

Bible Basics – Lesson 1 Workbook

How Did We Get The Bible?

Study Guide

The table below will be a handy reference guide to help familiarize yourself with the Bible, how it is broken down into separate books, the authors, the main theme of each book and the dates each book were written. You may wish to refer to this study guide as you work your way through the entire lesson series.

Below is a chart listing Old and New Testament divisions, books, authors, and major themes. NOTE: Prophets themes same...speaking for God about coming judgment.

BOOK	AUTHOR	THEME	DATE
OLD TESTAMENT LAW			
Genesis	Moses	Beginnings	1400 BC
Exodus	Moses	Out of Slavery	1400 BC
Leviticus	Moses	Instructions for Priests	1400 BC
Numbers	Moses	Census in the Wilderness	1400 BC
Deuteronomy	Moses	Second Giving of the Law	1400 BC
OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY			
Joshua	Joshua	Conquering the Promised Land	1350 BC
Judges	Samuel?	Israel Gone Wild	1000 BC
Ruth	Samuel?	The Kinsmen Redeemer	1000 BC
1 Samuel	Samuel	The Kingdom Begins	930 BC
2 Samuel	Nathan/Gad	The Kingdom Under David	930 BC
1 Kings	Jeremiah?	The Kingdom Divided	600 BC
2 Kings	Jeremiah?	The Kingdom Judged	600 BC
1 Chronicles	Ezra	The Samuels Retold	450 BC
2 Chronicles	Ezra	The Kings Retold	450 BC
Ezra	Ezra	Temple Rebuilding	450 BC
Nehemiah	Ezra	The Walls Rebuilt	450 BC
Esther	Mordecai	God Will Save	450 BC
OLD TESTAMENT POETRY			
Job	Moses?	Suffering Well	1400 BC
Psalms	David, Moses, Solomon, Asaph, Others	Songs to God	1440-500 BC
Proverbs	Solomon	Wisdom	900 BC
Ecclesiastes	Solomon	Life's Meaning	900 BC
Song of Solomon	Solomon	Love	950 BC
MAJOR PROPHETS			

Isaiah	Isaiah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	700-680 BC
Jeremiah	Jeremiah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	600 BC
Lamentations	Jeremiah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	600 BC
Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Coming Judgment/Messiah	550 BC
Daniel	Daniel	Coming Judgment/Messiah	550 BC
MINOR PROPHETS			
Hosea	Hosea	Coming Judgment/Messiah	750 BC
Joel	Joel	Coming Judgment/Messiah	800 BC
Amos	Amos	Coming Judgment/Messiah	750 BC
Obadiah	Obadiah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	840 BC
Jonah	Jonah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	750 BC
Micah	Micah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	700 BC
Nahum	Nahum	Coming Judgment/Messiah	650 BC
Habakkuk	Habakkuk	Coming Judgment/Messiah	600 BC
Zephaniah	Zephaniah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	650 BC
Haggai	Haggai	Coming Judgment/Messiah	520 BC
Zechariah	Zechariah	Coming Judgment/Messiah	500 BC
Malachi	Malachi	Coming Judgment/Messiah	430 BC
NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS			
Matthew	Matthew	Jesus to Jews	60 AD
Mark	Mark	Jesus the Servant	55 AD
Luke	Luke	Jesus to Gentiles	60 AD
John	John	Jesus is God	80 AD
NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY			
Acts	Luke	The Early Church	65 AD
PAULINE LETTERS			
Romans	Paul	Theological Manifest	57 AD
1 Corinthians	Paul	Correcting Corruption	55 AD
2 Corinthians	Paul	Correcting Corruption	57 AD
Galatians	Paul	Refuting False Teachers	49 AD
Ephesians	Paul	Unity	60 AD
Philippians	Paul	Joy	61 AD
Colossians	Paul	The Sufficiency of Christ	60 AD
1 Thessalonians	Paul	Encouraging New Church	51 AD
2 Thessalonians	Paul	Encouraging New Church	52 AD
1 Timothy	Paul	Encouraging Young Leadership	64 AD
2 Timothy	Paul	Encouraging Young Leadership	67 AD
Titus	Paul	Godly Leadership, Godly Lifestyles	64 AD

Philemon	Paul	Godly Confrontation	60 AD
GENERAL LETTERS			
Hebrews	Unknown	Jesus is Enough	before 70 AD
James	James	Faith In Action	49 AD
1 Peter	Peter	Faith in Suffering	63 AD
2 Peter	Peter	Faith in Suffering	67 AD
1 John	John	Basics of Faith: Love and Opposing False Teaching	85 AD
2 John	John	Basics of Faith: Love and Opposing False Teaching	85 AD
3 John	John	Encouragement for Gaius	85 AD
Jude	Jude	Oppose False Teaching	65 AD
NT PROPHECY			
Revelation	John	God Reigns, God Wins	90 AD

- There are 66 books in the Bible
- The Bible was written over a span of about 1500-2000 years
- There are 39 books in the Old Testament
- There are 27 books in the New Testament
- About 40 different people contributed to the Bible
- The Old Testament books came together as a unit by about 90 A.D.
- The New Testament books came together as a unit by about 350-400 A.D.

Questions about the Bible

1. How was the Bible inspired?

2. How was the Bible written?

3. How was the Bible gathered?

Homework

- Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16
- Throughout this lesson series take time each week to memorize the books of the Bible in order. If you already have the books of the Bible memorized, take the time to memorize who wrote each of the books, each book's main theme and the date it was written.