

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

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BIG IDEA:

CONTEXT BRINGS

CLARITY

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

CANON

**widely accepted to be
official and genuine**

TO BE ACCEPTED AS CANON:

1. AUTHORITATIVE AUTHORSHIP

BIBLICAL AUTHORS:

- 1. PROPHETS** Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, 12 Minor Prophets
- 2. KINGS** David, Solomon
- 3. OTHER JEWISH LEADERS & WISDOM WRITERS** Ezra, Nehemiah
- 4. APOSTLES OF JESUS** John, Matthew, Peter, Paul
- 5. ASSOCIATES OF THE APOSTLES & JESUS** Luke, John Mark, Jude, James

**THEY AREN'T JUST
RANDOM PEOPLE!**

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2. WIDESPREAD USE

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3. ORTHODOX THEOLOGY Only texts that kept to standard, traditionally accepted Christian beliefs were considered for canon

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2. **WIDESPREAD USE**
3. **ORTHODOX THEOLOGY**
4. **CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING
CANON**

The texts had to be consistent with existing scriptures, particularly the Old Testament and other recognized New Testament writings

**HOW DO WE KNOW THE BIBLE
HASN'T BEEN DRASTICALLY
CHANGED OVER TIME?**

“To be skeptical of the New Testament books is to let all of classical antiquity slip into obscurity, for no documents of the ancient world are as well attested bibliographically as the New Testament.”

JOHN MONTGOMERY
New Testament scholar

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The Bible is **God's view** of the human story from creation through eternity

WRITING GENRES:

- 1. NARRATIVE**
- 2. HISTORY**
- 3. LAW**
- 4. PROPHECY**
- 5. POETRY**
- 6. WISDOM**
- 7. GOSPELS**
- 8. GENEALOGY**
- 9. TEACHING**
- 10. PARABLES**
- 11. LETTERS**
- 12. APOCALYPTIC**

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE:

1. WRITTEN BY HUMANS

INSPIRED BY GOD 2 Peter 1:20-21

2. TRUTHFUL Psalm 119:160, John 17:17, Psalm 19:7-8

3. HOLDS THE KEY TO

SALVATION 2 Timothy 3:15, Romans 10:9

4. POINTS TO JESUS Luke 24:27

5. USEFUL 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:105

**HOW DO I INTERACT
WITH THE BIBLE?**

HOW TO INTERACT WITH THE BIBLE:

1. FIND A **TRANSLATION** THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

- 1. WORD FOR WORD** NRSV, NASB, ESV
- 2. PHRASE FOR PHRASE** NIV, NLT
- 3. IDEA FOR IDEA** MSG

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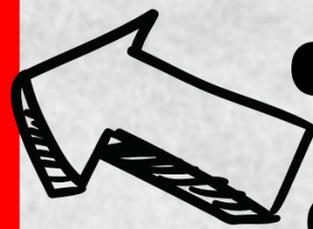
¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

– Philippians 4:13

**HOW MIGHT THIS VERSE BE
MISINTERPRETED ALL ON ITS OWN?**

¹¹Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be **content** with whatever I have.¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

These verses are about *contentment*, not a superhuman ability to be successful at "everything"



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– **Philippians 4:11-13**

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3. BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

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1. PHYSICAL BIBLE NIV Teen Study Bible
Life Application Bible

2. BIBLE APP App Store: YouVersion Bible
youversion.com/the-bible-app

3. WEBSITES bibleproject.com
gotquestions.org
bibleref.com

4. VERSES APP App Store: Verses
getverses.com



WHY THE BIBLE?

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How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

– Psalm 119:9-11