

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"?

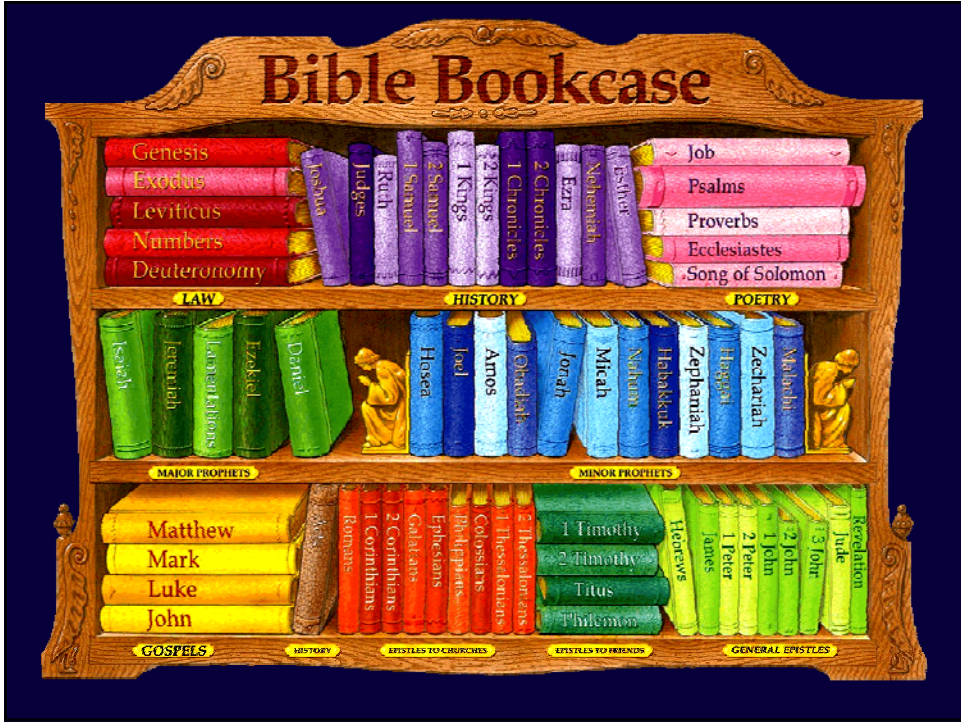
τὰ βιβλία

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

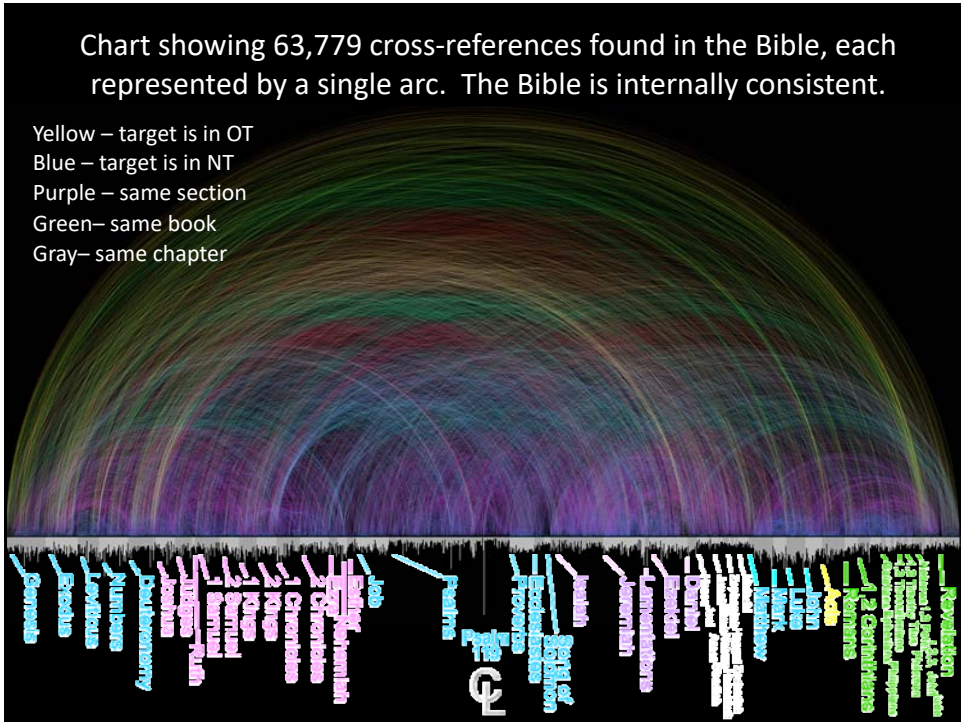
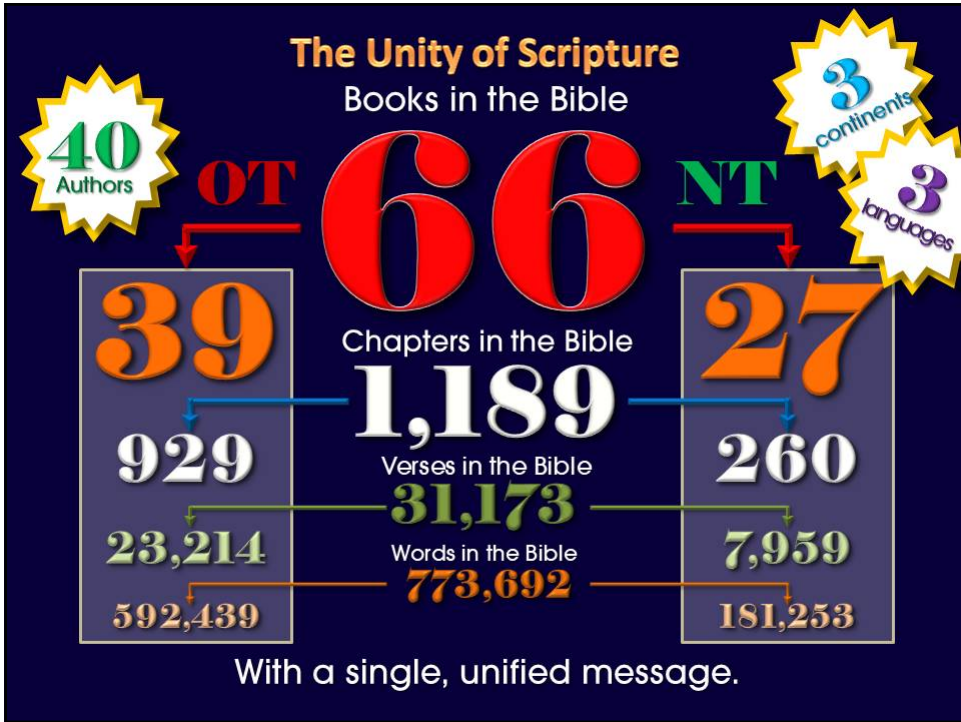


66 books by 40 authors
 [shepherds, kings, scholars, prophets, fishermen, a priest, a soldier, and a cupbearer]

The Unity of Scripture

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

from 3 continents writing in 3 languages over nearly 2,000 years.



The Bible is Unique

- 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 in the truths it teaches.
- The Bible is unique because it is alive to those who take it seriously.
- The Bible is unique in its power and authority.

What does the Bible cover?



This 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.

Purpose

The purpose of this course is not to advise anyone on what I or anyone else think they should believe; it is to help people gain a clear understanding of what the Bible itself says so that they can determine for themselves what to believe.

Of the people of Berea, Paul stated:

