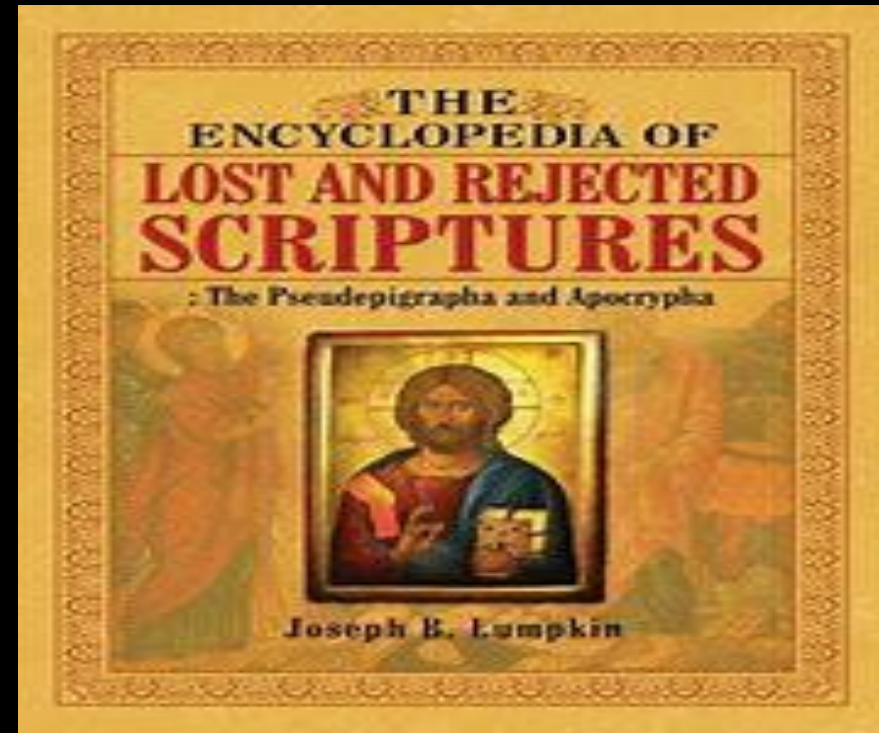
- Reasons why the books don't belong in the Bible
- Jesus refers to the entire accepted Jewish canon saying "From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all" – Luke 11:51 (Abel was the 1st martyr in the OT from Genesis and Zechariah was the last martyr in the book of Chronicles. They spanned all 39 books of the OT, just back then they were arranged differently.
- Jesus had many disputes with the Jews, but he never disputed with them regarding the extent of the inspired revelation of God in the Hebrew scriptures.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls contained copies of several of the books from the Apocrypha (not all) but they also included community rules, historical documents, festival calendars and other uninspired documents that the community found useful. However, they contain commentaries on every one of the Old Testament books and none on the Apocrypha books indicating that the Essene community did not view them as highly as the Old Testament books.
- Many ancient Jews rejected the Apocrypha as scripture. In fact, the Jewish community acknowledged that the prophetic gifts had ceased in Israel before the Apocrypha was written.

The Apocrypha - It's Composition & Makeup

- Reasons why the books don't belong in the Bible
- The Catholic church has not always accepted the Apocrypha. It was not for a millennium and a half after the books were written that the Council of Trent accepted some of them (but not all) and it was mainly a counter reaction to the Protestant Reformation.
- Many of the church fathers in the first four centuries of the early church rejected the Apocrypha as scripture but they did use them for devotional purposes at times. Jerome (as mentioned before) was the translator of the Latin Vulgate Bible rejected the Apocrypha as scripture but did include it as an appendix with a hurried translation under pressure most believe.
- Even the council of Trent placed them in a separate section because they were not of equal authority. They said they have some devotional purpose but were not inspired.
- The Apocrypha contains a number of false teachings (the command to use magic, the forgiveness of sins by paying money, and the offering of money for the sins of the dead as examples).
- The Apocrypha does not include any prophecy or any new statements that reveal truths about the messiah

