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History of the Bible

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Start with Scripture

Observe
(what does it say)

Application

- what is it saying to me
- what does God want me to do
 - so what, now what

Praye

Selections from the
NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE



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Creation
Fall of man
Redemption of man

Canon

The Bible was written
over a span of 1500
years, by 40 writers.

The early church leaders prayerfully came together to deliberate, discuss, discern, and ultimately decide on which writings they believed had been inspired by the holy spirit and were full of the truth of God

Esther - No mention of the name of God anywhere in the book.

Revelation - cause the profundity of imagery of beast and Armageddon and the anti-christ, it was those who thought revelation was too controversial to be included in scripture.

Song of Solomon - Sensual nature

There is one central message consistently carried by all 40 writers of the Bible: God, who created us all, desires a relationship with us. He calls us to know Him and trust Him.

In the hands of a hard heart the bible
becomes the most deadly and
dangerous weapon of mass
destruction in the history of humanity.

‘it’s in the Bible’

White Supremacy

- curse of Ham in Genesis 9
- 327 White Supremacy groups other than the KKK
- Numbers 12 - Miscegenation
- Apartheid (dominated south Africa for years)
- Hitler, Holocaust, and persecution of Jews

Subjugation of Women

- denial of equals rights. denial in the church
- Curse upon Eve, paul's writings - Eph 5 & 1 Cor 14, Leviticus 15. P
- Prevent voting & rights
- Prohibit leadership in society and church

Scriptures used to support

- Polygamy
- Corporal Punishment of Children
- Internment Camps
- Persecution of Homosexuals
- Capital Punishment
- Burning of Witches
- Displacement of Native Americans
- Assign Guilt for Disease

Justification for Slavery

- Colossians 3, Eph 6, 1 Peter 2, Philemon
- Pacify slaves, encourage obedience and discourage protest
- Laws against literacy
- The largest formation of Southern Baptist Convention (believed it was God's will for Negroes to be enslaved)

Jesus tempted in the
wilderness

You can make the bible
say anything with one
verse

2 Peter 3:16

He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

The word Bible is derived from the Greek word **biblos**, which means book. Used as a title it means The Book, so called by the way came into use among believers after the Bible was completed.

The Bible not only inspires us, it explains life and God to us. It does not answer ***all*** the questions we might have, but enough of them. It shows us how to live with purpose and compassion. How to relate to others. It encourages us to rely on God for strength, direction, and enjoy his love for us. The Bible also tells us how we can have eternal life.

The titles, **Old Testament** and **New Testament**, also came into use after the completion of the Bible.

The books which pass under the latter title contain a new covenant which God made with men, while those under the former contain the old covenant which he made with the word for covenant is translated Testamentum; and from this, at a time when the Latin Bible was the most read in Europe, the title Testament came into its present use.

The title Scriptures, sometimes with the prefix Holy, is a New Testament title for the books of the Old Testament.