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Acts 17:11

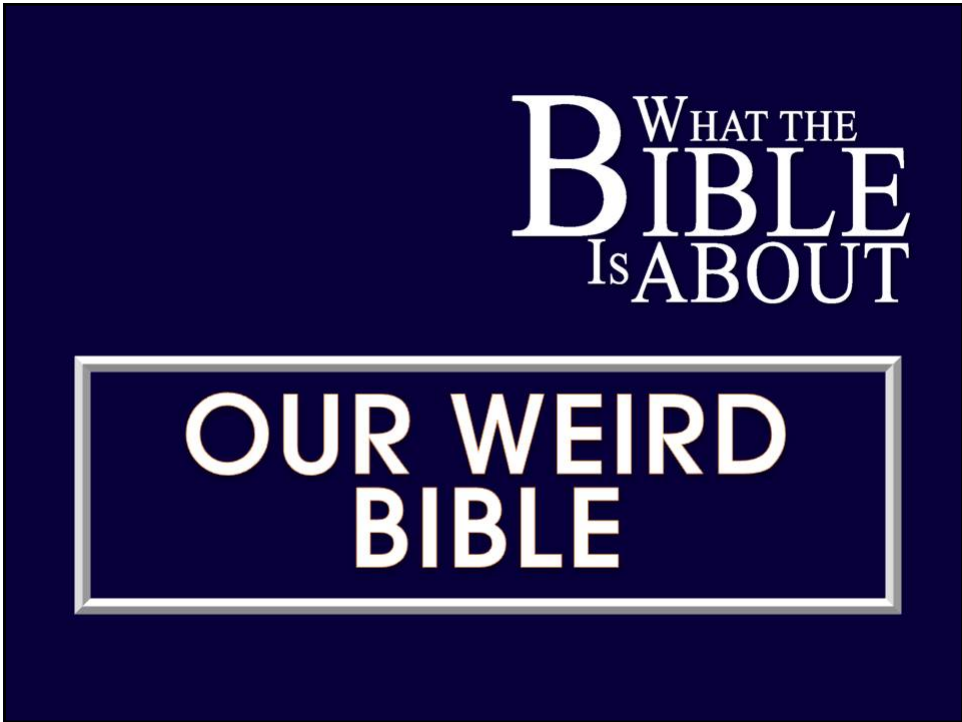
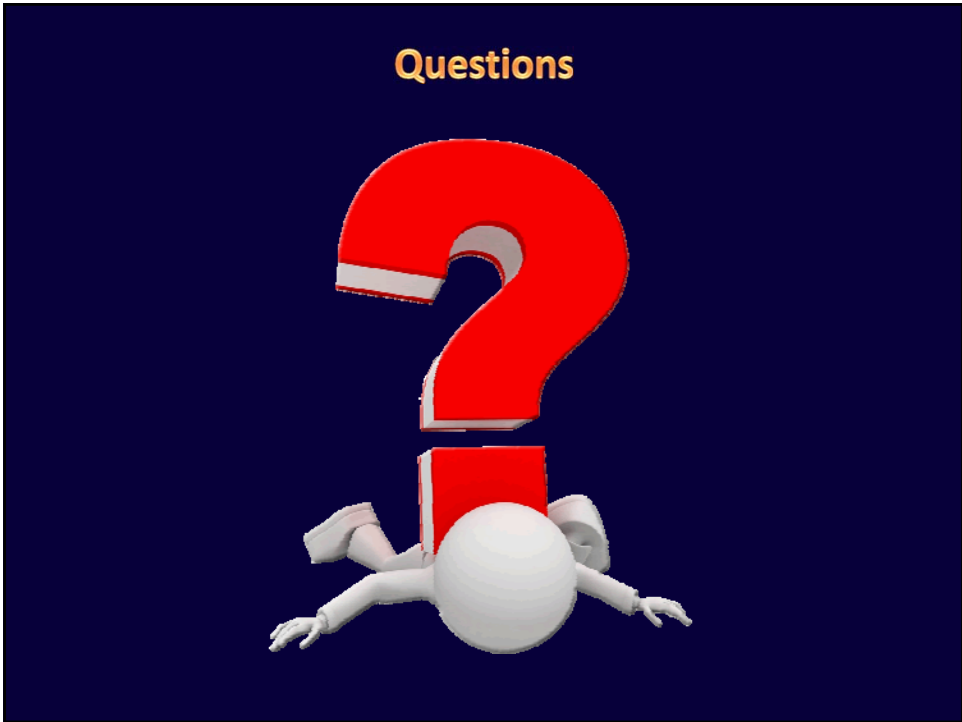
Objectives

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

Spirit

ETSI DOCTRINA
NON DARETUR

(“as if doctrine is not given.”)



Random Topics

1. The Bible claims to be supernatural
2. Does the Bible conflict with science? [Proof not included]
3. Western (Greek) versus Eastern (Hebrew) prophecy
4. Genesis 5 – Ten generations from Adam to Noah
5. Genesis 6 – Sons of God and daughters of man
6. God-ordered genocide
7. Division of the Bible into chapters and verses
8. The Two Messiahs
9. The Rapture
10. Three Judgements
11. Dead brought to life in the bible
12. Ancient languages point to Jerusalem
13. "The volume of the book is written of Me"
14. New Testament religion
15. Bible Hatred

The Bible claims a supernatural source

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Amos 3:7 "For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

- From cover to cover, God is the Speaker. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."
- "God in old times spake by the prophets; God now speaks by His Son."
- The Bible is announced by miracles (e.g., Mount Sinai, Pentecost).

