I'VE GOT QUESTIONS

CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

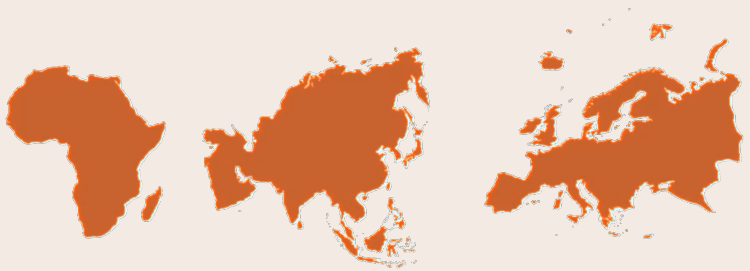
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THE BIBLE

66
BOOKS

OVER
1 600
YEARS

ACROSS
3
CONTINENTS



BY OVER
40
AUTHORS

IN
3
LANGUAGES

עברי

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HOW DID WE GET THE BIBLE?

The Tanakh (Hebrew Bible)

Torah (The Law)

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

Nevi'im (The Prophets)

- Joshua
- Judges
- Samuel
- Kings
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- The Twelve (The Minor Prophets)

Ketuvim (The Writings)

- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Job
- Song of Songs
- Ruth
- Lamentations
- Ecclesiastes
- Esther
- Daniel
- Ezra and Nehemiah
- Chronicles

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Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.

Matthew 5:17

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Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:15-16

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Gospels & Acts

Mattew	50-90 AD
Mark	50-73 AD
Luke	60-90 AD
John	70-100 AD
Acts	80-95 AD

Pauline Epistles

Romans	57-58 AD
1&2 Corinthians	53-57 AD
Galatians	48-55 AD
Ephesians	62 AD
Philippians	54-55 AD
Colossians	62 AD
1&2 Thessalonians	51-52 AD
1&2 Timothy	63-67 AD
Titus	63-67 AD
Philemon	54-55 AD

General Epistles & Revelation

Hebrews	60-90 AD
James	45-50 AD
1&2 Peter	63-67 AD
1,2&3 John	85-95 AD
Jude	65-70 AD
Revelation	95 AD

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WHY DO OTHER TRADITIONS DIFFER IN THE NUMBER OF BIBLICAL BOOKS?

Protestant (39 Books)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1&2 Samuel
1&2 Kings
1&2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
The Minor Prophets

Catholic (46 Books)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1&2 Samuel
1&2 Kings
1&2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
The Minor Prophets

Deuterocanon

Tobit
Judith
Esther (expanded)
Wisdom of Solomon
Sirach
Baruch
Daniel (expanded)
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees

Orthodox (49+ Books)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1&2 Samuel
1&2 Kings
1&2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms + 151
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
The Minor Prophets

Anagignoskomena

Tobit
Judith
Esther (expanded)
Wisdom of Solomon
Sirach
Baruch
Daniel (expanded)
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees
3 Maccabees
4 Maccabees
Letter of Jeremiah
Prayer of Manasseh
1 Esdras
2 Esdras

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HAS THE BIBLE BEEN CHANGED?

Ancient Author / Work	Date Written	Earliest Surviving Copy	Time Gap (Years)	Surviving Copies
The New Testament	50-100 AD	125 AD (Fragments) 325 AD (Complete)	25-50 250	5,800 + (Greek) 24,000 + (Total)
Homer's Iliad	800-900 BC	400 BC	400-500	1,800-1,900
Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars	100-44 BC	900 AD	1,000	250
Plato's Dialogues	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,300	210
Tacitus (Annals of Roman)	100 AD	1000 AD	900	31
Aristotle	384-322 BC	1100 AD	1,400	49

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[1] Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of
the Jewish festivals. [2] Now there is in Jerusalem near the
Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda
and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.
[3] Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—
the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. [4] [a] [5] One who was
there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

Footnotes

John 5:4 Some manuscripts include here:

From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had.

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READ THE BIBLE!

English Bible Translations At-a-Glance

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Word-for-Word

Phrase-for-Phrase

NASB **NKJV** **AMP**	Best for rigorous textual study and tracking original grammar.
ESV **NRSV**	A versatile standard for academic work and everyday balance.
CSB **NIV**	Prioritizes high readability and smooth narrative flow.
NLT **GNB** **MSG**	Suited for devotional reflection, newcomers, and modern updates.