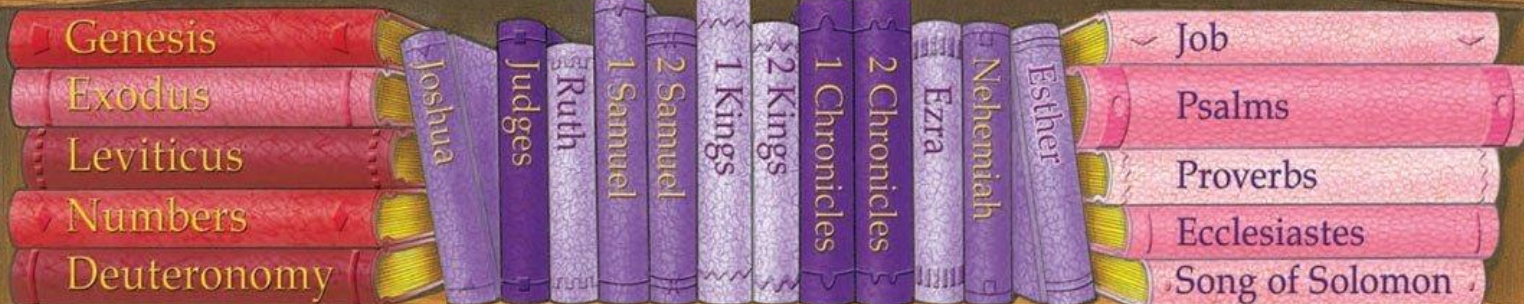


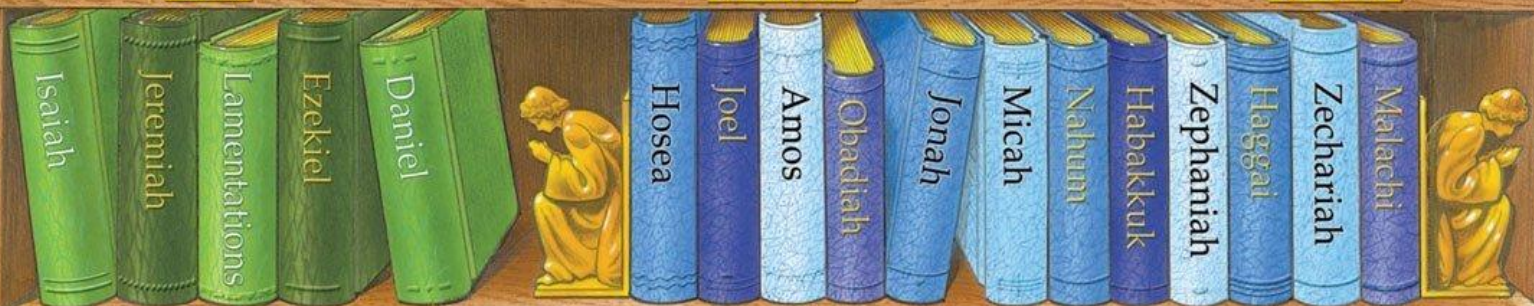
# Bible Bookcase



**LAW**

**HISTORY**

**POETRY**



**MAJOR PROPHETS**

**MINOR PROPHETS**



**GOSPELS**

**HISTORY**

**EPISTLES TO CHURCHES**

**EPISTLES TO FRIENDS**

**GENERAL EPISTLES**

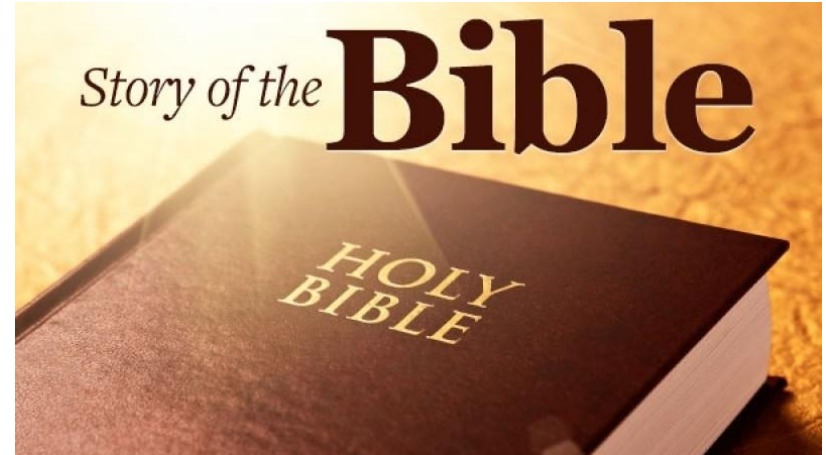
# Academic Study of the Bible

- Reading the Scriptures draws upon academic scholarship to deepen the reader's understanding of the biblical text and the world out of which it came.
- Bible knowledge is foundational to a good education, yet Bible knowledge is more than knowing just facts; it is also knowing how to read the biblical text.



