



Welcome to **WHAT THE BIBLE Is ABOUT**

No one's education is complete without a knowledge of the Bible.

Over half the world's people consider the Bible to be part of their belief structure.



The Bible is not mere literature: it offers insight and wisdom to those seeking truth.

What is the "Bible"?

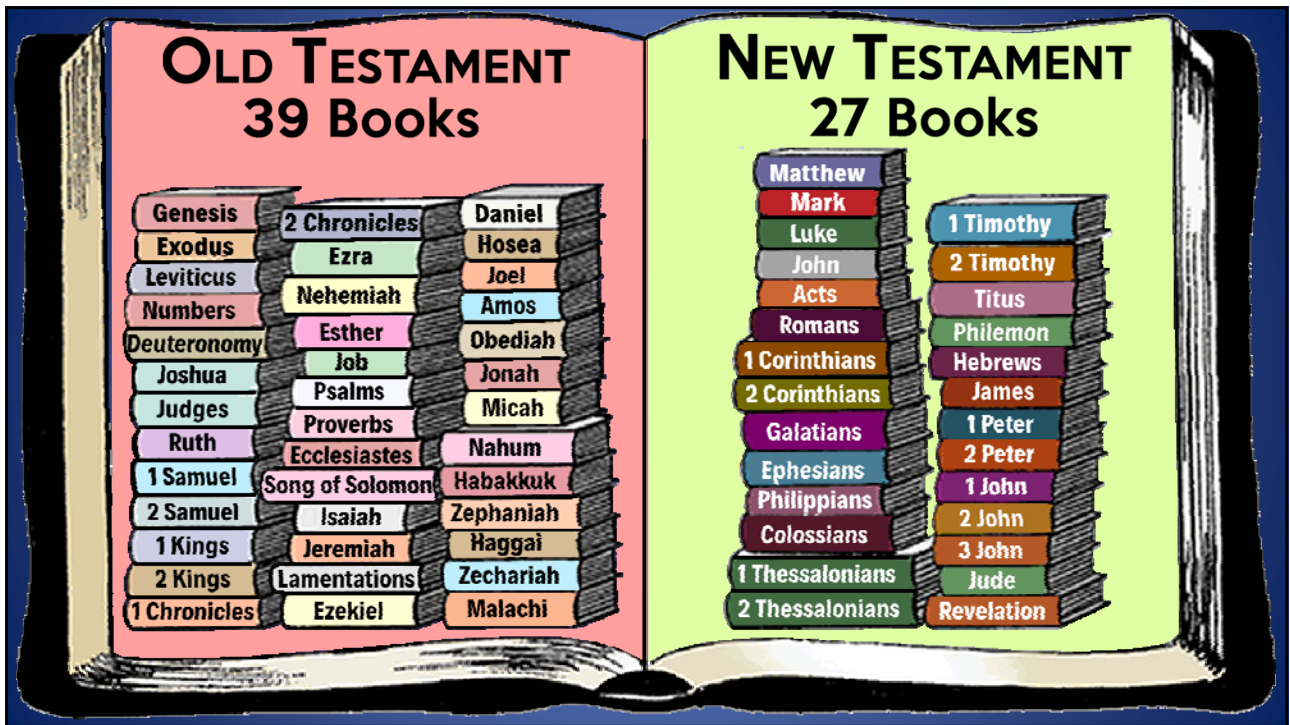
τὰ βιβλία

from *biblia* (Latin)

from earlier *tà biblía* (Koine Greek)

meaning "the books" or "library" or "book"

