

Bible Basics – Lesson 1

How Did We Get The Bible?

Verses to Remember

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"
2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

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

1. How was the Bible inspired?

2. How was the Bible written?

3. How was the Bible gathered?

Homework:

- 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.

Bible Basics – Lesson 2

How Can We Know the Bible is True?

Verses to Remember

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"
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Questions

1. Why does it matter if the Bible is true?

2. What do you think about fulfilled Bible prophecies? What does it do for your faith?

3. How do these predictions help show that the Bible is true?

4. What type of archeology support is there to support the Bible?

5. What type of historical evidence is there to support the Bible?

Homework:

- Obtain and read a copy of "Evidence That Demands a Verdict" by Josh McDowell and/or "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel
- Continue 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.

Bible Basics – Lesson 3

The Anatomy of the Bible

Verses to Remember

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"
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Questions

1. How many books are in the Bible?

2. How many testaments are there in the Bible and what do you call these testaments?

3. How many books are in the Old Testament? How many does that leave for the New Testament?

4. How many people wrote the Bible?

5. Over what time span was the Bible written?

6. What is the basic difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

7. The Old Testament is broken down into five parts, list them below.

8. The New Testament is broken down into five parts, list them below.

9. What is the meaning of the word Gospel?

10. What does the book of Revelation talk about?

11. When was the idea of adding chapters and verse to the Bible introduced and by whom?

Homework:

- There will be a quiz next week, so try to remember what was covered in class and review your notes above.
- Continue 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.

Bible Basics – Lesson 4 Workbook

Old Testament Organization (Part 1)

Memory Work

Memorize the books of the Old Testament in order from Genesis to Song of Solomon (also known as Song of Songs)

Workbook Activity

Pop Quiz

1. How many books are in the bible? _____
2. How many testaments? _____
3. How many books in the OT? _____
4. How many in the NT? _____
5. What are the divisions of the OT? (Bonus - How many books in each?)
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6. What are the divisions of the NT? (Bonus - How many books in each?)
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(Use the space provided to record any comments, facts and popular passages about each book)

BOOKS OF LAW

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

BOOKS OF HISTORY
Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1st and 2nd Samuel

1st and 2nd Kings

1st and 2nd Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

BOOKS OF POETRY

Job

Psalms

Author	How many they wrote
David	73
Asaph	12
The Sons of Korah	9
Solomon	2
Herman	1
Ethan	1
Moses	1
Anonymous	51

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon (Song of Songs)

Homework:

- Memorize the Old Testament books up to and including Song of Solomon in order.
- Review the comments and facts about each book, and choose one to begin reading this week.
- Commit to making Bible study part of your regular routine and quiet time.

Bible Basics – Lesson 5 Workbook

Old Testament Organization (Part 2)

Memory Work

Memorize the books of the Old Testament in order from Isaiah through Malachi.

Workbook Activity

Pop Quiz

1. How many books of the law are there? _____

2. What are they?

3. How many books of history are there? _____

4. What are they?

5. How many books of poetry are there? _____

6. What are they?

(Use the space provided to record any comments, facts and popular passages about each book)

THE MINOR PROPHETS

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Jeremiah 20: 9

Discussion Questions:

1. How hard do you think it would've been for Jeremiah to keep preaching to people that weren't listening to him?

2. Do you think it's hard to tell people about God today? For the same reason or different ones?

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

THE MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

Homework:

- Memorize the books of Prophecy in the Old Testament.
- Continue to practice saying all the books of the Old Testament in order.
- Commit to making Bible study part of your regular routine and quiet time.

Bible Basics – Lesson 6 Workbook

New Testament Organization (Part 1)

Memory Work

Memorize the books of the New Testament in order from Matthew up to and including Colossians.

Workbook Activity

Pop Quiz

1. How many Major Prophets are there? _____

2. What are they?

3. How many Minor Prophets are there? _____

4. What are they?

General Questions:

1. What is the difference between the Old and New Testament?

(Use the space provided to record any comments, facts and popular passages about each book)

GOSPELS

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

HISTORY
Acts

LETTERS
Romans

1st and 2nd Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

Homework:

- Continue to Memorize the Old Testament and New Testament books of the Bible in order to Colossians.
- Choose one chapter in one of Paul's letters, and read it several times. Be ready to share its message next week.
- Commit to making Bible study part of your regular routine and quiet time.

Bible Basics – Lesson 7 Workbook

New Testament Organization (Part 2)

Memory Work

Memorize the books of the New Testament in order from 1st Thessalonians to Revelation.

Workbook Activity

Pop Quiz

1. How many Gospels are there? _____

2. What are they called/who wrote them?

3. What is the one book of New Testament history? _____

Who wrote it? _____

4. What are the first 7 letters we studied? Who wrote all of them?

Written by: _____

(Use the space provided to record any comments, facts and popular passages about each book)

LETTERS (Continued)

1st and 2nd Thessalonians

1st and 2nd Timothy

1 Timothy 4: 12
Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Paul had to say that to Timothy?

2. Do any of you feel like that's still true today?

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1st and 2nd Peter

1st, 2nd, and 3rd John

Jude

PROPHECY
Revelation

Homework:

- Continue to Memorize the Old Testament and New Testament books of the Bible in order.
- Review the comments and facts about each book, and choose one to begin reading this week.
- Commit to making Bible study part of your regular routine and quiet time.

Bible Basics – Lesson 8 Workbook

How to Study the Bible

Memory Work

Continue to practice saying all of the books of the Bible in order. After you can do this, try to do it in less time. Saying them all in less than 30 seconds can be a real challenge.

Action 1: Pray

1. Why do you think it's important that we pray before we read the Bible?

2. What sorts of things should we pray?

Action 2: Read

1. What do you think is the best way to read the Bible?

2. Have any of you ever read the whole Bible yet? _____ Yes _____ No

Matthew 18:20

3. What does that verse mean?

4. How do you know it means that?

5. Do you see how taking one verse and picking it out of the ones around it can distort the meaning of the text?

_____ Yes _____ No

Action 3: Ask

Two questions you should always ask as you're reading.

- What does this passage mean? Always keep in mind the context of the passage.
- What does this passage mean to me? (Life Application)

1. How can you go about getting answers to baffling questions or help with understanding the meaning of difficult passages?

Homework:

- Continue to Memorize the Old Testament and New Testament books of the Bible in order
- Choose a book of the Bible, and use the methods presented in this lesson to study and meditate on it.
- Commit to making Bible study part of your regular routine and quiet time.