

Route 66: Travel Through the Bible

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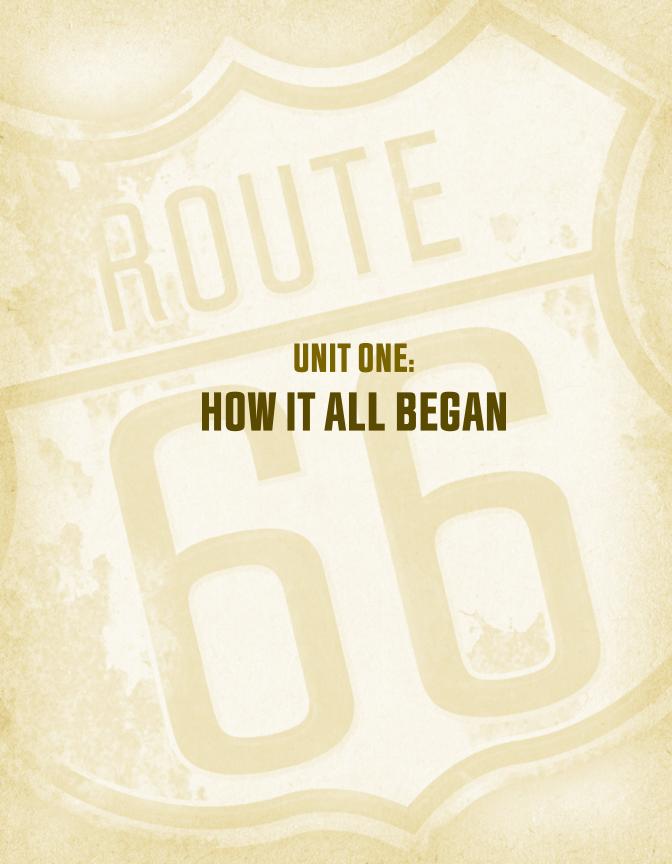
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WHERE DID THE BIBLE COME FROM?

WHAT A BOOK!

The word Dible manns	The Dible is the most important beels
aver written. It has been translated i	The Bible is the most important book nto more languages, published by more com-
	as, and sold more copies than any other book
in the world.	
The Bible is also called	, which means
Because this book contains the word	ls that spoke and commanded men to
write down, it is called	
According to 2 Timothy 3:16–17, a	all Scripture is, which
	" That is, the words in the Bible are from
God. What was written down was p	
According to 2 Pater 1:16, 21, God i	nspired men through the
	His words to other people. Using a Bible dic-
tionary, write the definition of <i>inspi</i>	ration in the following box.
Define inspiration:	
	e Bible—likely several dozen different indi-
	n. For example, no one knows for sure who
wrote the books of or	, which were written around
, B.C. and A.D, r	respectively. Some books like Joshua and the
prophets would appear to be name	ed after the authors, but we have no specific
biblical evidence. Still, the Bible is or	ne unit. All of the books fit together to tell one
story. This harmony of writings by	different authors who lived many years apart
shows that one mind guided them.	

Read Exodus 34:27 and 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 to learn how God guided the
human authors of the Bible.
God told some writers exactly what to write down. Moses, for example, wrote down the laws as God dictated them (Exo. 34:27–28). Other writers wrote about what they saw and heard. For example, Matthew, a disciple of Jesus, wrote about the things he saw Jesus do and what he heard Him say. Some writers, such as
Luke, investigated and wrote down what others told them (Luke 1:1–4). Some authors copied the history from other books (2 Sam. 1:17–27). The Holy Spirit guided all of these men and their methods so that whatever they wrote was true.
People communicate in two basic ways.
God has spoken to humankind in these two ways.
As you read John 1:1, 14; 14:9–11, and Hebrews 1:1–2, discover how God has spoken to us in these ways. Then fill in the following:
God's are summarized in the

HOW IT ALL ADDS UP

God's _____ are summarized in _____

As you read the following information, fill in the appropriate Bible division charts. Use the contents page in your Bible to fill in the name of each book.

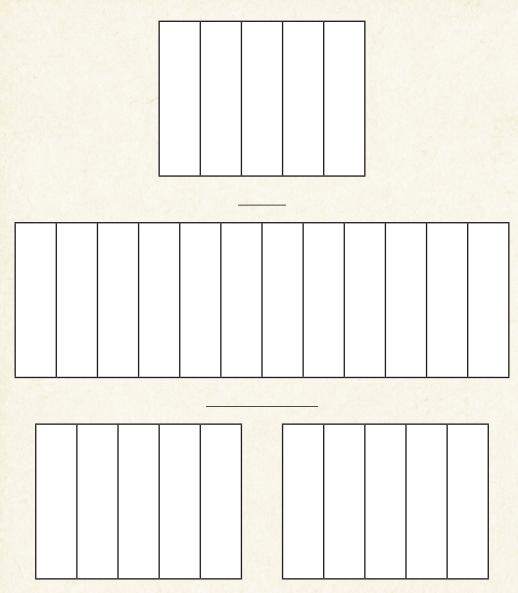
OLD TESTAMENT DIVISIONS IN ENGLISH BIBLES

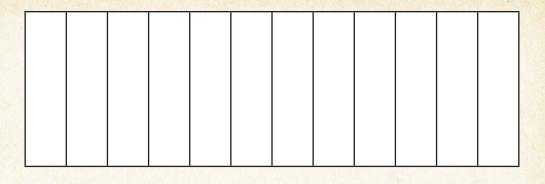
- Law—Moses wrote these first five books of the Bible. They describe the
 beginning of time, the beginning of the world, and the beginning of God's
 nation, Israel.
- History—The books Joshua through Esther cover 1,000 years of Israel's history, recording Israel's conquest of the land that God promised and how the nation rose and fell under its judges, kings, and prophets.
- Poetry—This section is also called Wisdom Literature because wise men
 wrote their advice in these books. They include poems, songs, story-poems
 and wise sayings, and teachings. Except for Job, each of these books was
 written in the days of David and Solomon.
- Major prophets—Because these books are longer than the other prophets'
 writings, they are called major. The four authors, all prophets, lived during
 the time of Israel's kings. Lamentations is also a book of poetry.

