

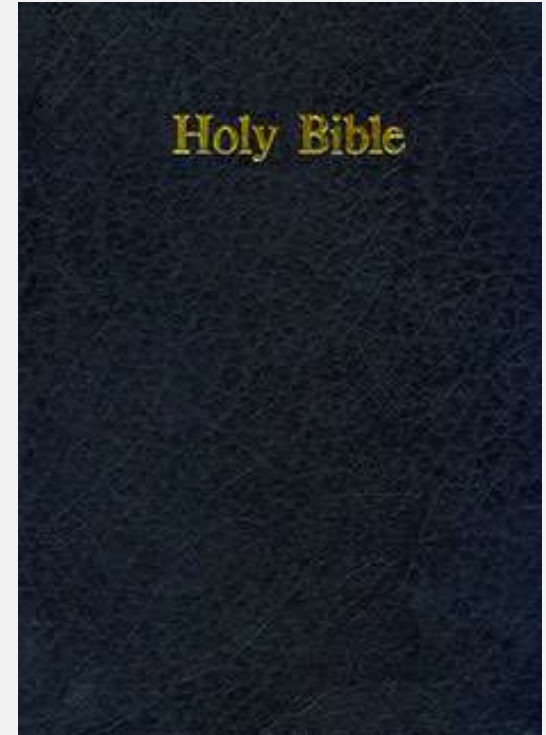
# What is the bible?

A brief overview

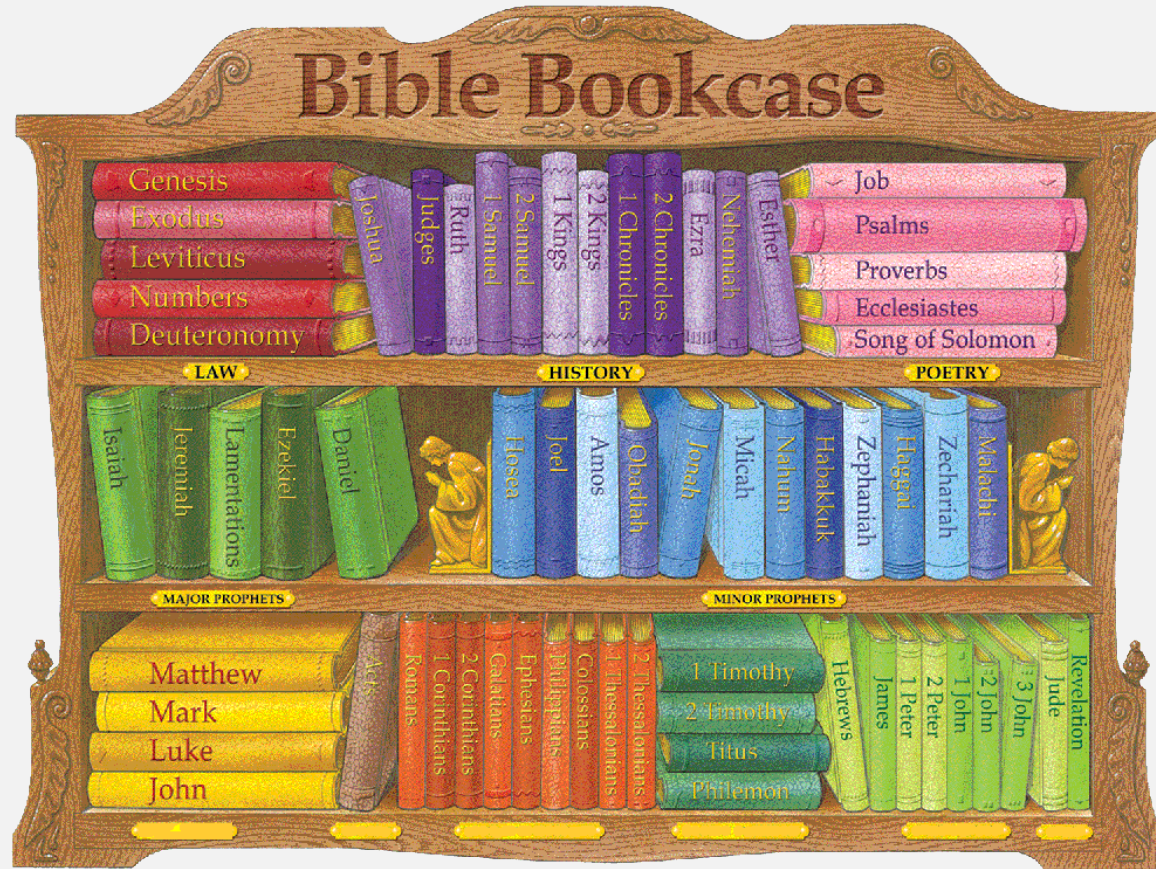


# What is The Bible?

- The Bible is actually a collection of books
- The original word, '*biblio*', means *library*
- Made up of 66 different books
  - written over a span of about 1600 years from about 1500 BC to AD 100).
  - Written by more than 40 kings, prophets, leaders, and followers of Jesus.