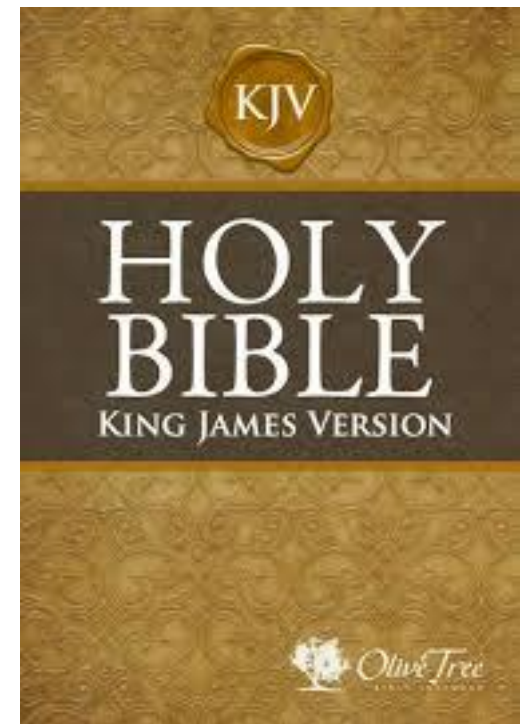
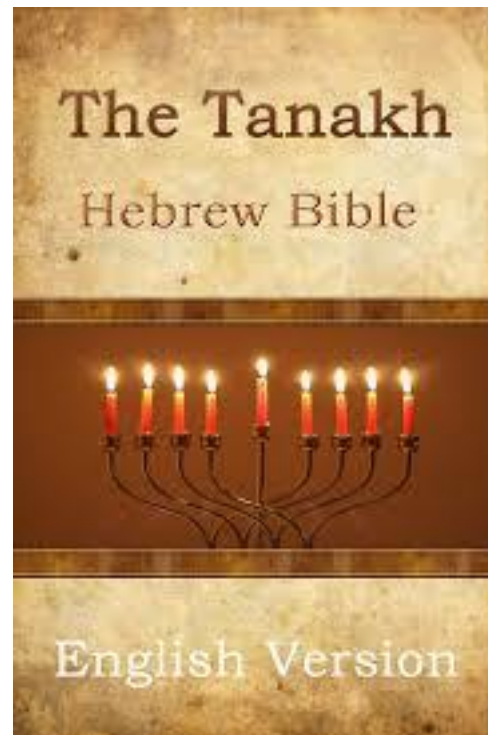
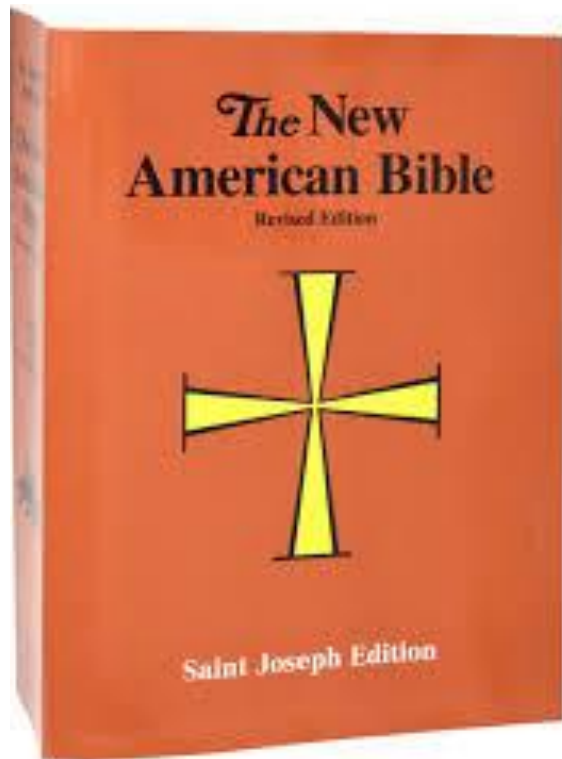
# Reading the Bible

- The Bible is the #1 read book in the world.
- Each year the Bible is the best-selling book, with Americans buying 25 million a year.
- There are 73 books in the Bible: 46 Old / 27 New = canon.



