

WHAT IS THE BIBLE ABOUT??

The Bible is a collection of 66 smaller books. These books were written by more than 40 different men over a period of about 2,000 years. From the first book (Genesis) to the last book (Revelation), the men who wrote the Bible tell consistent accounts about the same God. In fact, those who wrote the books of the Bible claim that what they wrote was from God (see, for example, 2 Timothy 3:16).



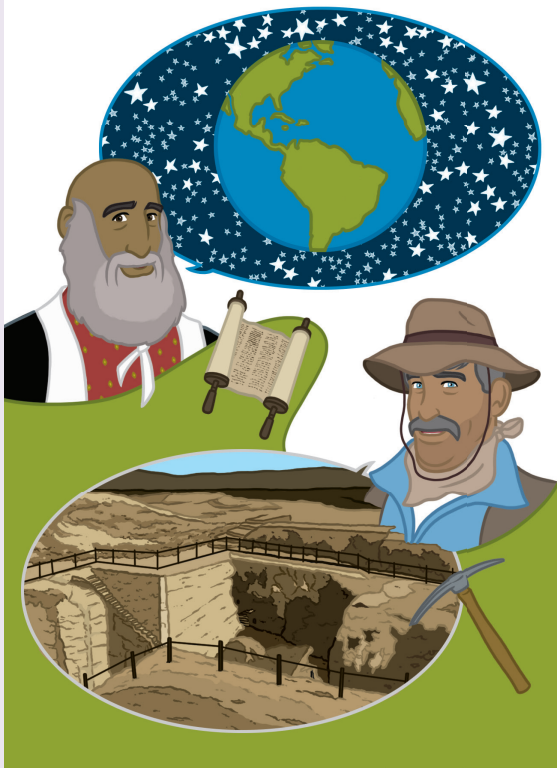
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Other books also claim to be from God, so how do we know the Bible is God's true and only book? The Bible says that God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18), so any book or statements that claim to come from Him will be trustworthy and true. And the Bible has shown itself to be true in all that it says.



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For example, one writer mentioned the earth is round long before we were able to see the earth's shape from space (Isaiah 40:22). And people who study ancient civilizations have uncovered many of the cities that the Bible mentions, such as Jericho (Joshua 6).



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One man wrote, as God directed him, about rules for preventing diseases from spreading by, for example, washing hands (Leviticus). Other holy books contain statements that contradict what we can see. If we can't trust these holy books to tell us the truth on things we can observe, how we can trust them to tell us the truth about more important, eternal matters?



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Only the Bible is God's true Book. And only the Bible gives us the truth about how the Creator loves us and wants us to spend forever with Him. From the Bible, we know that we all disobey God's commands (Romans 3:23). This is called sin. For example, God says we need to obey our parents (Ephesians 6:1). Have you ever disobeyed your parents or caregivers? And God has said that the punishment for sin is death and eternal separation from Him in a terrible place called Hell (Genesis 2:17; Matthew 10:28; Romans 6:23). Because God is perfect and wants us to be perfect, we aren't able to do enough good works on our own to earn our way to Heaven—even one sin makes us imperfect.



6.

But He loves us so much that He made a way for us to go to Heaven with Him when we die. He sent His only perfect Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to die in our place and rise from the dead three days later! We can receive the gift of eternal life when we turn away from (repent of our) our sins and trust in Jesus to forgive us our sins.

The Bible is the only true Word from God and it tells the truth of our Creator, who gives us rules for how we should live. And it tells us how we can please our Creator by loving and serving Him. Do you know Him?



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