The Bible claims supernatural force

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Ephesians 6:17 ...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Bible features supernatural discourse

1. **From God.** Bible believers believe that God inspired over 40 people on 3 continents over some 1,600 years to write down His actual words. More than 3,000 times it says, "thus saith the Lord."
2. **Prophecy.** Nothing is more supernatural than prophecy ("Declaring the end from the beginning" Isaiah 46:10), yet 27% of Bible verses are prophetic!
3. **Nothing is supernatural** from God's point of view. The term is relative to the human point of view; it simply means, "above our nature." Not above His!
4. Per the Bible, we live in a physical and spiritual world. One we see, touch, feel. One we (*normally*) don't.
5. God reveals Himself through creation (Romans 1:20).

THE BIBLE HAS **NO**
CONFLICT WITH SCIENCE ...
much science has been
inspired by the Bible.

MODERN SCIENCE **INVENTED**
A CONFLICT WITH THE BIBLE...
because its “scientific method”
limits itself to the physical and
can’t address the supernatural.

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ON EVERY PAGE

A typical Psalm

- 6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire;
My ears You have opened.
Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.
- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I come;
In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me.
- 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And Your law *is* within my heart."

**A beautiful
poem by David**
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Christ's Death Fulfils God's Will

- 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:
"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
But a body You have prepared for Me.
In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin
You had no pleasure.
- 6 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.' "

**Put in context
by the author
of Hebrews
(Paul)**
Hebrews 10:5-7

with a message for everyone

... the volume
of the book is
written of
Jesus.

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PROPHECY

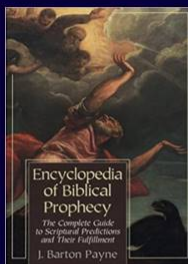
Surely the Lord GOD **does nothing**,
unless **He reveals His secret** to
His servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7 NKJV

*It is the glory of God to **conceal**
a thing; but the honour of kings is
to search out a matter.*

Proverb 25:2 KJV

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 Old Testament is 28.5% predictive while the New Testament is 21.5% predictive.

>80%

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

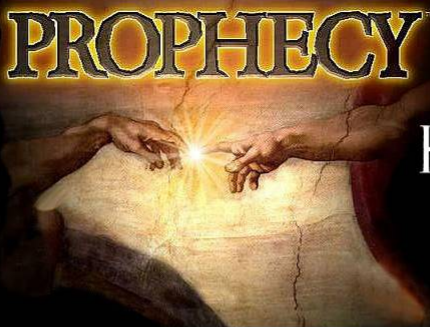
A Hebraic view of prophecy

- As Westerners when we think “prophecy” our minds seek prediction/fulfilment.
- Hebraic thought looks for patterns and then fulfilment through a repeat of the patterns.

The Bible is a book of patterns and models:

¹¹“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”

(1 Corinthians 10:11)



<p>GREEK CULTURE</p>	<p>HEBREW CULTURE</p>
<p>Prediction</p>	<p>Pattern</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● προφητεία, <i>prophēteia</i>, G4394, “the gift of communicating and enforcing revealed truth” ● <i>prophētēs</i>, G4396 “an interpreter or forth-teller (predictor) of the divine will” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● נְבוּאָה, <i>nevuah</i>, H5016, “a pattern or prediction (spoken or written)” ● נָבִיא, <i>navi</i>, H5030, literally means “spokesperson”; he speaks to the people as a mouthpiece of God, and to God on behalf of the people.

Two different views of prophecy

The Greek (Western) View The Hebrew (Eastern) View

● Prediction ⇨ Fulfilment

● Pattern(s) ⇨ Repeated

PROPHECY (x2):

1. Zechariah 9:9. Messiah ("the King") will ride into Jerusalem on an ass.
2. Daniel 9:25: Gabriel tells Daniel that the Messiah will enter Jerusalem 173,880 days after the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem. (N.B. Calculation omitted)

FULFILMENT:

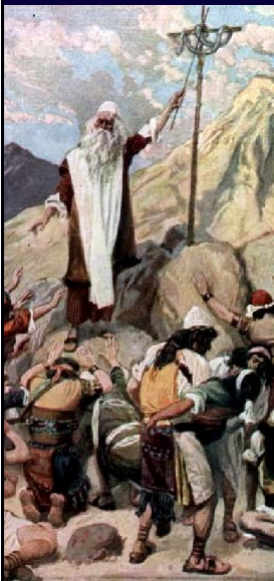
- A. Jesus rode an ass into Jerusalem on 6 April 32 AD exactly 173,880 days after Artaxerxes Longimanus so ordered on 14 March 445 B.C.