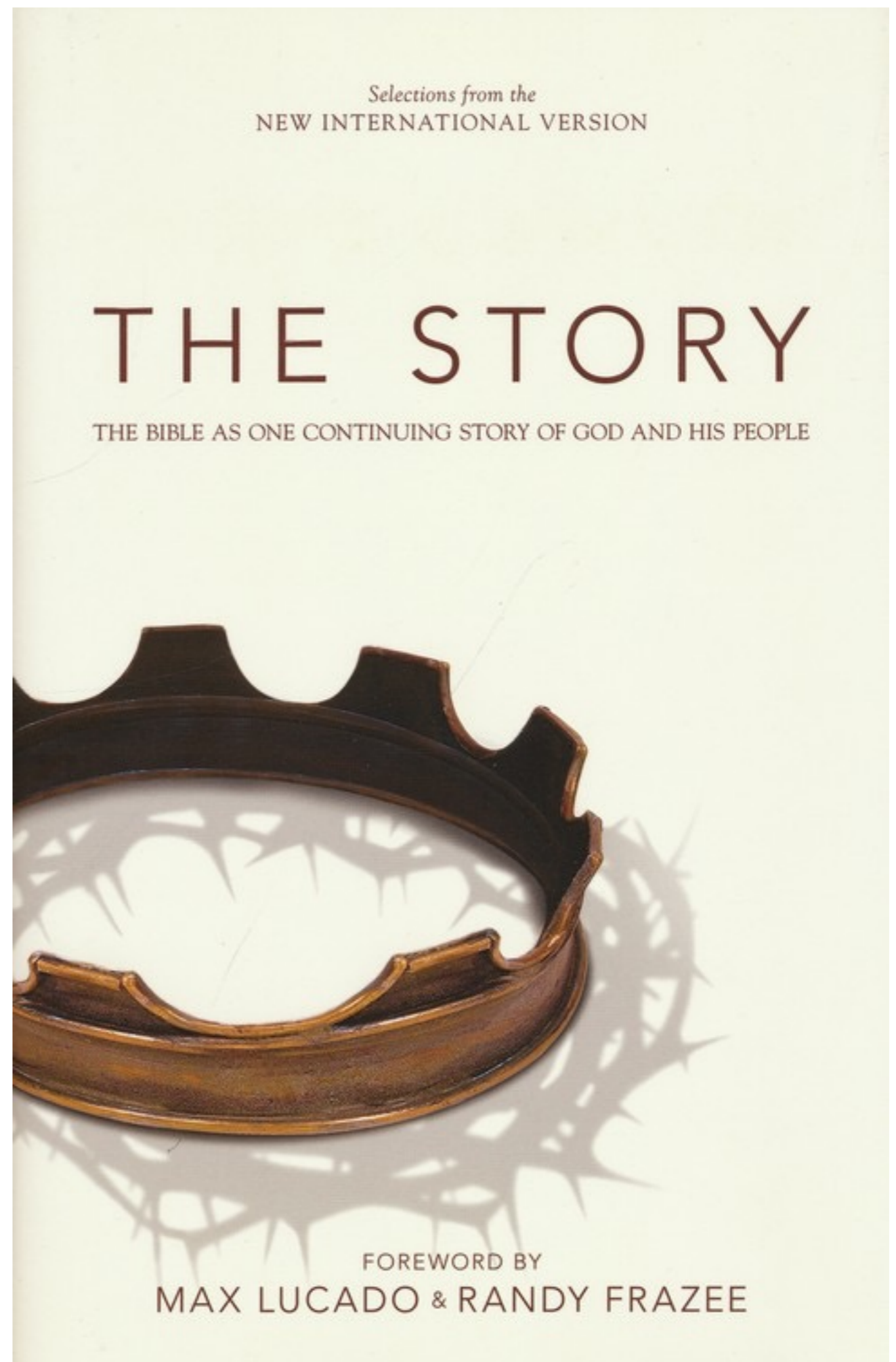
The primary purpose of scripture is not for you to judge someone else's life but to tighten your life right so you can walk right with God and be obedient to what God has told you to do.

The word "**canon**" comes from the Greek κανών, meaning "rule" or "measuring stick".

The scripture is not to be used as a measuring stick for someone else, but to hear the Holy Spirit speak to you in how you ought to be living.

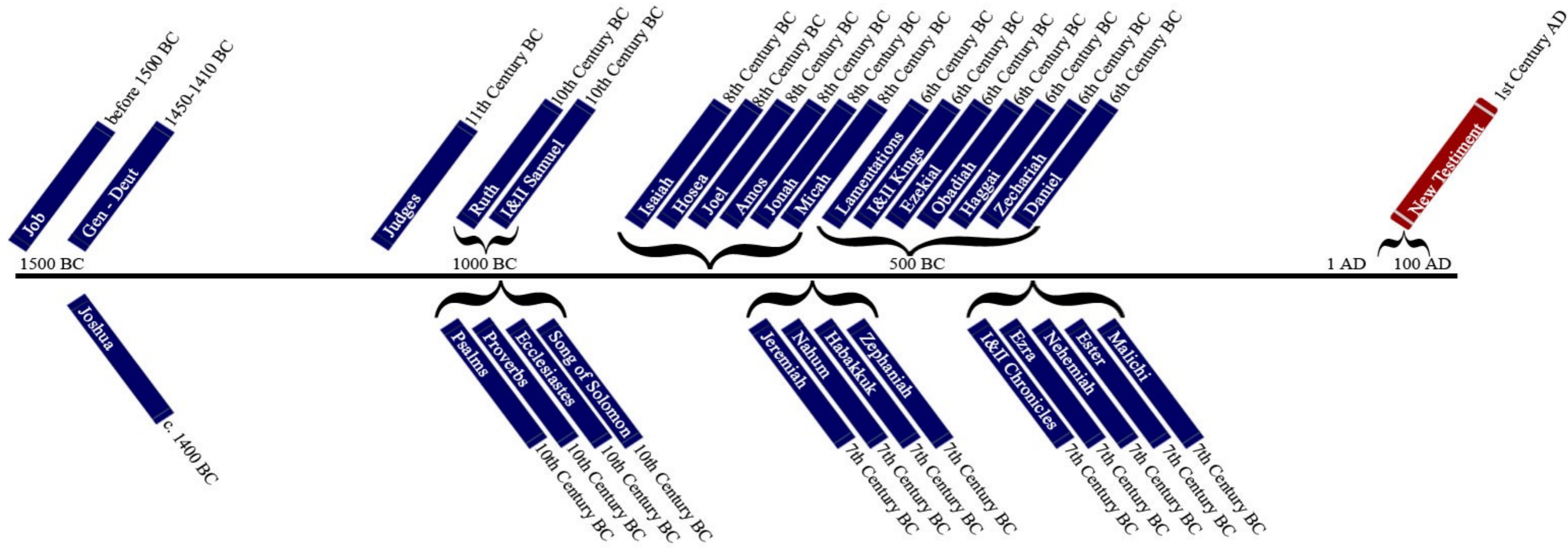
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The Book, came to mean one particular book, so the expression, The Scriptures, came to mean The Writings in the Bible. When the term Holy is prefixed, this still further distinguishes these writings.