The books of the Bible organized by the type of literature in which they were written



# The Bible is divided into two sections

## The Old Testament

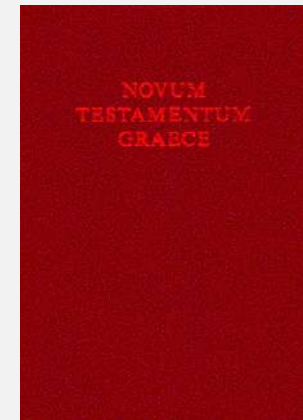
- Written before the time of Christ
- Written mostly in Hebrew
- It is the Jewish Bible



Old  
Testament  
in Hebrew

## The New Testament

- Written after the death of Christ
- Written in Greek



New  
Testament  
in Greek



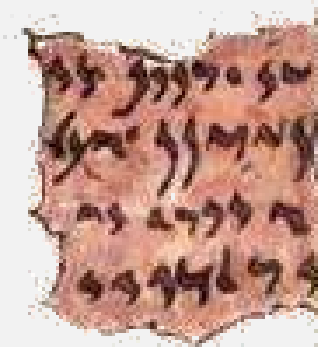
# The Old Testament:

- Made up of 39 books
- Written between the years of 1500-400 BC
- The Old Testament covers the period from Creation to about 400 BC



**Stone**

**Clay**



**Leather**

1500-400 BC

# Old Testament

- Events are written down in Hebrew (with portions in Aramaic) over many centuries.
- In Exodus, the LORD tells Moses to write in a book.
- Other writers, inspired by God, include leaders, kings and prophets.
- Together, these writings on leather scrolls and other materials are called the Hebrew Scriptures or The Old Testament.

1500 BC

500 BC

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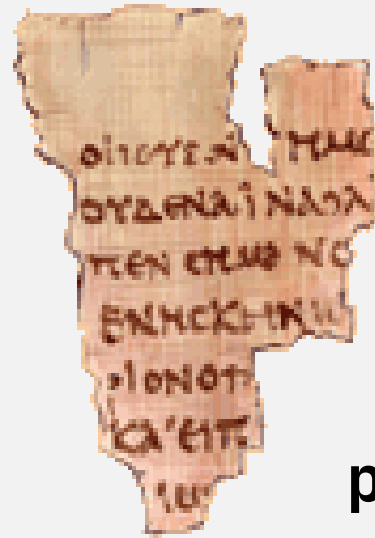
AD 2000



# New Testament:

Made up of 27 books

Written approximately  
AD 45-100



**papyrus**

The oldest New Testament fragment (from John 18) that we have today was copied in Greek on a papyrus codex (folded book) around AD 110-130.

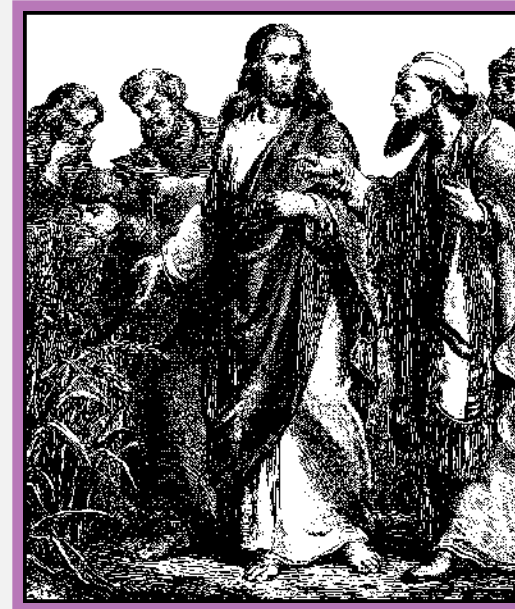


AD 45-100

## Followers of Jesus

Followers of Jesus write eye-witness reports (Gospels), history, letters to other believers, and the Revelation.

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Paul
- James
- Peter
- Jude



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