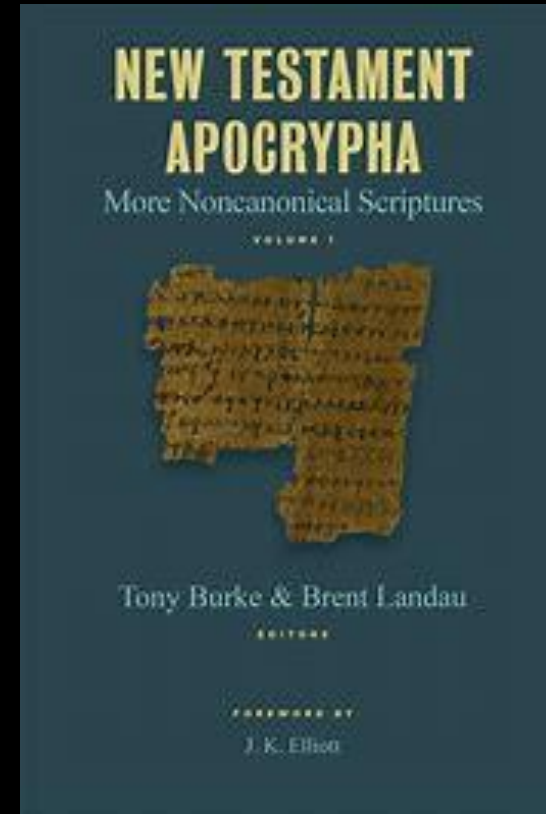
The Psuedepigraphia - It's Composition & Makeup

- OT writings not in the Apocrypha:
 - 3 Maccabees
 - 4 Maccabees
 - The Assumption of Moses
 - 1 Enoch
 - 2 Enoch
 - Book of Jubilees
 - Greek Apocalypse of Baruch
 - Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch
 - Letter of Aristeas
 - Life of Adam and Eve
 - Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah
 - Psalms of Solomon
 - Sibylline of Oracles
 - Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs
 - Many more.....



The Psuedepigraphia - It's Composition & Makeup

- NT writings not in the Apocrypha:
- From the Greek words
 - “pseudes” meaning false
 - “epigraphe” meaning name or inscription
- [Pseudepigrapha, Apocrypha and Sacred Writings](#)
- The Pseudepigrapha may have historical value, but they are not considered Scripture as they lacked affirmation by the early Jewish leaders and the early church, often include errors, are presented as works by authors other than the true author or came at a date far after the true events.



The Psuedepigraphia - It's Composition & Makeup

- There are no quotations from the Apocrypha by Jesus or the Apostles. There are references to the pseudepigrapha as “false writings” none of these writings were cited w/ things like “thus says the Lord”, “as it is written” or “the scriptures say”
- Pseudepigrapha refer to both the Apocrypha of the Old Testament as well as writings that claim to be part of the New Testament that together cover the general time period of 300 BC to AD 300.
- The Apostle Paul had to deal with false writings or Pseudepigrapha. In [2 Thessalonians 2:2](#) we find him concerned about a “letter seeming to be from us.”
- In other places, Paul would note, “I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write” [2 Thessalonians 3:17](#)



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The Bible – It's Translated History