The term Bible derives from the Greek *ta biblia*, which means “the books.”

**A translation of the Bible  
is called a version.**



# Which Bible are we talking about?

1) Jewish frame of reference = Judaism

Hebrew Bible / Hebrew Scriptures

Law----Prophets-----Writings

2) Christian frame of reference = Christian tradition

Old Testament / New Testament

3) Hebrew Bible contains the same books as the Old Testament of the Protestant Bible.

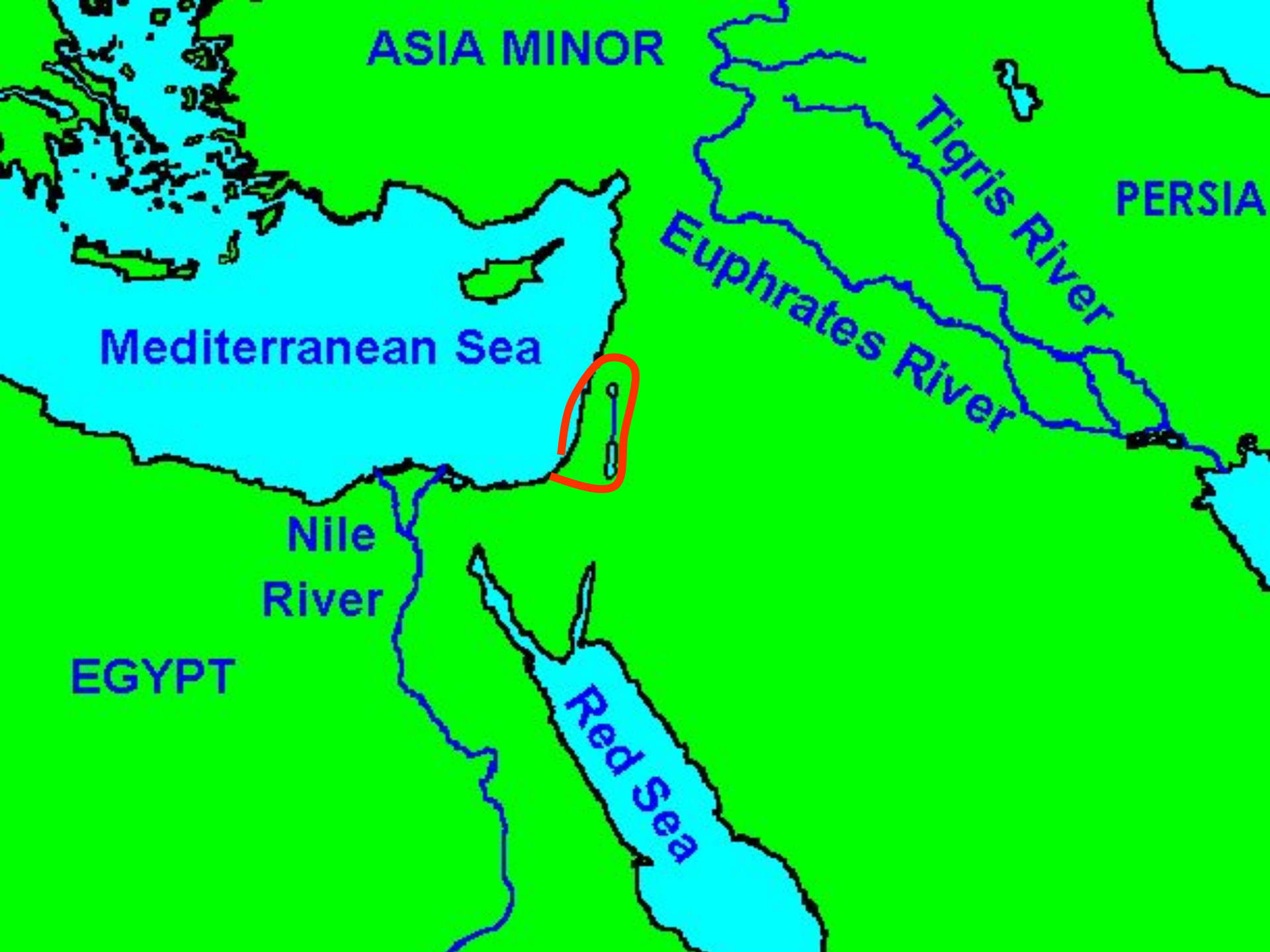
# Spoken Word to Written Text

- Jews and Christians have traditionally attributed the origin of the Bible to God and have said that the Bible was *divinely inspired*.
- Doctrine of *biblical inspiration* claims that the very words of the biblical text in some significant way came directly from God.
- *Oral tradition* – much of the material that eventually was included in the Hebrew Bible started out as folktales, songs, and religious liturgies.