How Joseph's life prefigures Jesus

1. Despised for his prophetic gift.
2. Betrayed by Jews into Gentile hands.
3. God turns the betrayal into salvation.
4. Betrayed by brother Judah(s) for silver.
5. Cloak taken as proof he was not in the pit.
6. Falsely accused at an unfair trial.
7. Condemned with two criminals, one who lives and one who dies.
8. Condemnation to exaltation in three days.
9. Upon exaltation, every knee bowed.
10. Upon exaltation married a Gentile bride.
11. Not recognised at first coming, at second coming Joseph's brothers wept.
12. Joseph beloved of his father.

The richness and understanding that accompanies discovery of the Midrashic hermeneutic is one of the most exciting aspects of studying the Old Testament.

Typical Hebrew Prophecy: Numbers 21:5-10



5. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."
6. So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.
7. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.
8. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery [brazen, bronze] serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."
9. So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

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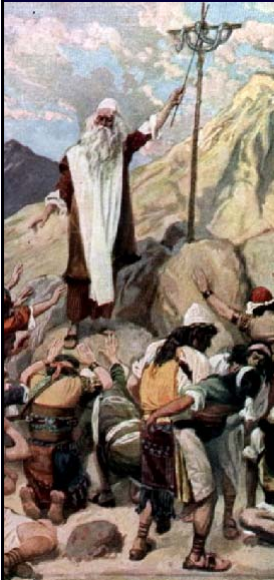


THE OLD TESTAMENT ENDED WITH NO ONE THE WISER ABOUT THIS WEIRD PASSAGE!

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Until Jesus explained in John 3:14-15...



14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up:
15. That whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



... and John 3:16



**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE
WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS
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Genocide

- In some 40 Old Testament verses, YHWH calls on Israel to kill every man, woman and child (and, in some cases, animals) of certain clans.
- This is a stumbling block for many people today.
 - Some simply write off the Bible altogether.
 - Some apologists state that the Gospels make it clear that Jesus has closed the door on genocide.
 - A few note that the Hebrews didn't obey God's command, so it must have been rhetorical excess.
- Does the Bible offer any possible rationale for God's command?

To address this, I made a table of the verses.

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3	Bethshean	Jos. 17:12	27	Hittite	Deut. 7:1-6;
4	Ibleam	Jos. 17:12	28	Girgashite	20:16-17
5	Dor	Jos. 17:12	29	Amorite	(commanded
6	En-dor	Jos. 17:12	30	Canaanite	but not done)
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12	Ekron	Jos. 13:3	36	Gibeon	Jos. 10:12-14
13	Geshuri	Jos. 13:2	37	Makkedah	Jos. 10:28
14	Avvim	Jos. 13:3	38	Libnah	Jos. 10:29-30
15	Mearah	Jos. 13:4	39	Lachish	Jos. 10:31-33
16	Aphek	Jos. 13:4	40	Eglon	Jos. 10:34-35
17	Amorites	Jos. 13:4	41	Hebron	Jos. 10:36-37
18	Giblites	Jos. 13:5	42	Debir	Jos. 10:38-39
19	Lebanon	Jos. 13:5	43	Heshbon	Deut. 2:30-36
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Observations

- With one exception, Dor, all areas where genocide was ordered are held today by Israel's enemies...
- Israel did not literally follow through on the order.

¹¹ And in Issachar and in Asher, Manasseh had ... the inhabitants of Dor and its towns....

¹² Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants* of those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. ¹³And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

(Joshua 17:11-13)

- With one exception, Dor, all areas were noted as having giants at the time of the orders.

A possible explanation

Israel failed to eliminate the DNA of fallen angels.

thymine

adenine

guanine

ribose

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ALPHABETS →
← STEBAHPLA

Languages of the Bible

- The Bible claims that all peoples spoke the same language for 106 years after Noah's Flood. The Tower of Babel occurred approximately 2,200 BC, when God intentionally scattered mankind.
- The Bible was written in three languages, with a few legacy words from other languages included.
 - The Tenakh was written in **Hebrew**, said by Rabbis to be the original language of Noah, etc. It was translated into Koine (common) Greek by 270 BC (the *Septuagint*).
 - The New Testament was written in **Koine Greek**, the *lingua franca* of the civilised world from 334 BC to AD 330.
 - **Aramaic** was widely spoken in Palestine and Syria, and was the mother tongue of Jesus and most of the apostles. They would have had a working knowledge of Koine Greek.

