

## **2-C Bible Overview I**

1. The Bible was written by about 40 authors in about 20 occupations, living in 10 countries spanning about 6,000 miles, and over about 1600 years (possibly 2,000 years if Job written in patriarchal period).
2. The Bible was originally written in three languages: **Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek**.
3. The Bible records a cast of 2, 930 different characters; 1,551 geographical sites are mentioned in various scenes.
4. The first English version of the Bible was translated by Wycliffe in 1384.
5. The first American edition of an English Bible was published in 1752.
6. The Bible is the MOST widely read, published, translated & distributed book in the world: est. 3 billion copies.
7. The entire story of the Bible can be summarized in one word: **REDEMPTION !!**
8. The New Testament is in the Old concealed. The Old Testament is in the New revealed.
9. The OT looks forward to the coming Messiah and the cross. The NT shows fulfillment of the OT.
10. There are 66 books in the Bible: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
11. There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible: 929 in the Old Testament and 260 in the New Testament.
12. There are 31,173 verses in the Bible: 23,214 in the Old Testament and 7,959 in the New Testament.
13. There are 3,566,480 letters in the Bible: 2,728,100 in the Old Testament and 838,380 in the New Testament.
14. **Book:** The Bible Code by Michael Drosnin. Mathematician Dr. Eliyahu Rips. "Torah" every 50 letters.
- **MAT 5:17** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

There are **31,173 total verses in the Bible**: 23,214 in the Old Testament, and 7,959 in the New Testament. During his 27<sup>th</sup> reading of the bible, schoolteacher **Everet R. Storms** of Kitchener, Canada took 1.5 years to tabulate **7,487 promises by God to man**, 2 by God the Father to God the Son, 991 by one man to another, and 290 by man to God. Twenty-one promises were made by angels, one by man to an angel, and two were made by an evil spirit to the Lord. Satan made nine promises, as when he promised the world to Christ if He would fall down and worship him. Storms then gave the grand total of **8,810 promises in the Bible**.

**The story of the Bible can be summarized as follows:** God created the heavens and the earth, all creatures therein, and mankind, all in perfect harmony with Him. Adam and Eve were given dominion through God over the creation. Satan, an outlaw spirit, then tempts Eve, and both disobey God, and sin enters the human race. Adam and Eve lose their relationship with God, and die spiritually. Dominion is lost, and a curse falls on the whole of creation, including mankind, who now are forced to serve their new god, Satan. God the Father, in His love for mankind, launches a plan of redemption. He chooses a man, Abram, through which to work salvation. This one man results in one family line, one people, one nation, Israel, through which God redeems the human race. A future "seed" of Abraham, Jesus, completes God's plan of redemption. The OT foreshadows in the natural what is fulfilled spiritually in the NT through the birth, death, resurrection, and ascension of God's only Son. Through this sacrifice of the Lamb of God, God redeems many sons and daughters to himself. We, the redeemed of God, are then given a commission to bring the message of reconciliation to the whole human race. God's **Creative Order** is replaced by His **Redemptive Order** until He restores all creation to Himself, and sin and rebellion are abolished forever. The curse will pass away, and a new creation will arise in which God is ruler over all.

**There are TWO MAIN METHODS of study of the Bible:** **Bible Synthesis:** Gk Syn + thesis. Like flying over & getting a bird's eye view. Looking at the whole comprised by its parts. **Bible Analysis:** Examination of the parts, such as verse by verse, word studies, topical studies, original language studies, etc.

Old Testament (Covenant)	New Testament (Covenant)
Redemption promised and predicted	Redemption fulfilled and made available
Many animal sacrifices take away sin temporarily	One eternal sacrifice of Lamb of God makes perfect atonement
Many human, imperfect priests	One perfect, eternal, and Divine Priest
The New Covenant promised in types	The New Covenant Established and fulfilled
God's Kingdom foreshadowed and promised	God's Kingdom at hand within believers
Foreshadowed in natural types	Fulfilled in the Spiritual realm
Mankind's fall; Paradise lost	Mankind restored; Paradise regained
The curse falls on mankind and the earth	The curse removed
Looks forward to the cross	Looks backward to the cross
The Holy Spirit on selected prophets, priests & kings	The Holy Spirit in all believers, who are Kings, Priests and Prophets

- **The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, accurate, complete, and perfect word of God, and can be relied upon fully to teach us about God, how we can approach God, and what God expects from us. Only the Bible shows the way of salvation from sin & the way to eternal live with the Father.**

## The Old Testament

## The New Testament

<b>1. Pentateuch (The Law)</b> Genesis (5 bks) Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	<b>4. Major Prophets (5 bks)</b> Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	<b>1. History (5 bks)</b> Matthew Mark Luke John Acts	<b>3. General Epistles (8 bks)</b> Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude
<b>2. History (12 bks)</b> Joshua Judges Ruth 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings 1 & 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther	<b>5. Minor Prophets (12 bks)</b> Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habbakuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	<b>2. Pauline Epistles (13 bks)</b> Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon	<b>4. Prophecy (1 bk)</b> Revelation
<b>3. Wisdom (Or Poetry)</b> Job (5 bks) Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song Of Songs			

- **The Hebrew Bible**, often called the **Masoretic Text** (MT), is a collection of **twenty-four books** written in Hebrew (but including also a few passages in Aramaic). Its content is exactly the same as our Old Testament, but its arrangement is different. Several books are combined. Its form is as follows: **TaNak**  
**The Law = Torah:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy (the Pentateuch)  
**The Prophets = Neviim: Former Prophets:** Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings;  
**Latter Prophets:** Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets  
**The Writings = Ketuvim:** Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, Chronicles
- **The Christian Bible** consists of the Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT). In the Roman Catholic and Eastern Christian communities (e.g., Greek, Syriac, Armenian), the OT is based on the LXX, while most Protestant churches accept only the books of the Hebrew Bible as their OT canon.
- The English word **'Bible'** is derived from the Old French *bible*, which is in turn based on Latin *biblia* and Greek *biblia* ('books'), plural of *biblion*, diminutive from *biblos* ("small books"). Most commonly the term refers to the Scriptures of the Christian church, but it may also denote the canon of Jewish scriptures.
- A translation of the Jewish scriptures into Greek, commonly called the **Septuagint (LXX)**, probably had its earliest form as a translation of the Pentateuch into Greek in the third century B.C. This collection came to contain, not only the books of the Hebrew Bible listed above, but also a number of other writings (although there are variations in the manuscripts): 1 Esdras, the Wisdom of Solomon, the Wisdom of Jesus, the Son of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Judith, Tobit, Baruch, the Letter of Jeremiah, the four books of Maccabees, plus certain additions to books in the MT, notably the additions to Daniel (Susanna, Bel and the Dragon, the Prayer of Azariah, and the Song of the Three Young Men) and to the book of Esther. Many of these are included in the Catholic Bible of today as the **Apocrypha**, but are not included in the Protestant Bible.

- **EXO 34:27** Then **the LORD said to Moses, "Write down these words**, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."
- **JER 36:1** In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, **this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now.**
- **LUK 24:27** And **beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**
- **1CO 10:11** **These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us**, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.
- **2TI 3:15** and how from infancy **you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 ALL SCRIPTURE is God-breathed (God inspired)** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,