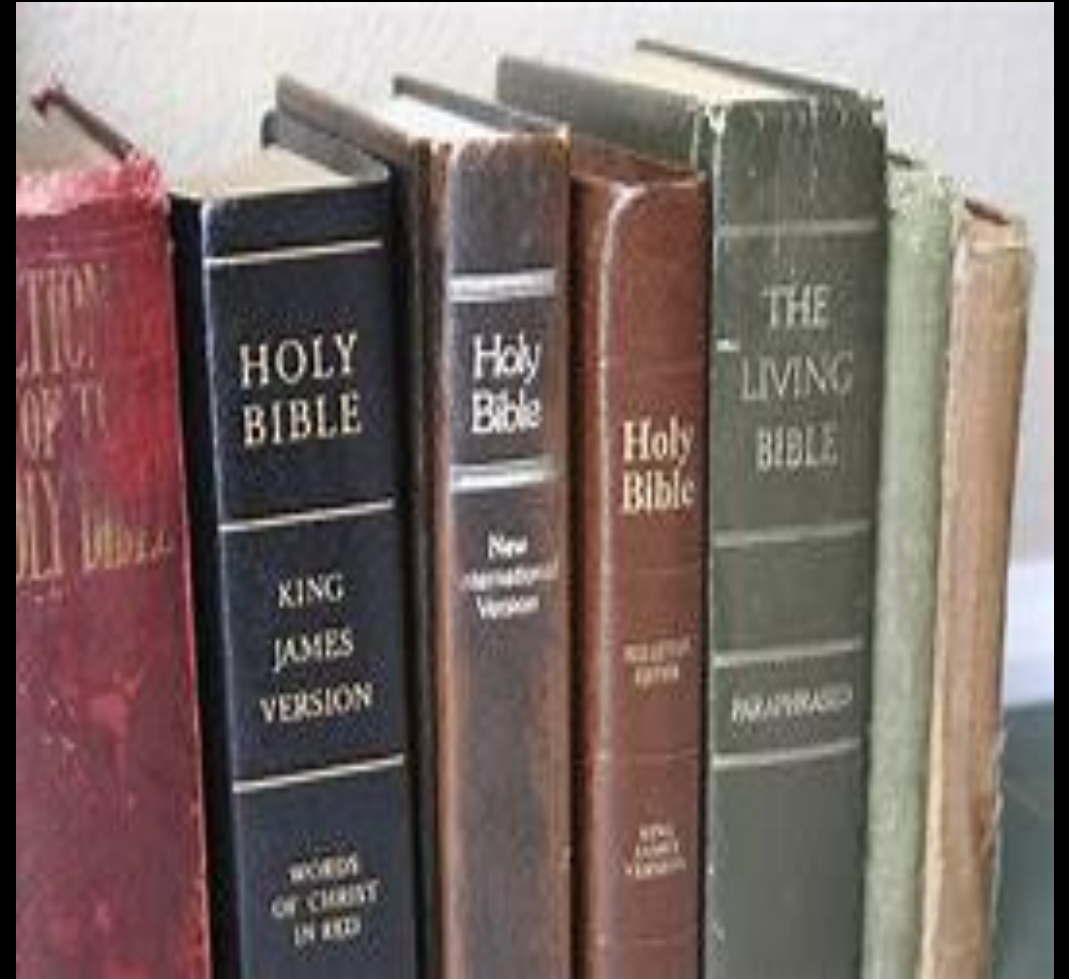
The Bible is the most translated book in world history

History of Bible Translation

https://youtu.be/tU_BuZhWB10

Choosing a Bible Translation

<https://youtu.be/bmO0Fwa74QM>



Word
For Word



Thought
For Thought

Paraphrase

CEV Contemporary English Version
ESV English Standard Version
KJV King James Version
MSG The Message
NASB New American Standard Version

NIV New International Version
NKJV New King James Version
NLT New Living Translation
NRSV New Revised Standard Version
TLB The Living Bible

The Bible – It's Printed History

The Gutenberg Printing Press

<https://youtu.be/1kOmdSlpCm4>



The Bible – It's Milestones in History

- The Old Testament Era:
- Creation to B.C. 2000 – The earliest scriptures are handed down orally from generation to generation
- B.C. 2000-1500 – The book of Job perhaps the oldest book of the Bible is written
- B.C. 1500-1400 – The Ten Commandments are given to Moses and recorded on stone tablets (put in the Ark of the Covenant)
- B.C. 300 – All of the original 39 books of the OT have been written, collected and recognized as official canonical books
- B.C. 250-200 – The Septuagint, popular Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible is produced. The 14 books of the Apocrypha are also included