Theory: ancient languages flow to Jerusalem

- Dr. Chuck Missler and others have stated that ancient written languages flow toward Jerusalem.
 - Languages of nations east of Jerusalem read from right to left (e.g., Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, etc.)
 - Languages of nations west of Jerusalem read from left to right (e.g., Latin, Gaulish, Greek, etc.)
- Some languages (e.g., Meso-American and Sumerian hieroglyphics) read from top to bottom, changed direction recently, first were written in the past 2,000 years, or followed guidelines that could go anywhere.
- So does the theory hold for **really ancient** languages?



A quick introduction to Hebrew

- Unlike English, Hebrew contains hidden gems since:
 - Every letter in Hebrew has a meaning, based on the ancient Hebrew pictograph.

א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	כ	ל	מ	נ	ס	ע	פ	צ				
THA	SHA	RA	QA	TAZA	PA	I	SA	NA	MA	LA	KA	YA	TA	CHAA	ZA	WA	HA	DA	GA	BA	AH
400	300	200	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- As with Greek, each letter in Hebrew represents a number. ∴ Each word has a numerical equivalent.
- Hebrew words are formed from 3-letter roots, leading to families of related words.

Ancient Semitic/Hebrew						Modern Hebrew			Greek			Latin	
Early	Middle	Late	Name	Picture	Meaning	Sound	Letter	Name	Sound	Name	Ancient	Modern	
א	𐤀	𐤁	El	Ox, head	Strong, power, leader	ah, eh	א	Aleph	silent	Alpha	Α	Α	A
ב	𐤂	𐤃	Bet	Tent floorplan	Family, house, in	b, bh(v)	ב	Beyt	b, bh(v)	Beta	Β	Β	B
ג	𐤄	𐤅	Gimel	Foot	Gather, walk	g	ג	Gimal	g	Gamma	Γ	Γ	C G
ד	𐤆	𐤇	Dal	Door	Move, hand, entrance	d	ד	Dalet	d	Delta	Δ	Δ	D
ה	𐤈	𐤉	Hey	Man arms raised	Look, reveal, breath	h, ah	ה	Hey	h	Epsilon	Ε	Ε	E
ו	𐤊	𐤋	Waw	Tent peg	Add, secure, hook	w, o, u	ו	Vav	v	Digamma	Ϝ		F
ז	𐤌	𐤍	Zayin	Mattock	Food, cut, nourish	z	ז	Zayin	z	Zeta	Ζ	Ζ	Z
ח	𐤎	𐤏	Heth	Tent wall	Wall, divide, outside, half	h	ח	Chet	h	Eta	Η	Η	H
ט	𐤐	𐤑	Tet	Basket	Surround, contain, mud	t	ט	Tet	t	Theta	Θ	Θ	
י	𐤒	𐤓	Yod	Arm and hand	Hand, work, throw, worship	y, ee	י	Yud	y	Iota	Ι	Ι	I J
כ	𐤔	𐤕	Kaph	Open palm	Bend, open, allow, tame	k, kh	כ	Kaph	k, kh	Kappa	Κ	Κ	K
ל	𐤖	𐤗	Lamed	Shepherd staff	Teach, yoke, authority, bind	l	ל	Lamed	l	Lamda	Λ	Λ	L
מ	𐤘	𐤙	Mem	Water	Water, chaos, blood, mighty	m	מ	Mem	m	Mu	Μ	Μ	M
נ	𐤚	𐤛	Nun	Seed	Seed, continue, heir, son	n	נ	Nun	n	Nu	Ν	Ν	N
ס	𐤜	𐤝	Sin	Thorn	Grab, hate, protect	s	ס	Samec h	s	Xsi	Ξ	Ξ	X
ע	𐤞	𐤟	Ghah	Eye	See, watch, know, shade	Glottal Stop	ע	Ayin	silent	Omikron	Ο	Ο	O
פ	𐤠	𐤡	Pey	Mouth	Open, blow, scatter, edge	p, ph(f)	פ	Pey	p, ph(f)	Pi	Π	Π	P
צ	𐤢	𐤣	Tzade	Trail	Trail, journey, chase, hunt	ts	צ	Tzade	ts	San	Ϻ		
ק	𐤤	𐤥	Qoph	Sun on horizon	Condense, circle, time	q	ק	Qoph	q	Qoppa	Ϙ		Q
ר	𐤦	𐤧	Resh	Head of a man	Head, first, top, beginning	r	ר	Resh	r	Rho	Ρ	Ρ	R
ש	𐤨	𐤩	Shin	Two front teeth	Sharp, press, eat, two	sh	ש	Shin Sin	sh, s	Sigma	Σ	Σ	S
ת	𐤫	𐤬	Tav	Crossed sticks	Mark, sign, signal, monument	t	ת	Tav	t	Tau	Τ	Τ	T
ך			Ghah	Rope	Twist, dark, wicked	gh							