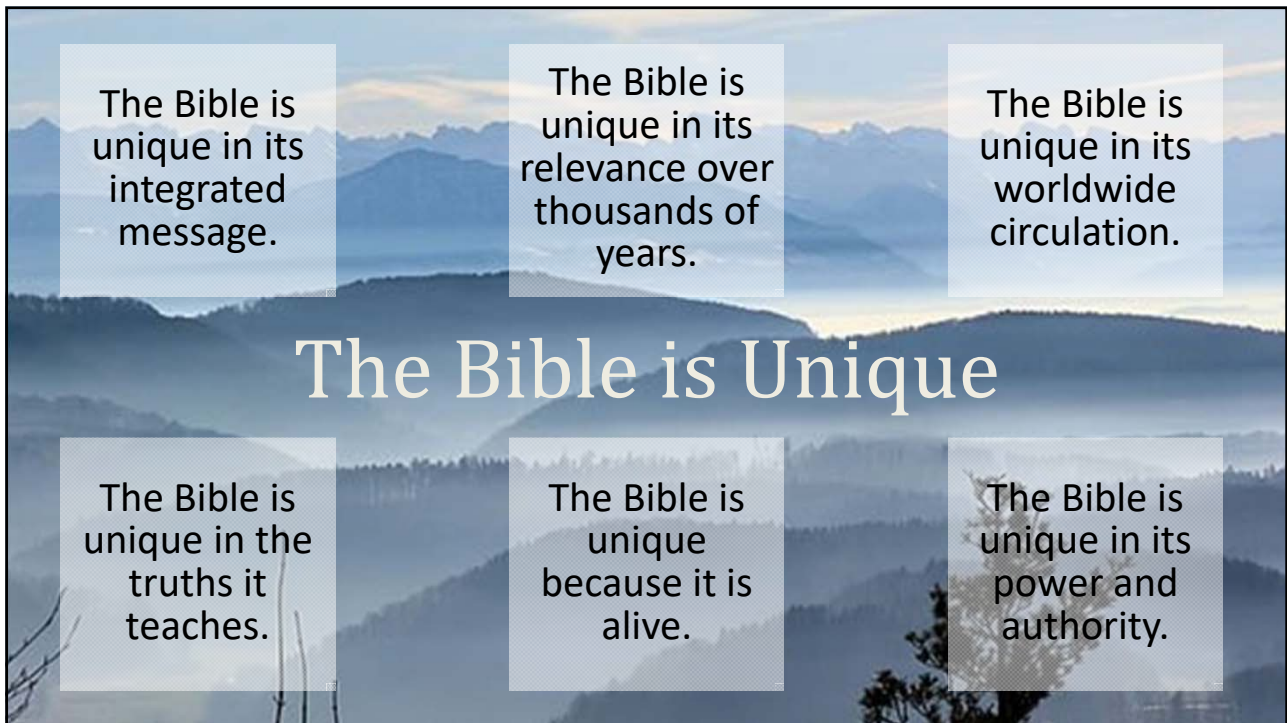
A collection of sacred texts or scriptures that Jews and Christians consider to be a product of divine inspiration and a record of the relationship between God and humans.



66 books by
40 authors
(shepherds, kings, scholars,
prophets, fishermen,
a priest, a soldier,
and a cupbearer)
from
3 continents
3 writing in
languages
over nearly
2,000 years.

The Unity of Scripture

Yet with a
single,
unified
message of
God's nature,
His **love,**
and His **plan**
of salvation
for fallen
humanity.



The Bible is unique in its integrated message.

The Bible is unique in its relevance over thousands of years.

The Bible is unique in its worldwide circulation.

The Bible is Unique

The Bible is unique in the truths it teaches.

The Bible is unique because it is alive.

The Bible is unique in its power and authority.

What does the Bible cover?



This unique book addresses all aspects of humanity:

- 👤 heroic and epic,
- 👤 tawdry and tragic,
- 👤 poetic and comic.



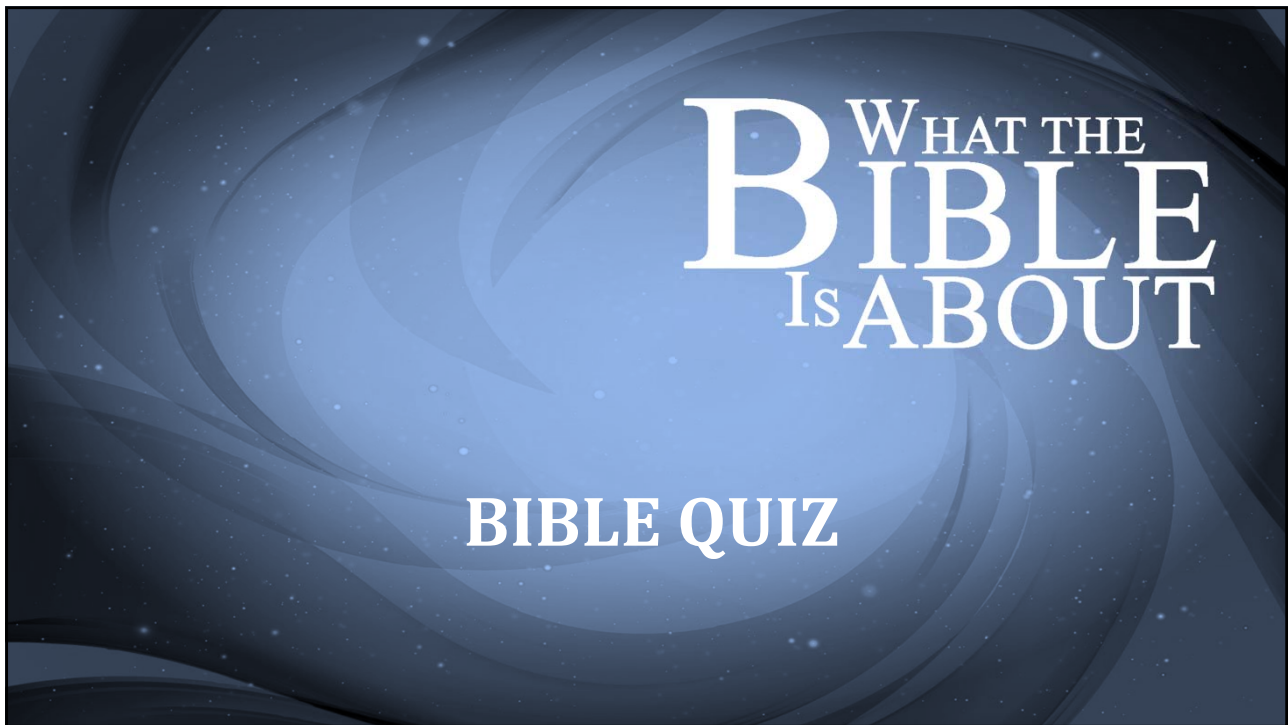
It is as fresh and relevant today as when it was being written 2,000 to 4,000 years ago.