The Bible – It's Milestones in History

- The New Testament Era:
- A.D. 45-100 – Original 27 books of the Greek NT are written
- A.D. 140-150 – Marcion of Sinope's heretical "NT" prompted Orthodox Christians to establish a NT canon
- A.D. 312 – Codex Vaticanus possibly among the first 50 copies of the Bible are ordered by Emperor Constantine. It is eventually kept in the Vatican Library in Rome
- A.D. 367 – Athanasius of Alexandria identifies the complete NT canon (27 books) for the first time
- A.D. 382-384 – St. Jerome translates the NT from Greek to Latin. This becomes part of the Latin Vulgate manuscript
- A.D. 397 – Third Synod of Carthage approves the NT canon (27 books)
- A.D. 390-405 – St. Jerome translates the OT from Hebrew to Latin and completes the Latin Vulgate (It includes 39 OT books / 27 NT books / 14 Apocrypha books)

The Bible – It's Milestones in History

- The New Testament Era – cont..:
- A.D. 500-1100 – The Bible is continuously translated into many languages but still is not a book of the people
- A.D. 1205 – Stephen Langdon – later the Arch Bishop of Canterbury creates the first chapter and verse divisions for the Bible
- A.D. 1229 – Council of Toulouse strictly forbids and prohibits people from owning a Bible
- A.D. 1381-1382 – John Wycliffe and associates, in defiance of the organized church, believing that people should be permitted to read the Bible in their own language, began to translate and produce the first manuscripts entirely in English (inc 39 OT / 27 NT / 14 Apocrypha books)
- A.D. 1427 – Pope Martin exhumes the bones of Wycliffe and burns them to ashes
- A.D. 1455 – After the invention of the printing press in Germany, Johannes Gutenberg produces the first printed Bible, the Gutenberg Bible in the Latin Vulgate

The Bible – It's Milestones in History

- The Reformation Era:
- A.D. 1522 – Martin Luther translates and produces the NT for the first time in German
- A.D. 1525 – William Tyndale produces the first translation of the NT from Greek into English
- A.D. 1535 – Myles Coverdale complete Tyndale's work producing the first complete printed Bible in English (inc. 39 OT / 27 NT / 14 Apocrypha books)
- A.D. 1536 – The Roman Catholic Church ties Tyndale to a stake, strangles him to death and burns him for his gift to the people
- A.D. 1546 – Roman Catholic Council of Trent declares the Vulgate as the exclusive Latin authority for the Bible
- A.D. 1560 – The Geneva Bible is printed in Geneva, Switzerland. It is the first English version to include chapter and verses. It becomes the Bible of the Protestant Reformation
- A.D. 1582 – The Catholic Church drops its Latin only policy and produces the first English Catholic Bible, the Rheims NT, from the Latin Vulgate
- A.D. 1611 – The King James version also called the “authorized version” is released. It is said to be the most printed book in the history of the world

The Bible – It's Milestones in History

- The Age of Reason, Revival & Progress:
- A.D. 1790 – William Young produces the first “pocket-sized” school edition of the King James version in America
- A.D. 1791 – The Isaac Collins Bible, the first “family Bible” KJV is produced in America
- A.D. 1791 – Isaiah Thomas produces the first “illustrated” version KJV in America
- A.D. 1808 – Jane Aitken is the first woman to print a Bible
- A.D. 1833 – Noah Webster, after publishing his famous dictionary releases his own revised version of the KJV
- A.D. 1881-1885 – The King James Bible is revised and published as the RV in England
- A.D. 1901 – The American Standard Version is produced

The Bible – It's Milestones in History

- The Age of Ideologies:
- A.D. 1946-1952 – The Revised Standard Version is published
- A.D. 1947-1956 – The Dead Sea Scrolls are discovered
- A.D. 1971 – The New American Standard Version is published
- A.D. 1986 – The Silver Scrolls (believed to be the oldest Bible text ever) is discovered in Old Jerusalem
- (2) Silver Amulets are found in burial cave in Ketef Hinnom, west of Jerusalem
- They were dated to be centuries older than the Dead Sea Scrolls (7th Century BC)
- Proved that at least some of the OT scriptures were written close to the actual events
- There were (2) verses engraved on the amulets (Numbers 6:24-26 & Deuteronomy 7:9)
- A.D. 1996 – The New Living Translation is published
- A.D. 2001 – The English Standard Version is published