Hebrew primer

אמת (EMT) is the acronym of the first letters of the three Poetic books (*alef, mem and tav*):

Psalms (תהלים Tehillim)

Proverbs (משלי Mishlei)

Job (איוב Iyyov).

אמת, "truth" in Hebrew

Rabbis call the poetic books the "book of Truth".

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The Hebrew Alphabet (Aleph + Bet)

“Tav” is the last letter in the Hebrew alphabet →

← “Alef” is the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet

↑

“Mem” is the middle letter in the Hebrew alphabet

Per Rabbis, “truth” is the beginning, middle and end.

Hebrew primer

Every letter in Hebrew has a meaning, based on the pictograph from the Paleo-Hebrew alphabet.

- Modern Hebrew א came from Paleo-Hebrew א. It stands for ox, bull, strength, leader, first... and **God**.
- The modern מ is from מ (water, massive, chaos).
- ת comes from ת (cross, covenant, sign of a covenant).

Truth is אמת

Remove God (א) from truth, אמת, or “death”.

we are left with *mouth*..... מת, or “death”.

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What's in a number?

Numbers 2 The Tribes and Leaders by Armies

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: ² "Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting. ³ On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah shall camp according to their armies; and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be the leader of the children of Judah." ⁴ And his army was numbered at seventy-four thousand six hundred.

⁵ "Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar, and Nethanel the son of Zuar shall be the leader of the children of Issachar." ⁶ And his army was numbered at fifty-four thousand four hundred.

⁷ "Then comes the tribe of Zebulun, and Eliab the son of Helon shall be the leader of the children of Zebulun." ⁸ And his army was numbered at fifty-seven thousand four hundred. ⁹ "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Judah, one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred—they shall break camp first.

¹⁰ "On the south side shall be the standard of the forces with Reuben according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur." ¹¹ And his army was numbered at forty-six thousand five hundred.

¹² "Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai." ¹³ And his army was numbered at fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

¹⁴ "Then comes the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the children of Gad shall be Eliasah the son of Reuel." ¹⁵ And his army was numbered at forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. ¹⁶ "All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces with Reuben, one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty—they shall be the second to break camp.

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¹⁸ "On the west side shall be the standard of the forces with Ephraim according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Amihud." ¹⁹ And his army was numbered at forty thousand five hundred.

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²⁵ "The standard of the forces with Dan shall be on the north side according to their armies, and the leader of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai." ²⁶ And his army was numbered at sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

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³⁴ "Thus the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses; so they camped by their standards and so they broke camp, each one by his family, according to their fathers' houses.

What's in a number?

Numbers 2 The Tribes and Leaders by Armies

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: ² Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house, they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting. ³ On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah shall camp according to their armies, and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be the leader of the children of Judah. ⁴ And his army was numbered at seventy-four thousand six hundred.