Course objectives

- ① Introduce objective study of the Bible.
- ② Respect diverse religious and non-religious sensibilities of participants.
- ③ Avoid promotion of various religious traditions over others or of religion over non-religion.
- ④ Appreciate guidelines of Bible interpretation.
- ⑤ Take into account context, literary styles, figures of speech, grammatical context, etc.

Questions





1. What languages were the originals of the Bible written in?

- French
- English
- Hebrew
- Latin
- Greek
- Aramaic
- Arabic

(Choose all that pertain)

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- 15 hours
- 50 hours
- 70 hours
- 100 hours
- Over 150 hours

(Choose ONE answer only)

3. What literary form did Jesus use most often to teach people?

- Epistle
- Gospel
- Irony
- Miracle
- Parable

(Choose ONE answer only)

4. Which of these do/does not have a Bible version?

- Lego
- Manga
- Disney
- Comic book

(Choose ALL that apply)

5. Match these books with their Testament.

- James -
- Jeremiah -
- Job -
- John -
- Jonah -
- Joshua -
- Jude -
- Judges -

 OLD TESTAMENT

 NEW TESTAMENT

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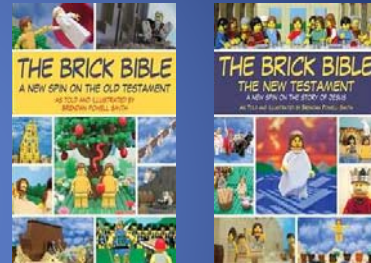
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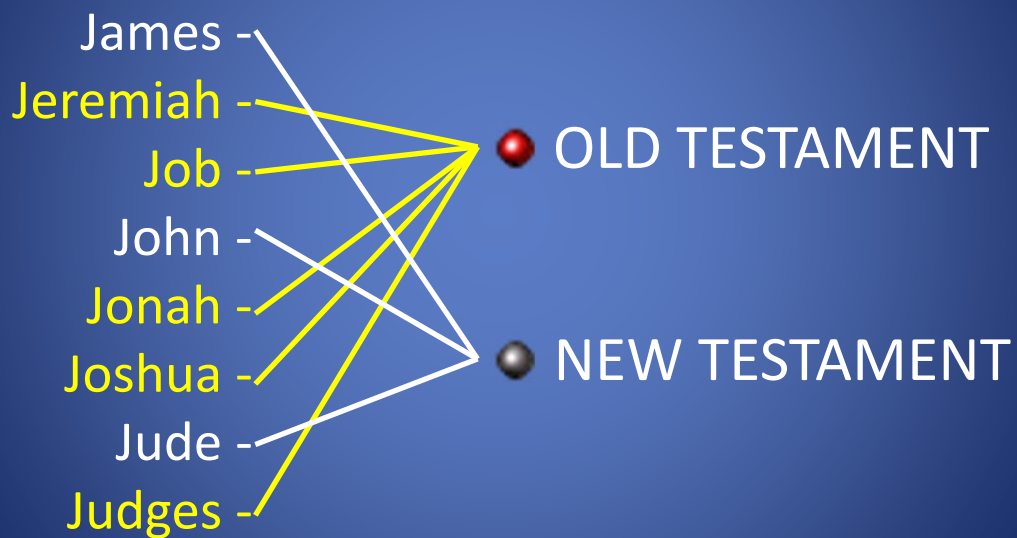
A form of teaching in the ancient Jewish community used for the purpose of comparison

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6. What is the key theme of the New Testament?

