

## What is in the Bible?

The answer is "books." Think of the Bible as a small library of books. Some of them the size of a short novel while others only the length of a newspaper article. Biblical Christianity is a reading religion. No other belief encourages as much devotion to its text as Bible believing Christians.

### OLD TESTAMENT – KEY WORD: **PREPARATION** (2 Corinthians 3:14) The New Testament *Concealed*

BHS (4 <sup>th</sup> ed.) Hebrew	308,690 Words	69.17% of the Bible	52,897 Unique Words
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26.13%	Dates
<b>Genesis</b>	3901-1480
<b>Exodus</b>	1480-1446
<b>Leviticus</b>	1446-1408
<b>Numbers</b>	1446-1408
<b>Deuteronomy</b>	1446-1408

LAW	5 books	18.07% of Bible (80,675)	Foundations
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- Contents:
  - **Laws:** 613 (248 negative, 365 positive), Largely Legislated.
  - **Sacrificial System:** this is what saves us (Heb 10:4) and intended for people who cannot keep the law.
- Issue between God and man: **Holiness** (has reference to uniqueness; one of a kind). Law's intent is to excite holiness.
- Function for us: to show us the need for a **Perfect Priest** with a **Perfect Sacrifice** (Heb, 7:26-10:18).

35.15%	Dates
<b>Joshua</b>	1408-1368
<b>Judges</b>	1368-1050
<b>Ruth</b>	1368-1050
<b>1-2 Samuel</b>	1050-586
<b>1-2 Kings</b>	1010-586
<b>1-2 Chronicles</b>	1010-586
<b>Ezra</b>	536-458
<b>Nehemiah</b>	444-430
<b>Esther</b>	480

HISTORY	12 books	24.32% of Bible (108,532)	Post Inheritance
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- Contents:
  - National Inheritance:** how they obtained it and how they forfeited it.
  - Leaders:** how they rose and how they fell.
- Issue between God and man: **Leadership** - God gives a nation the leadership it desires.
- Function for us: to show us the need for a **Perfect King** (Dan. 9:6; Ezra 9:7; Neh. 9:34-35).

12.7%	Dates
<b>Job</b>	1950
<b>Psalms</b>	1020,950/458
<b>Proverbs</b>	972-933
<b>Ecclesiastes</b>	972-933
<b>Song of Solomon</b>	972-933

POETRY	5 books	8.78% of Bible (39,205)	Relational
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- Contents:
  - **Wisdom**
  - **Worship**
- Issue between God and man: **Heart Attitude**
- Function for us: Illustrates the need for a **Perfect Heart**.

26% (יְהוּדָה)	Dates
<b>Isaiah</b>	S 762-680
<b>Jeremiah</b>	S 627-560
<b>Lamentations</b>	S 586-583
<b>Ezekiel</b> *	S 593-571
<b>Daniel</b>	S 606-535
<b>Hosea</b>	N 738-720
<b>Joel</b>	S 592?
<b>Amos</b>	N 762-761?
<b>Obadiah</b>	S 855-843
<b>Jonah</b>	N 780?
<b>Micah</b>	S 762-680
<b>Nahum</b>	S 633-612
<b>Habakkuk</b>	S 606?
<b>Zephaniah</b>	S 618?
<b>Haggai</b>	S 520
<b>Zechariah</b>	S 520
<b>Malachi</b>	S 450

Northern/Southern Prophet

PROPHETS	17 books	17.99% of Bible (80,278)	Lost Inheritance
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- Contents: **Preaching:** loyalty to God's covenant.
- **Prediction:** Rabbis counted 456 Messianic prophecies.
- Issue between God and man: **Loyalty**.
- Function for us: to show us the need for a **Perfect Prophet**.

#### The Old Testament is the Preparation for:

The Perfect Man	The Perfect Sacrifice
A Sinless Priest	Unexplained Ceremonies & Laws
An Omnipotent King	Imperfect Offerings
A Prophet Who Does Not Falter	Unfulfilled Prophecies

\* = Antilegomena: 7 disputed books that form a part of the so-called deutero-canon.