# The Biblical Story

## *a timeline*







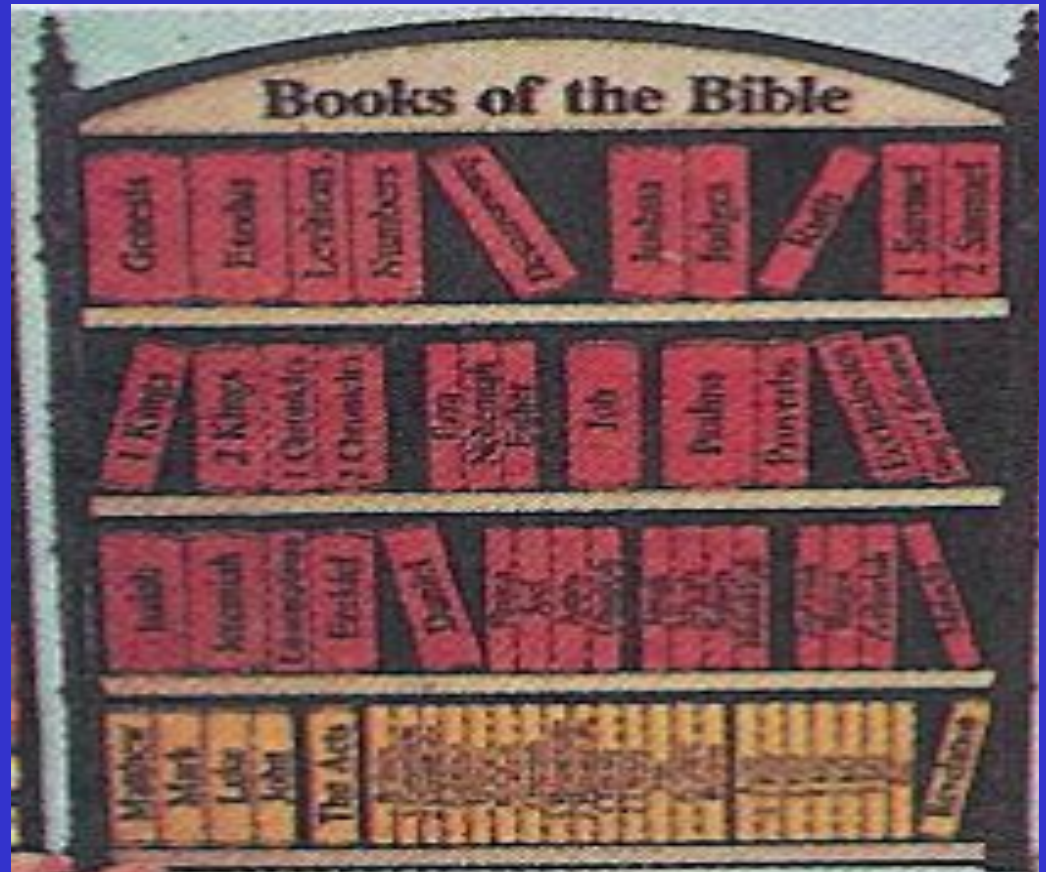


Modern Map of Same Area

# Written by over 40 men

Over a period of  
1500 Years

1400 B.C. to 110  
A.D.



# The Forty Writers of the Bible

## Were

- Shepherds
- Kings
- Fishermen
- Peasants
- Doctors
- Tax-collectors

## From

- Rome
- Jerusalem
- Babylon (Iraq)
- Persia (Iran)
- Greece
- Turkey



Moses



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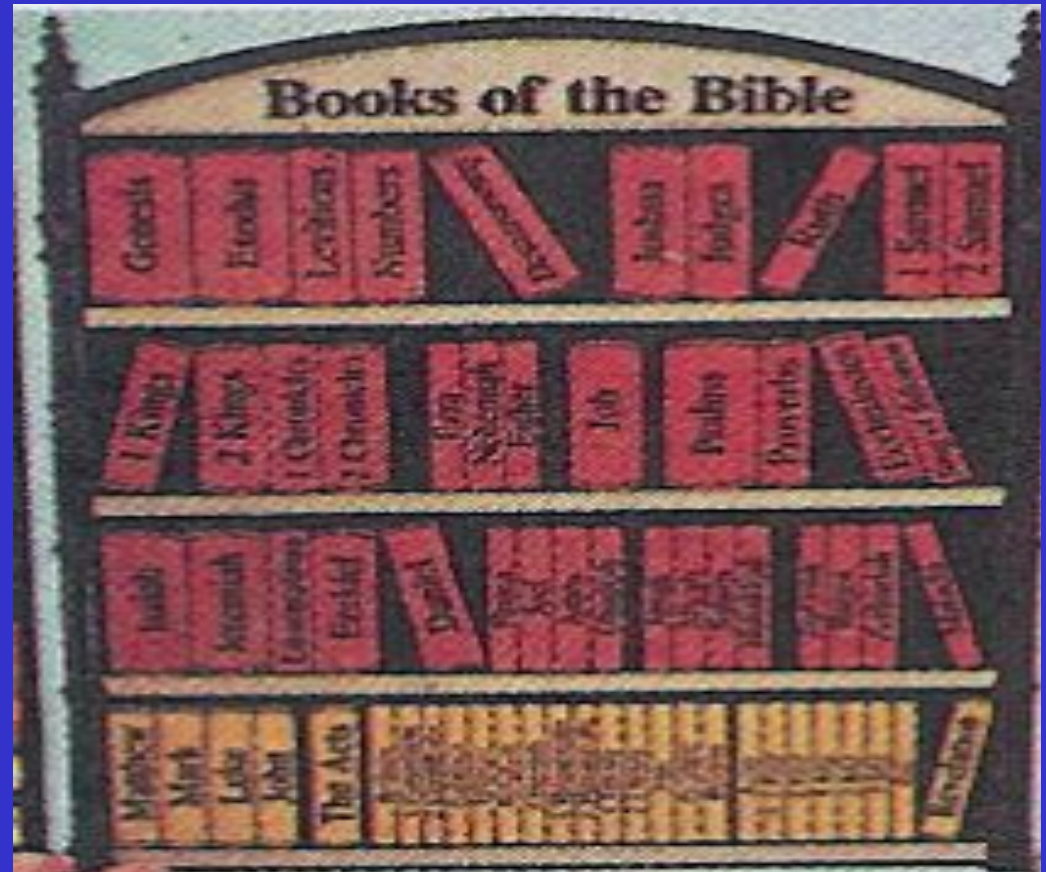
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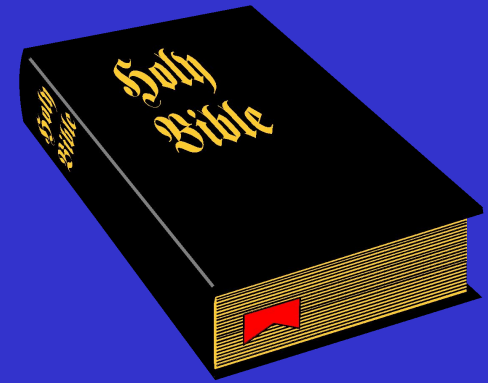
40 Different  
Writers –

Almost 1500  
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# THE BIBLE

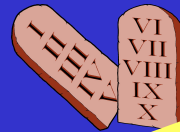


- 73 books
- 40 different writers
- Almost 1500 Years
- Over 10,000 events

- One Story
- Unity of Theme
- No contradictions
- 40 writers, 15 centuries, yet claims  
**ONE AUTHOR**

“Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Spirit of God” (2 Peter 1:21)