I. The Bible: what is it?

A. The Bible is a collection of 66 books written by 40 authors over a period of 1,500 years.



AD does not mean “After Death.” It is an abbreviation for “Anno Domini,” which is a Latin phrase meaning “**in the year of our Lord,**” referring to the year of [Christ](#)’s birth.

Lesson One: The Bible's Message

What's in the Bible?

The Old Testament Bookshelf

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

The Books of Law (5)

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel

2 Samuel

1 Kings

2 Kings

1 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

The Books of History (12)

Job

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Songs

The Books of Poetry (5)

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

The Books of the Major Prophets (5)

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

The Books of the Minor Prophets (12)



The Pentateuch

a Greek word which means a
five-fold book.

Twelve historical books contains a connected history of Israel from the death of Moses to the restoration after the Babylonian captivity.

Poetry

These five books are grouped together because a likeness in subject matter and literary form distinguishes them from the others. It should be observed that the arrangement of the books in the Bible is the work of uninspired editors and publishers, and not of the inspired authors.

Prophets

Some of them were written after the Babylonian exile, and some long before it. They follow one another on the pages of the Bible without regard to the order of time. Nearly every one indicates in the opening verses the time of its composition by giving the names of the kings under whom its author lived and prophesied.

The Original Text and Its Preservation

The books of the Old Testament were mainly written in the Hebrew tongue, which was the native tongue of the Hebrew nation.

(with some portions (notably in Daniel and Ezra) in Biblical **Aramaic**)

During the period from the first writing of the books till the invention of printing, all copies were made with the pen, and it has been found impracticable to copy books in this way without making some mistakes. These occur chiefly in the spelling of words, and in the omission or insertion of words not essential to the meaning of a sentence; but a few occurred which affect the sense, and which sometimes introduce contradictions of a book with itself, or with another book.

This accounts for the discrepancies in numbers which every thoughtful reader has noticed between certain passages in Chronicles and the corresponding passages in the books of Samuel and Kings.

When printing was invented, which was in the year 1448, and the Hebrew Old Testament was published in this form, which was in 1477, no more copies were written by hand, and the making of mistakes by copying came to an end; for when the types for a book are once set up correctly, all copies printed from them are precisely alike.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

The accuracy of today's Old Testament was confirmed in 1947 when archaeologists found "The Dead Sea Scrolls" along today's West Bank in Israel. "The Dead Sea Scrolls" contained Old Testament scripture dating 1,000 years older than any manuscripts we had. When comparing the manuscripts at hand with these, from 1,000 years earlier, we find agreement 99.5% of the time. And the .5% differences are minor spelling variances and sentence structure that doesn't change the meaning of the sentence.

Gnostic Gospels

The Gospel of Judas was written by the Gnostic sect, around 130-170 A.D., long after Judas' death. The Gospel of Thomas, written around 140 A.D., is another example of a counterfeit writing erroneously bearing an apostles' name. These and other Gnostic gospels conflicted with the known teachings of Jesus and the Old Testament, and often contained numerous historical and geographical errors.