**NEW TESTAMENT – KEY WORD: *MANIFESTATION***  
**The Old Testament *Revealed***

Greek NT 137,523 Words / 18,133 Unique Words 30.82% of the Bible

<b>GOSPELS</b>	<b>Introduction to the Person and Work of Jesus Christ</b>	14.46% of Bible 46.92% of NT (64,533 Words)
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Matthew 1:1-15 -- “connector” between the Old and the New Testaments (C. I. Scofield).  
 The Gospels are a **unity** – all pertain to one subject.  
 The Gospels are a **duality**.

- a. The *humanity* of Christ.  
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<b>Matthew</b>	67	Presents Christ as the Perfect <b>King</b>	Jew	βασιλεία
<b>Mark</b>	67	Presents Christ as the Perfect <b>Servant</b>	Roman	εὐθὺς
<b>Luke</b>	67	Presents Christ as the Perfect <b>Man</b>	Greek	υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

- b. The *Deity* of Christ.

<b>John</b>	97	Presents Christ as <b>God</b>	Mankind	ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ
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The Gospels are a **multiplicity**.

- a. Luke was a Greek physician.  
 b. Matthew and John were apostles.  
 c. Matthew, Mark and John were Jews.

<b>ACTS</b>	<b>Proclamation of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ</b>	4.11% of Bible 13.36% of NT (18,375 Words)
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- Contents:  
**30 Year Church History: 29-60 Demonstrating the Pattern for the Church.**

<b>EPISTLES</b>	<b>Interpretation of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ</b>	10.30% of Bible 32.56% of NT (44,789 Words)
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<b>PAULINE EPISTLES: 13 books</b>		Demonstrate progressive levels of Christian growth	
	<b>PROGRESSION</b>	<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	
<b>ROMANS</b>	57	Salvation	Fitly opens the doctrinal series by explaining the first, vital principle
<b>CORINTHIAN LETTERS</b>	53	Liberty	To those seeking after wisdom with self-sufficient freedom of thought.
<b>GALATIANS</b>	53	Law	To those returning to willful religious bondage.
<b>EPHESIANS &amp; COLOSSIANS</b>	62	Corporateness	The ideal of the church. Ephesians: the Head; Colossians: the body.
<b>PHILIPPIANS &amp; PHILEMON</b>	62	Individuality	The voice of a friend.
<b>THESSALONIAN LETTERS</b>	51	▼	Fitly the last of the letters to the seven churches – Eschatology.
<b>PASTORAL EPISTLES</b>	62	Leadership	To an office which is both a government to rule and a ministry to serve.

<b>GENERAL EPISTLES: 8 books</b>		
<b>HEBREWS</b>	67	The Jewish mind: The tendency to revert back to a Jewish faith.
PETRINE EPISTLES		<i>Written to scattered Christians</i>
<b>1 PETER</b>	64	The tendency to faint under persecution – external threats to the church.
<b>2 PETER</b>	67	The tendency to tolerate heretics – internal threats to the church.
JAMES	63	The Jewish mind: to be satisfied with an intellectual faith.
JOHANNINE EPISTLES		<i>Written to all Christians</i>
<b>1 JOHN</b>	98	Assurance of our fellowship.
<b>2 JOHN</b>	98	Tendency to include diverse doctrine in our fellowship.
<b>3 JOHN</b>	98	Tendency not to be hospitable in our fellowship.
<b>JUDE</b>	67	Written to scattered Christians. Looks back to the problem in the Petrine Epistles.

<b>REVELATION</b>	<b>Consummation of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ</b>	2.2% of Bible 7.14% of NT (9,826 Words)
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The Perfect Man	The Perfect Sacrifice
A Priest Without Sin	Explained Ceremonies & Laws
A King with Perfect Power	A Perfect Offering
A Prophet Who Cannot Die	Fulfilled Prophecies

Approximately forty men took 2,000 years (Job, c. 1950 B.C. – John, c. 98 A.D.) to write 446,213 words in 66 books and they do not contradict one another in the original autographs. Note: dates are approximate encompassing events within each book or date written.