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3. The number of vowels must be divisible by seven.
4. The number of consonants must be divisible by seven.
5. The number of nouns must be divisible by seven.
6. The number of names must be divisible by seven.
7. The number of nouns other than names must be seven.
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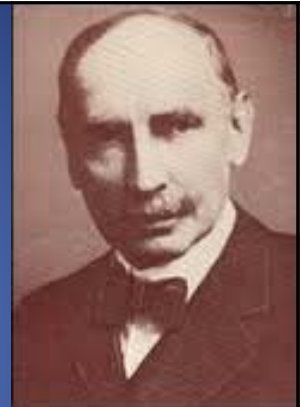
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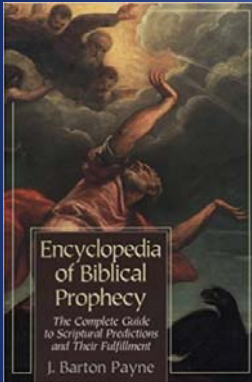
1 in 7¹⁰, or 1 in 282,475,249 that this can occur by chance.

Ivan Panin, PhD (1855-1942)

- Russian emigree to the USA.
- In 1890, he discovered some of the mathematical designs underlying both the Greek text of the NT and the Hebrew text of the OT.
- He then spent over 50 years painstakingly exploring the numerical structure of the scriptures, compiling over 43,000 pages of handwritten notes.



A tidbit on Prophetic Fulfilment

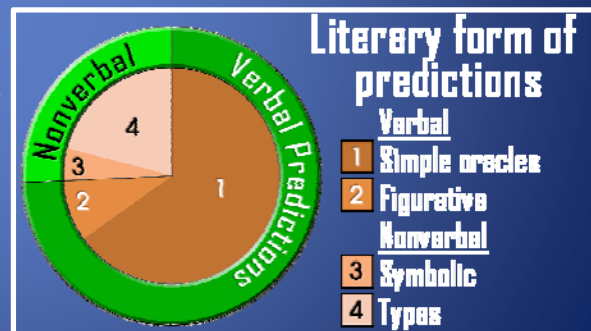


Per Payne, **8,352** verses (27%) out of 31,124 in the Bible are predictive. The Bible has **1,817** separate predictions covering **737** topics.

The OT is 28.5% predictive while the NT is 21.5%.

80%+

of the predictions have come true; **all** except those of Christ's Second Coming and the End Times.



Genesis 5

<u>Hebrew</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
אדם	(Adam)
שת	(Seth)
אנוש	(Enosh)
קינן	(Kenan)
מהללאל	(Mahalael)
ירד	(Jared)
חנוך	(Enoch)
מתושלח	(Methuselah)
למך	(Lamech)
נח	(Noah)

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שת	(Seth)	Appointed
אנוש	(Enosh)	Mortal
קינן	(Kenan)	Sorrow (but)
מהללאל	(Mahalael)	The Blessed God
ירד	(Jared)	Shall come down
חנוך	(Enoch)	Teaching
מתושלח	(Methuselah)	His death shall bring
למך	(Lamech)	(the) Despairing
נח	(Noah)	Comfort, Rest

A tidbit on Bible codes

dah	74,600	Ephraim	40,500
achar	54,400	Manasseh	32,200
bu			
ub			
neon	59,300	Asner	41,500
d	45,650 151,450	Naphtali	53,400 157,600

Macrocodes

Hidden in plain sight

e.g. Ten generations from Adam-Noah reveal God's solution to His biggest predicament (how to forgive sinful Man).

Boaz	
Ruth	

Microcodes

Hidden behind the text

e.g. Equidistant Letter Sequence (ELS) codes.
e.g. Both Greek and Hebrew use Gematria resulting in many coding methods.

CAUTION

- Real or not, Bible codes are not essential.
- Bible codes introduce no doctrine.

Christian belief is based on eyewitness testimony, fulfilled prophecy, archaeological and historical evidence, science, etc.

e.g., God validated Prophets by fulfilled prophecy.

Pre-test

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