Moses



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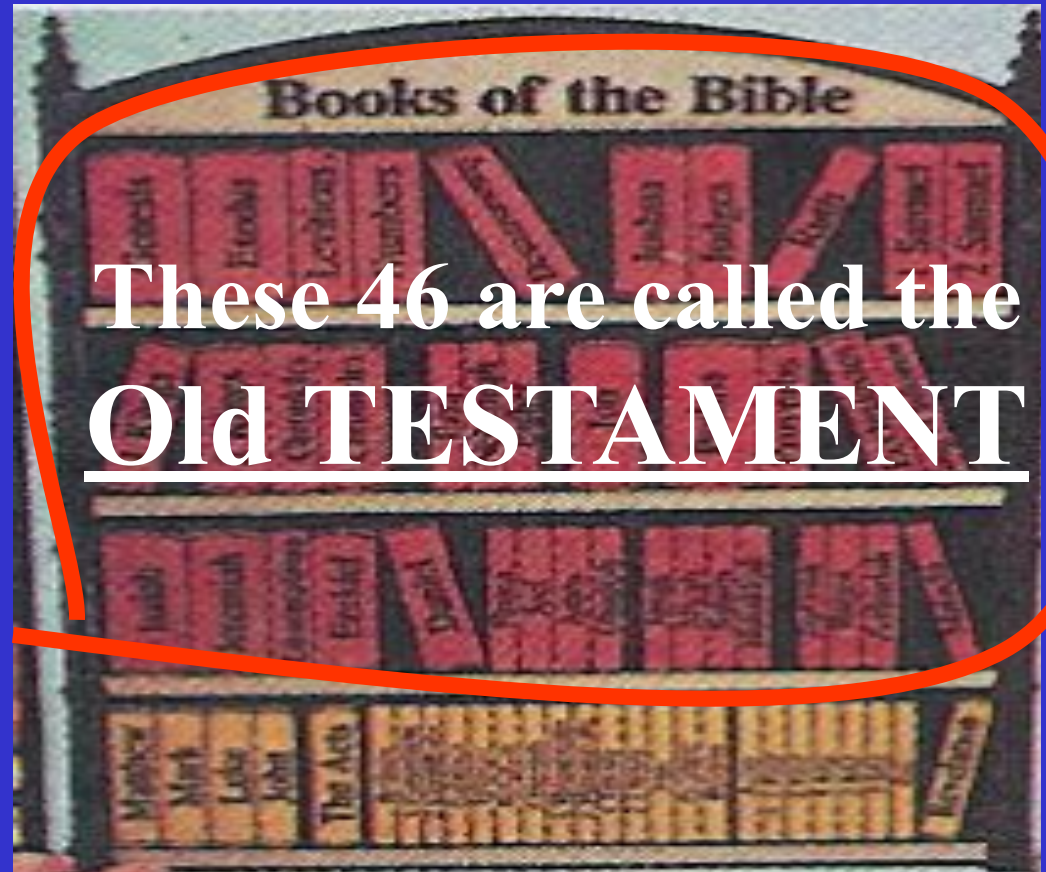
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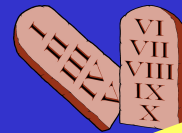
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Of the 73  
books, 46 were  
written before  
the birth of  
Jesus



These 46 are called the  
Old Testament

Moses



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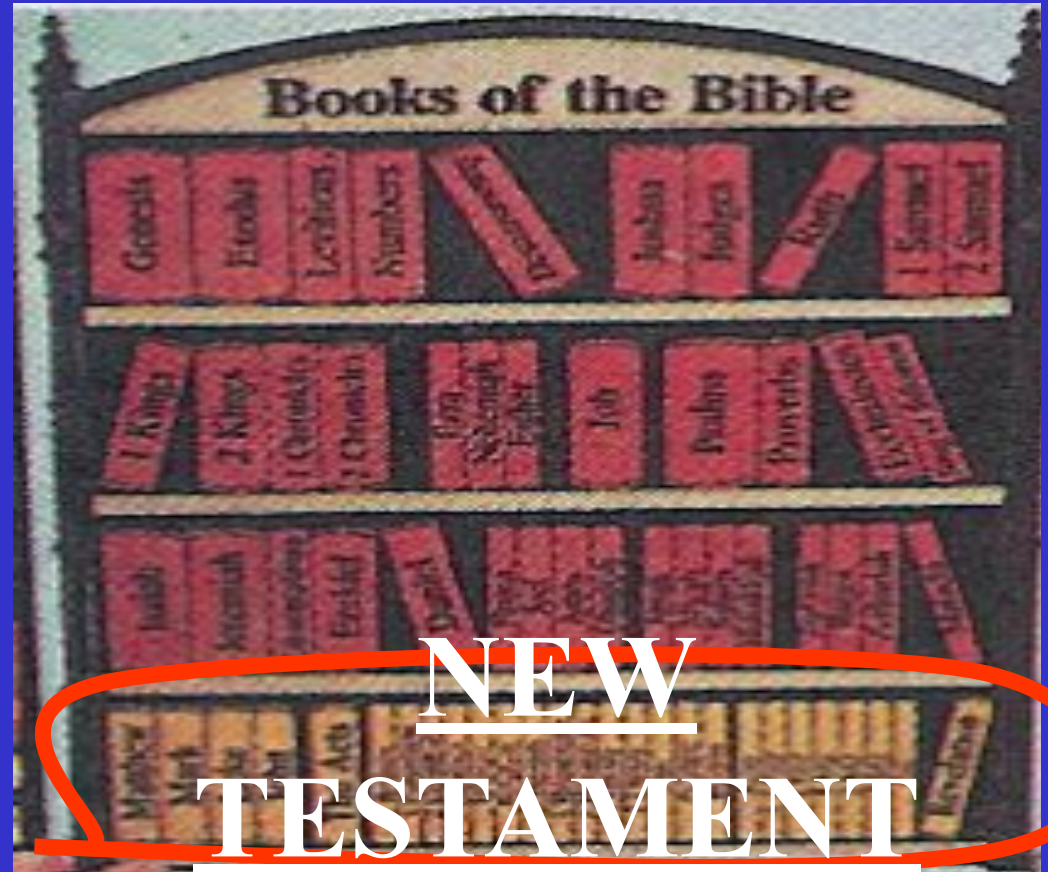
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Of the 73  
books, 27 were  
written soon  
after the death  
of Jesus



