

Getting Your Bearings

Worlds Best Seller, Pt. 1

Name: The Holy Bible

1. Papyrus: plant from which materials were used to write upon
 - a. Greek word for papyrus is *biblos*
 - b. *Biblos* became a common term for writings / rolls / books
 - c. *Biblos* translated into English = Bible
 - d. Within 200 year of the life of Jesus, Christians began referring to the Scriptures as “The Holy Bible”
2. Bible = book; Holy = from God

Major Divisions of the Bible

1. There are two major divisions: Old Testament & New Testament
 - a. The word “testament” means covenant or promise
 - b. Old Testament = God’s covenant with a nation (Israel)
 - c. New Testament = God’s covenant with all willing people

Book, Chapter, & Verse

1. When you see “John 3:16” that means the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16
2. Chapter divisions were first introduced in 1227 AD
3. The Old Testament chapters were assigned verse divisions in 1448 AD
4. The New Testament chapters were assigned verse divisions in 1555 AD
5. The first Bible to use book, chapter, and verse divisions was the Geneva Bible in 1560 AD

The Chronology of the Bible

1. The Bible is not written in chronological order. In order to get the entire chronology (e.g. storyline), you would only need to read 13 books:
 1. Genesis
 2. Exodus
 3. Numbers
 4. Joshua
 5. Judges
 6. 1 Samuel
 7. 2 Samuel
 8. 1 Kings
 9. 2 Kings
 10. Ezra
 11. Nehemiah
 12. Luke
 13. Acts

Translations and Versions of the Bible

1. Originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek
2. Translation is bringing original languages into modern English
 - a. Versions of the Bible = a team of scholars to translating and their finished work is called a “version”
3. Recommended Translations or Versions:
 - a. New International Version (NIV)
 - b. New Living Translation (NLT)
 - c. New English Translation (NET) - Full Notes Edition
 - d. New King James Version (NKJV)