The Bible – It's Impact on the World

- In Modern times people have access to full Bibles in 717 languages according to Wycliffe Bible Translators. Portions have been translated into over 2,200 languages or dialects
- Guinness World Records quoted a Bible Society survey that said some 2.5 Billion copies were printed from 1815 to 1975, although they claimed the true # might be closer to 5 Billion
- Brandon Gaille (2017) said some 20 million Bibles are purchased annually in the United States w/ 92% of all Americans possessing one or more copies (avg Christian has 9) at that time
- It is fair to say that over 100 million copies are sold around the world on an annual basis
- It is also the most stolen & banned book in history as well
- Bound and printed copies still sell; but there are now 24 million Bible apps that became available between Jan and Jun 2020 and online searches with Bible keywords have reached a 5yr record



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

- “The influence of the Bible is worldwide. Its mighty power has affected every department of human activity. The contents of the scriptures have supplied themes for the greatest poets, artists and musicians which the world has yet produced, and have been the mightiest factor of all in shaping the moral progress of the race.” – Arthur Pink, the Christian Evangelist
- “The existence of the Bible, as a book for the people, is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced. Every attempt to belittle it is a crime against humanity” – 18th century philosopher Immanuel Kant



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

- The Bible is the most quoted piece of literature in history and has more influence on language, culture, and laws than any other book or idea ever published.
- David Crystal wrote a book (Bogat: The King James Bible and the English Language) – which he counts 257 phrases from the King James Bible in contemporary English idiom..



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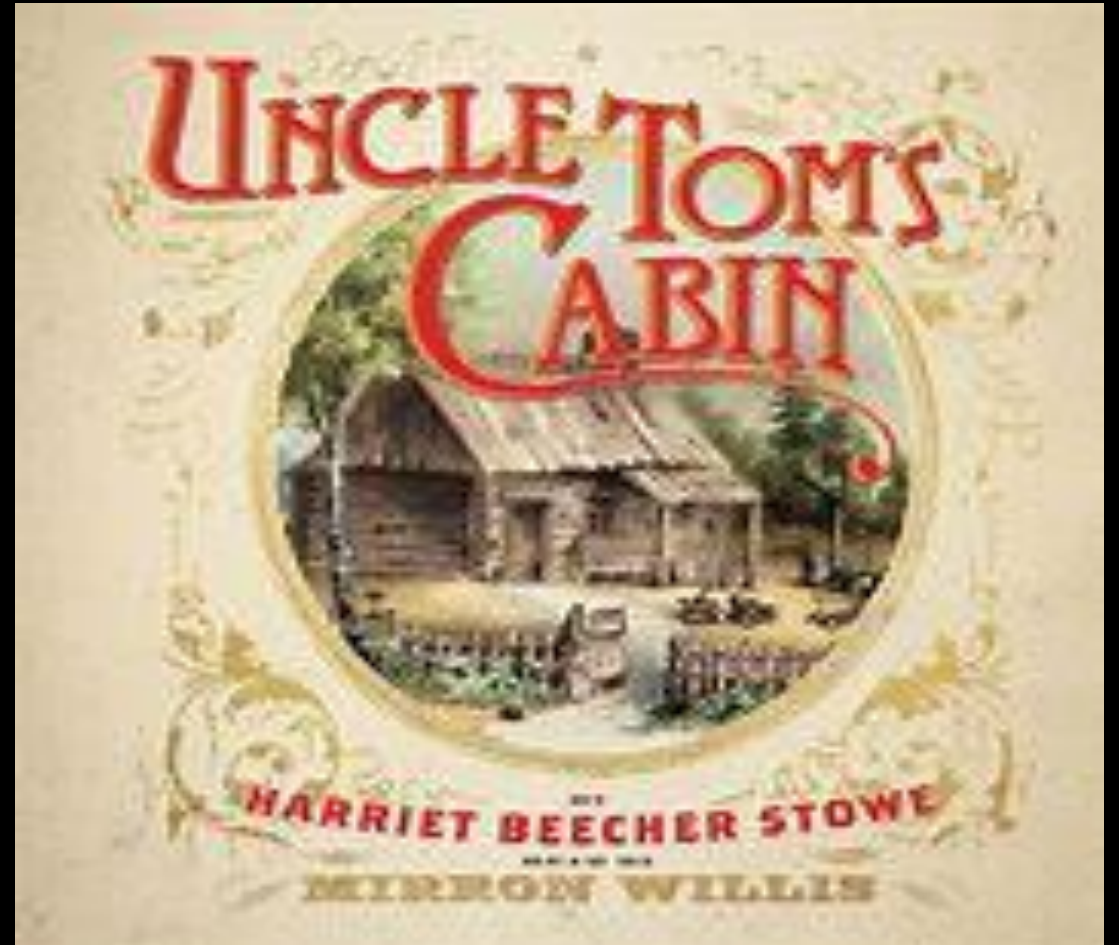
- Gave up the Ghost – Gen 35:29
- Out of the Mouth of Babes – Psalms 8:2
- Put Words in My Mouth – Jeremiah 1:9
- Feet of Clay – Dan 2:33
- Salt of the Earth – Matt 5:13
- Fought the Good Fight – 2 Tim 4:7
- Turned the World Upside Down – Acts 17:6
- God Forbid – Rom 3:4
- Take Root – 2 Kings 19:30
- The Powers That Be – Rom 13:1
- Filthy Lucre – 1 Tim 3:3
- No Peace for the Wicked – Isaiah 57:21
- A Fly in the Ointment – Ecc 10:1
- The Blind Leading the Blind – Matt 15:13