# The Old Testament – 46 books

- All written before Jesus came.
- 1400-80 B.C.
- “**Testament**” means “**covenant** or **agreement**”
- The Old Covenant is an agreement that God made with the nation of **Israel**
- The **Old Testament** was written in **Hebrew** – the language of Israel



# The Old Testament

## – 46 books

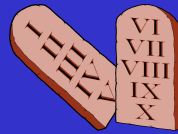
- All written in the 1500 year period before Jesus' birth
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# The New Testament

## – 27 books

- All written AFTER his death
- 48-120 A.D.
- The New Covenant is an agreement that God has made for **ALL NATIONS**
- The **New Testament** was written in **Greek**

Moses



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Moses is attributed  
with writing the  
first five books of  
the Bible

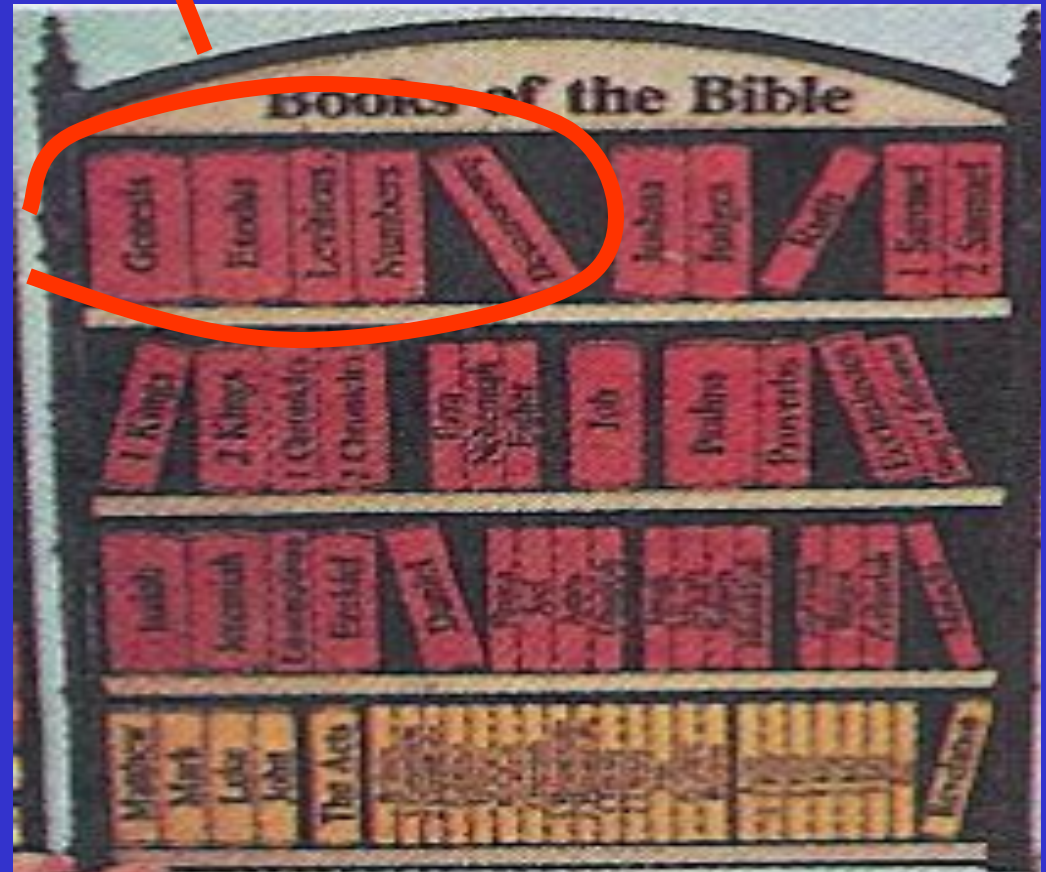
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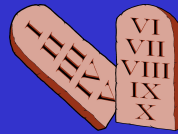
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Moses



