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 – its separate books, authors, theme(s) within each book, and the dates each book was 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 both the Old and New Testament divisions, books, authors, and major themes. Note: Prophets themes are the same—speaking for God about the coming judgment.

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- There are 66 books in the Bible
- The Bible was written over a span of approximately 1,500-2,000 years
- There are 39 books in the Old Testament
- There are 27 books in the New Testament
- Approximately 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?

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2. How was the Bible written?

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3. How was the Bible gathered?

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Homework

- Memorize 2 Peter 1:20-21
- 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 Workbook

How Can We Know the Bible is True?

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

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Fulfilled Prophecy
1. What do you think about fulfilled Bible prophecies? What does it do for your faith?

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2. How do these predictions help demonstrate that the Bible is true?

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Archeology Support
1. What type of archeological evidence supports the Bible?

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Historical Evidence
1. What type of historical evidence is there to support the Bible?

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Homework
• Memorize Psalm 119:160
• 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 Workbook
The Anatomy of the Bible

DIGGING IN

1. How many books are in the Bible?
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2. How many testaments are there in the Bible and what do you call these testaments?
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4. How many people wrote the Bible?
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5. Over what time span was the Bible written?
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6. What is the basic difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament?
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THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament is broken down into five parts, list them below.
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1. Why do you think the first five books are classified as law?
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2. Why do you think the next 12 books are categorized as history?
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3. Why do you think the next 12 books are classified as poetry?
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4. Why are the next 17 books called prophetic?
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5. What do you think is the difference between major and minor prophets?
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**THE NEW TESTAMENT**

The New Testament is broken down into five parts, list them below.
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1. What is the meaning of the word Gospel?
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2. What does the book of Revelation talk about?
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

- Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 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.
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, or popular passages about each book.)

### BOOKS OF LAW

**Genesis**

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**Exodus**

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**Leviticus**

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**Numbers**

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**Deuteronomy**

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### BOOKS OF HISTORY

**Joshua**

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**Judges**

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BOOKS OF POETRY

Job

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Proverbs

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Ecclesiastes

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Song of Solomon (Song of Songs)

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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.

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Workbook Activity

Pop Quiz

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

2. What are they?
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3. How many books of history are there? ________

4. What are they?
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5. How many books of poetry are there? ________

6. What are they?
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THE MINOR PROPHETS
Isaiah


Jeremiah


Jeremiah 20:9
1. How hard do you think it would’ve been for Jeremiah to keep preaching to people who 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


(Use the space provided to record any comments, facts, or popular passages about each book.)
THE MINOR PROPHETS
Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

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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.
Workbook Activity
Pop Quiz

1. How many Major Prophets are there? ________

2. What are they?
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3. How many Minor Prophets are there? ________

4. What are they?
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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.
Workbook Activity

Pop Quiz

1. How many Gospels are there? ____________

2. What are they called/who wrote them?

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Who wrote it? _______________

4. What are the first 7 letters we studied?

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Who wrote all of these letters? _______________________

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LETTERS (Continued)
1st and 2nd Thessalonians

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1st and 2nd Timothy

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1 Timothy 4: 12

1. Why do you think Paul said that to Timothy?

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

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Titus

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Philemon

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Hebrews

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James

1st and 2nd Peter

1st, 2nd, and 3rd John

Jude

PROPHECY
Revelation

Homework

- Memorize the books of the New Testament in order from 1st Thessalonians to Revelation.
- Continue to memorize the books of the Old and New Testaments in the order they appear in the Bible.
- 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

Action 1: Pray
1. Why do you think it’s important that we pray before we read the Bible?
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2. For what sorts of things should we pray?
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Action 2: Read
1. What do you think is the best way to read the Bible?
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2. Have any of you read the entire Bible yet? ______ Yes ______ No

Matthew 18:20
3. What does that verse mean?
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4. How do you know it means that?
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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 books of the Old and New Testaments in the order they appear in the Bible. 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.
- Choose a book of the Bible, and use the methods presented in this lesson to study it and meditate on it.
- Commit to making Bible study part of your regular routine and quiet time.