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THE OLD TESTAMENT | 39 BOOKS

NARRATIVE	WRITINGS	PROPHECY
PENTATEUCH*	JOB	MAJOR
GENESIS	PSALMS	ISAIAH
EXODUS	PROVERBS	JEREMIAH
LEVITICUS	ECCLESIASTES	EZEKIEL
NUMBERS	SONG OF SONGS	DANIEL
DEUTERONOMY	LAMENTATIONS	MINOR
		HOSEA
JOSHUA		JOEL
JUDGES		AMOS
RUTH		OBADIAH
1&2 SAMUEL		JONAH
1&2 KINGS		MICAH
1&2 CHRONICLES		NAHUM
EZRA-JEREMIAH		HABAKUK
ESTHER		ZEPHANIAH
		HAGGAI
		ZECCHARIAH
		MALACHI

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GOSPELS	NARRATIVE	LETTERS	PROPHECY/LETTER
MATTHEW		PAUL → CHURCHES	REVELATION
MARK		ROMANS	
LUKE	ACTS	1 CORINTHIANS	
JOHN		2 CORINTHIANS	
		GALATIANS	
		EPHESIANS	
		PHILIPPIANS	
		COLOSSIANS	
		1 THESSALONIANS	
		2 THESSALONIANS	
		PAUL → INDIVIDUALS	
		1 TIMOTHY	
		2 TIMOTHY	
		TITUS	
		PHILEMON	
		GENERAL	
		HEBREWS	
		JAMES	
		1 PETER	
		2 PETER	
		1 JOHN	
		2 JOHN	
		3 JOHN	
		JUDE	

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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 *Pentateuch = The first five books of the Old Testament

God expects every believer to obey his word, so we must read the Bible to know what He says. When we pray, our conversation builds up our spirit, and establishes a personal relationship with God. As we grow and mature spiritually, He speaks to us and reveals Himself, so we can know Him intimately.

Translations –

King James – old english, harder to understand

NIV – word for word, modern english

Today's English Version (TEV) “thought for thought” – very easy to read

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ITSELF?

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to (study) present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly

equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Psalms 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

PS 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Authoritative— Final rule, Standard, law, guide

Inspired— Came from (breathed by) God

Infallible— Without fault, perfect, no errors

Literal— means what it says

Written on papyrus (a reed made into paper) and parchment (animal skin/leather) and made into scrolls (about 35 ft. long).

Took the course of about 1500 years and more than 40 authors

Old Testament in Hebrew, New Testament in Greek

Cannon—66 books recognized and proven as scripture

Dead Sea Scrolls—Oldest copies known of the O.T. manuscripts

Testament—tangible proof or evidence. A statement of belief. A written document providing for the disposition of a person's property after death. "a will" A covenant between human beings and God.

Covenant—A formal, binding, and sealed agreement or contract.

ANALOGY— logical similarity, comparison, "for instance"

PARABLE— A story to illustrate a message, moral, or principle

METAPHOR— Figure of speech to illustrate or make a comparison

ALLEGORY— Literary, dramatic pictorial representation

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

PRIVATELY—

1. **Observation**— What is this passage about?
2. **Interpretation**— What does it mean?
3. **Application**— How do I apply it to my life?

Avenues of Study—Book Study, Theme Study, Character Study, Word Study

PUBLICLY—

Preaching— take notes (topical or expository)

Teaching— discussion, ask questions, keep a journal

Training— take courses or tests

Other “HELPS” — get a Concordance, a dictionary, & use other translations

A STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

Must be born-again

Must depend on the Holy Spirit for revelation

Must have reverence for the Scripture

Must have a hunger

Must be willing to apply himself

INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE (Hermeneutics)

1. **Consider the Context**—What else is said in this chapter and this book?
2. **Consider the Culture**—How did this apply to these people and their times, or us and ours
3. **Cross References**—When does the scripture refer to this somewhere else (it never contradicts)
4. **Spiritual Revelation**—Why does God say this?
 - “**Rhema**” **spokem**(fresh application of what God says for me, right now)
 - “**Logos**” **written**(timeless application of unchanging truth for everyone)