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The Camp of Israel

Numbers 2

- Every Detail by Design?
- What might be hidden behind the details of the Camp of Israel?
- "The volume of the Book is written of Me"

Psalm 40:7; Hebrews 10:7

The Camp of Israel – Numbers 2-3

Judah	74,600	Ephraim	40,500
Issachar	54,400	Manasseh	32,200
Zebulun	57,400	Benjamin	35,400

Reuben	46,500	Dan	62,700
Simeon	59,300	Asher	41,500
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EAST

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WEST

Ephraim	40,500
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Levi

SOUTH

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EAST

 Judah 74,600

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WEST

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The Camp of Israel – Numbers 2-3

EAST

 Judah 74,600

 Issachar 54,400

 Zebulun 57,400

186,400

WEST

 Ephraim 40,500

 Manasseh 32,200

 Benjamin 35,400

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 Levi 22,300

SOUTH

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 Simeon 59,300

 Gad 45,650

151,450

NORTH

 Dan 62,700

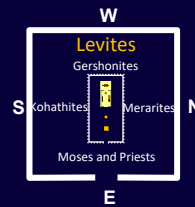
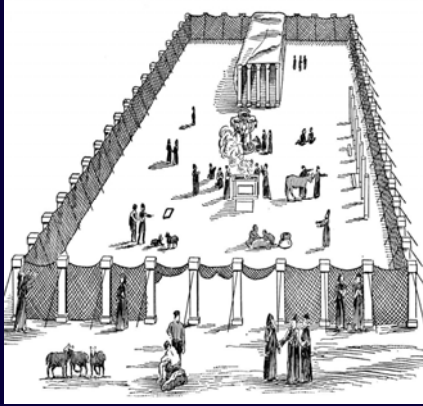
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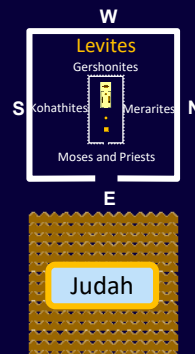
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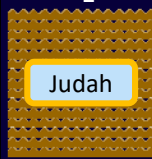
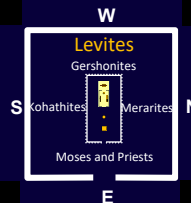
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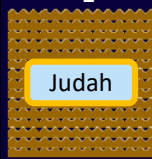
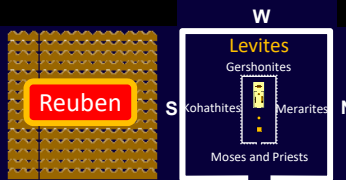
Rabbinical Precision

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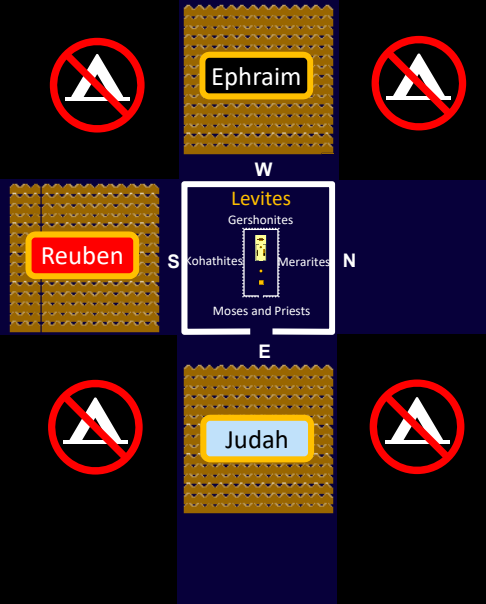
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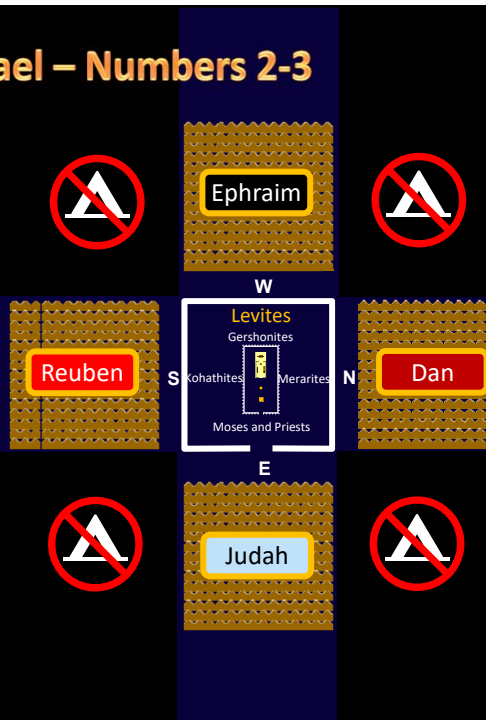
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The Camp of Israel – Numbers 2-3

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- The Camp of Ephraim is west of the Levites' camp.
- The Camp of Dan is north of the Levites' camp.
- The length of each camp will proportionate to the population.