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

It's Impact on American Literature

- The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
- The Merchant of Venice – William Shakespeare
- Moby Dick – Herman Melville
- The Scarlett Letter – Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
- Uncle Tom's Cabin – Harriet Beecher Stowe
- (the book contains almost 100 quotations or direct references from the Bible)



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

It's Impact on Film

- The Ten Commandments
- Ben Hur
- The Passion of the Christ
- Bruce Almighty
- The Chronicles of Narnia
- The Lord of the Rings
- The Prince of Egypt
- The Shack
- Chariots of Fire
- The Exorcist
- The Chosen (TV Series)



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

It's Impact on Art

- Vatican City (Rome, Italy)
- Michelangelo (Sistine Chapel)
- Louvre (Paris, France)
- Leonardo Da Vinci (Last Supper & Statue of David)
- Metropolitan Museum (New York, NY) – gives tours just on Biblical art



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

It's Impact on Architecture



Famous Churches of the World



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

It's Impact on Laws & Morality

- “I have always said, I will always say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands.” – Thomas Jefferson
- “So great is my veneration for the Bible, that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society.” – John Quincy Adams
- “It is the duty of nations as well as men to recognize the truth announced in Holy Scripture and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.” – Abraham Lincoln
- “Inside the Bible's pages lie the answers to all the problems that mankind has even known. I hope that Americans will read and study the Bible.” – Ronald Reagan
- “A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.” – Theodore Roosevelt

The Law of God.

Matt 22:37-40

5. What two commandments sum up the law of God?

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

It's Impact on Laws & Morality

- The Founding Fathers went out of their way to acknowledge God no less than 4 times in the Declaration of Independence
- “The Laws of Nature and of Nature God...”
- “All Men are Created Equal. They are Endowed by their Creator with Certain Unalienable Rights...”
- “Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions...”
- “With Firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence...”