Define <i>prophet</i> :
Define <i>prophecy</i> :

 Minor prophets—These twelve prophets who wrote shorter books also lived during the time of Israel's kings.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS AND DIVISIONS





NEW TESTAMENT DIVISIONS

•	Gospels—T	hese four	books	record	the story	of Je	sus' life	, death,	and	resur-
	rection.									

Define gospel:			

- History—Acts tells the story of how the church began. The four Gospels are sometimes placed in this category too.
- Paul's letters—The apostle Paul wrote to churches and friends to teach them God's will. Some Bibles use the word *epistle*, which simply means "letter."
- General letters—Peter and other church leaders also wrote to churches and friends to explain God's will. People who believe Paul wrote Hebrews include it with his letters. Because no one knows for sure who wrote it, we have placed it here.
- Prophecy—Revelation tells about the past as well as the present and the future. It reveals secret truths. Sometimes it is called the Apocalypse, which means revealed truth or revelation.

NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS AND DIVISIONS

THINK ABOUT IT

What are some reasons you send messages to people?	
Why did God give us His message in the Bible?	



LESSON 2 GENESIS INTHEBEGINNING...

GENESIS MEANS "BEGINNING"

Genesis is a book of beginnings.

•	The beginning of	(1:1–25)	
•	The beginning of and	nd	(1:26–2:25)
•	The beginning of in	the	(3:1–7)
•	The beginning of(3:8–24)		and
	The beginning of		_ (4:1–4)
•	The beginning of (4:17–22)		, and
•	The beginning of	(10:1-3	32; 11:1–9)
•	The beginning of the		(12:2)
write i to him Sinai.	n the palace ofat	of of (Exo. 3:1), wh	aving him trained to read and (Exo. 2:1–10). God spoke ich is another name for Mount the laws that are recorded in
about !	Him. Write those facts in the	e blanks.	important facts we must know
	hen: ho:		

How:								
What: _			<u></u>					
	destion not answered d gives us a clue in Ps		y? Why did God create the ?					
	CREATION: THE	BEGINNING OF OU	R WORLD					
Market A Market State of the St	sis 1. Place each of the which it was created:	e following items in t	he proper box according to					
	wild animals	light	cattle					
	moon	sky/atmosphere	fish					
	trees	sun	stars					
	birds man	plants	seas					
Day 1:		Day 2:	Day 2:					
Day 3:		Day 4:	Day 4:					
Day 5:		Day 6:	Day 6:					
Extra Assignate have it mem		s 1:27 in the space b	pelow. Rehearse it until you					

THINK ABOUT IT

What would Genesis?	we not	know	about	God	if He	had	not	given	us	the	book	of



G E N E S I S HOW IT FELL APART

THE FALL OF MAN

What	three	commands	did	God	give	to	Adam	and	Eve	in	Genesis	1:28	and
2:15-1	17?												

2.	
3.	
	eight things happened to Adam and Eve when
they disobeyed God? 1	(3:7)
2	(3:8–10)
3	(3:12–13)
	(3:15)
	(3:16)
6.	(3:16)
7.	(3:17–19)
8. (3:19, see also	2:17)

This is called "the Fall" because Adam and Eve fell from their perfect relationship with God. They fell from His good pleasure. The world fell, too, because sin had arrived. But God had a perfect plan to save His creation from complete destruction by sin. It would take centuries to prepare for the main event in the plan; it would take the entire history of the earth to finish the plan. Nonetheless, from the very beginning God knew exactly what He intended do.

God told Adam and Eve about His plan in Genesis 3:15. Answer the following questions about this verse:

• Whom does the serpent represent?

•	If the offspring of the woman is one man who crushes Satan, who would that man be?
•	How did Satan bruise Christ's heel (Mark 14:64)?
	How did Christ bruise Satan's head (Rom. 5:6–11, 15–17)?
Extra .	Assignment: Memorize Genesis 3:15.
	THE FLOOD
Study	Genesis 6:1–9:17 and fill in the missing words below.
	Noah's sons were named,, and
•	God decided to destroy the earth because everything man thought and did was God felt (6:6–7) that He had made man

God made a special covenant with Noah. List the six promises that God made to Noah and Noah's six responsibilities.

God saved Noah and his family from the Flood because Noah was a _____ man, and he _____ with God (6:9).

because the earth was full of ____ (6:11).

GOD'S PROMISES	NOAH'S RESPONSIBILITIES
6:17	6:14–16
6:18	6:19–21
8:21–22	8:20
9:2-3	9:1, 7
9:9-11	9:4
9:12–17	9:5-6

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Imagine that you are a radio news reporter during the time recorded in Genesis 11:1–9. On a separate sheet of paper, write a news story about the day God confused the languages at Babel. Add some details by using a Bible dictionary, encyclopedia, or commentary. Create some other details using your imagination. (Remember, a good news story tells who, what, when, where, how, and why.)

THINK ABOUT IT

What was God revealing about Himself when He promised a plan to redeem
people in Genesis 3:15 and when He provided a way of deliverance for Noah and
his family?
Why was God displeased with the intentions of the people who built the Tower of Babel?