The Bible – It's Impact on the World

It's Impact on Laws & Morality

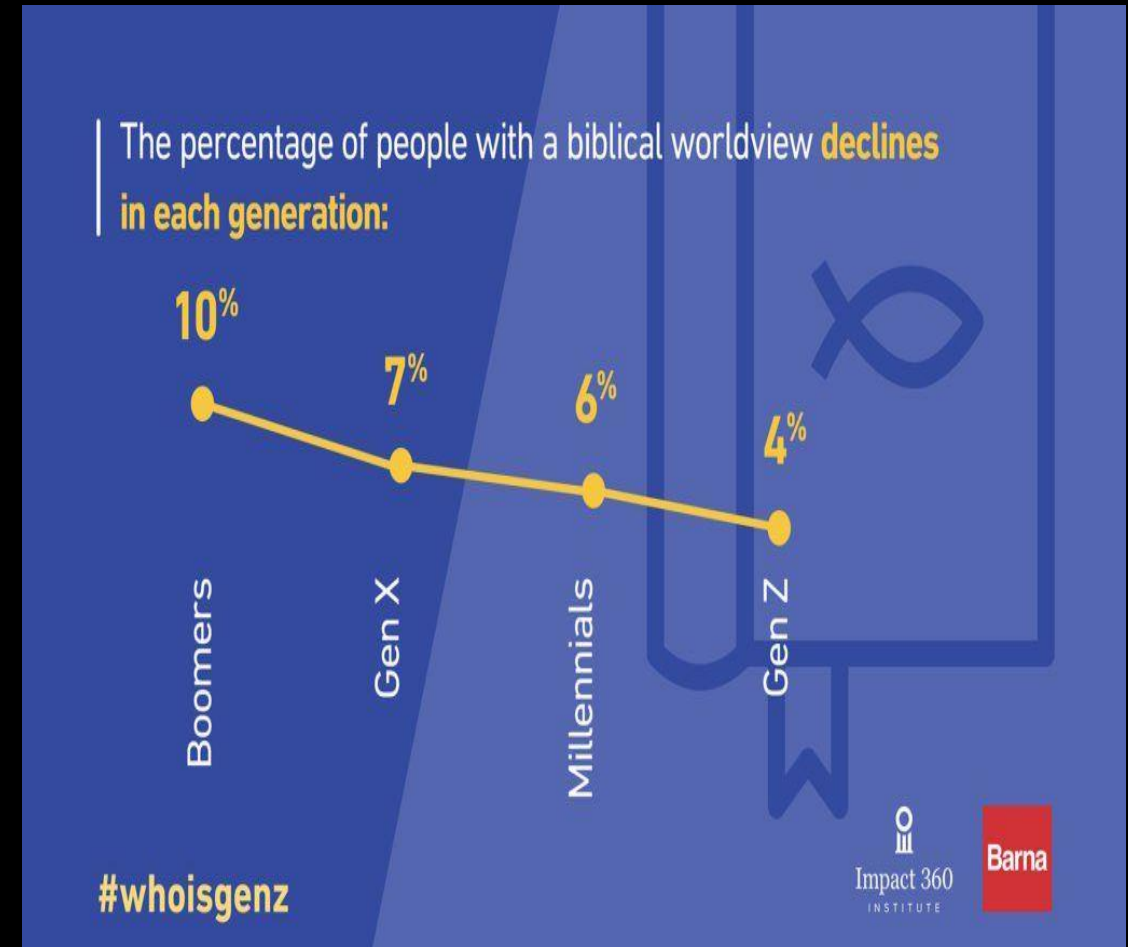
- Family Research Council article “The Ten Commandments: Foundation of American Society”
- Quotes a USA Today Poll:
- 60% of Americans cannot name 5 of the 10 commandments
- 74% can name all three stooges (Larry/Curley/Moe)
- 35% can recall all six kids from the Brady Bunch
- 25% can name all seven ingredients of McDonald's Big Mac
- 14% can accurately name all Ten Commandments
- Yet 78% of Americans are in favor of the public display of the Commandments
- The greatest tragedy is not that the Ten Commandments are vanishing from public schools, courtrooms, and government buildings, but they are disappearing from the minds, hearts and lives of most Americans.



The Bible – It's Decline in the World?

It's Impact on Laws & Morality

- “A biblical worldview is a view of the world which seeks to answer life’s biggest questions from the teachings of the Bible.”
- Article from Christianity Today from 4/20/22 said that 26 million Americans stopped reading the Bible regularly during Covid-19. In 2021, 50% of Americans said that they read the Bible on their own at least three or four times a year. Now in 2022 only 39% say they read the Bible multiple times per year or more. It is the steepest decline on record. They relate the decline being connected to the reduction in people attending church services.
- Why is this happening? - “Chapel Talk”



The Bible – It's Decline in the World?

- It's Impact on Laws & Morality
 - Culture has crept into religion across time and history
 - Jewish times – Legalism of Law
 - Early 1st Century Church – Tradition & Exclusion (Jew vs Gentile)
 - Catholic Church – Power of the Church – common people were not able to read the Bible (Latin alone) Even Killed to Stop its Access
 - Middle Ages – Violence – Crusades / Inquisition
 - USA – Democracy
 - Current Age – Acceptance / Tolerance / Cancel Culture



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The Bible – It's a LIVING Book

- The Bible is Alive – It is not a coffee table book or a social media app
- Definition of Living Book – “A book that engages the reader and draws him or her into learning more about a subject; it is typically narrative in style and written by an authority on the material. Living books are written by someone with a passion for the material or by someone who has experienced the story firsthand.”
- Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is active and alive. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
- You can pick up any other book and read it, but this is the book that reads you. It pulsates with life and power. It cuts, burns, crushes, and wields mountain moving power. The living word is active in the lives of those who hear it, read it, receive it, and obey it.
- Revelation 1:3 – “Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”

The Bible – It's a LIVING Book

- How Do We Know the Bible is ALIVE... (5) Reasons:
- 1) It's Lasting Freshness –
 - No matter how many times you pick it up, the message is fresh and gives new understandings
- 2) It is Never Obsolete –
 - Every educational book you have ever had either ends up being resold/thrown away/or put on a shelf and often has multiple revisions and updates – Not the Bible it's the same as when written thousands of years ago and still applies to today's issues
- 3) It is Indestructible –
 - Christians have had many enemies or detractors over the centuries, yet no one has ever been able to wipeout the Word of God. In fact, every time in history someone tries, they end up spreading the message even further
- 4) It is a Discerner of Hearts –
 - It is able to cut to the core of who we are as humans. It tells us who we are and speaks to our soul.
- 5) It Produces Growth –
 - It is likened to a seed in the parable of the sower. I Peter 1:23 says “For you have been born again not of the seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.” The word of God produces LIFE that grows as we mature in our relationship with Christ.

The Bible – It's a LIVING Book

- Personal Testimony:
- 1990 (the year that changed my life forever)
- Last Semester – High School / 1st Semester – College
- The Story
- The Bible: From Gift on Shelf to Life Fuel

Proverbs 22:6 – “Start children off in the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

Romans 8:28 – “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who have been called according to his purpose.”

I Corinthians 10:13 – “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

Romans 5:3-4 – “...glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character; and character, hope.”

Philippians 4:11-13 – “I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

- The Mission Trip
- The Blessings

**DON'T CLOSE THE BOOK
WHEN BAD THINGS
HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE,
JUST TURN THE PAGE
AND BEGIN
A NEW CHAPTER!**



The Bible – Speaks for Itself

- Can We Trust the Bible? – Logic & Science
- <https://youtu.be/XyNseXdd260>
- How Do I Know the Bible is True? – Life Application
- <https://youtu.be/QrSSdofFmrY>
- Cannot Refute it - Acts 4:13-14
- Live by the Word - Psalms 34:8
- Try It and See - Malachi 3:10
- 9 Discoveries that Confirm the Bible - Archeology
- <https://youtu.be/oQd-fdpq9mk>

The Bible – It's a LIVING Book

- The Bible is Simply - TRUTH
- The Bible is absolutely the greatest book of truth ever written – this is a book about Jesus from the beginning to end, as it leads to Him and flows from Him
- John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
- John 14:6 – Jesus says “I am the way, the truth, and the life”
- Matthew 5:18 - Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.”
- John 8:31 – “You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.”
- Psalm 119:160 – “All your words are true, all your righteous laws are eternal.”
- John 18:37 – Jesus said “For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world – to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

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