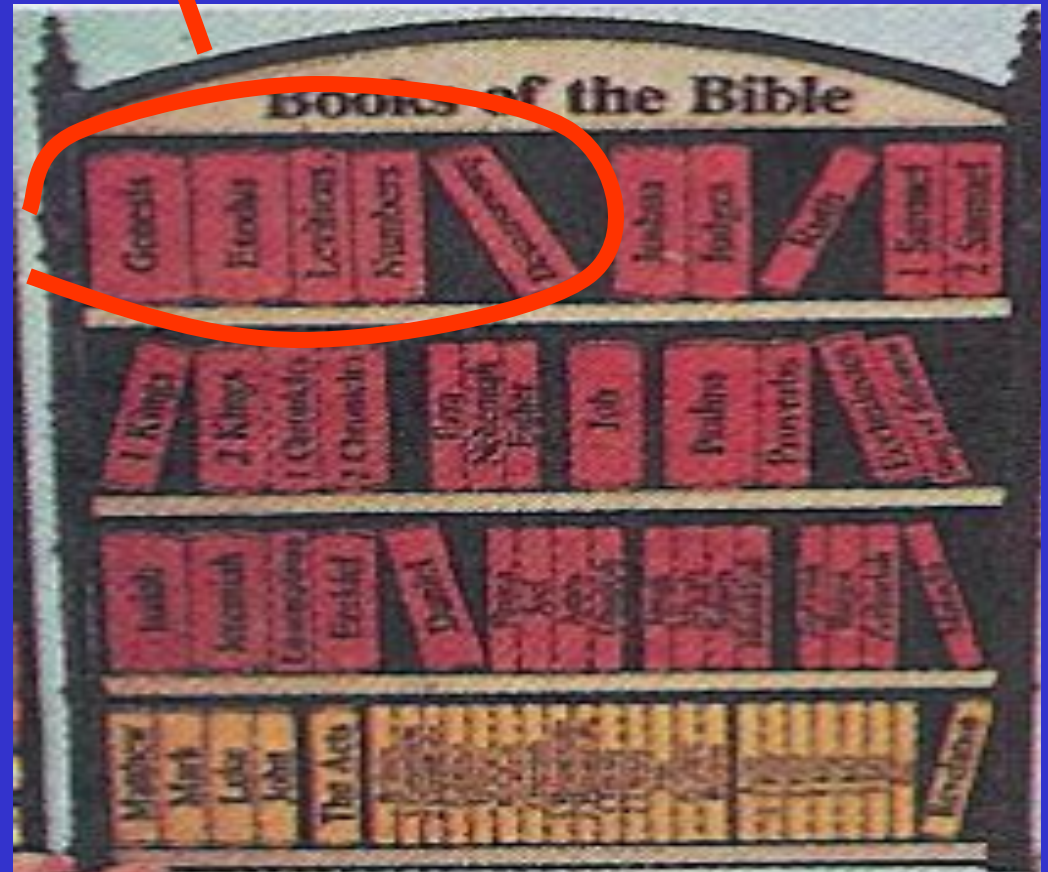
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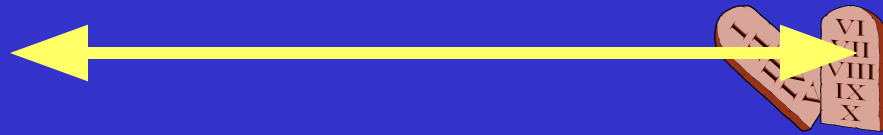
2011  
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They are  
sometimes called  
the Torah

GENESIS  
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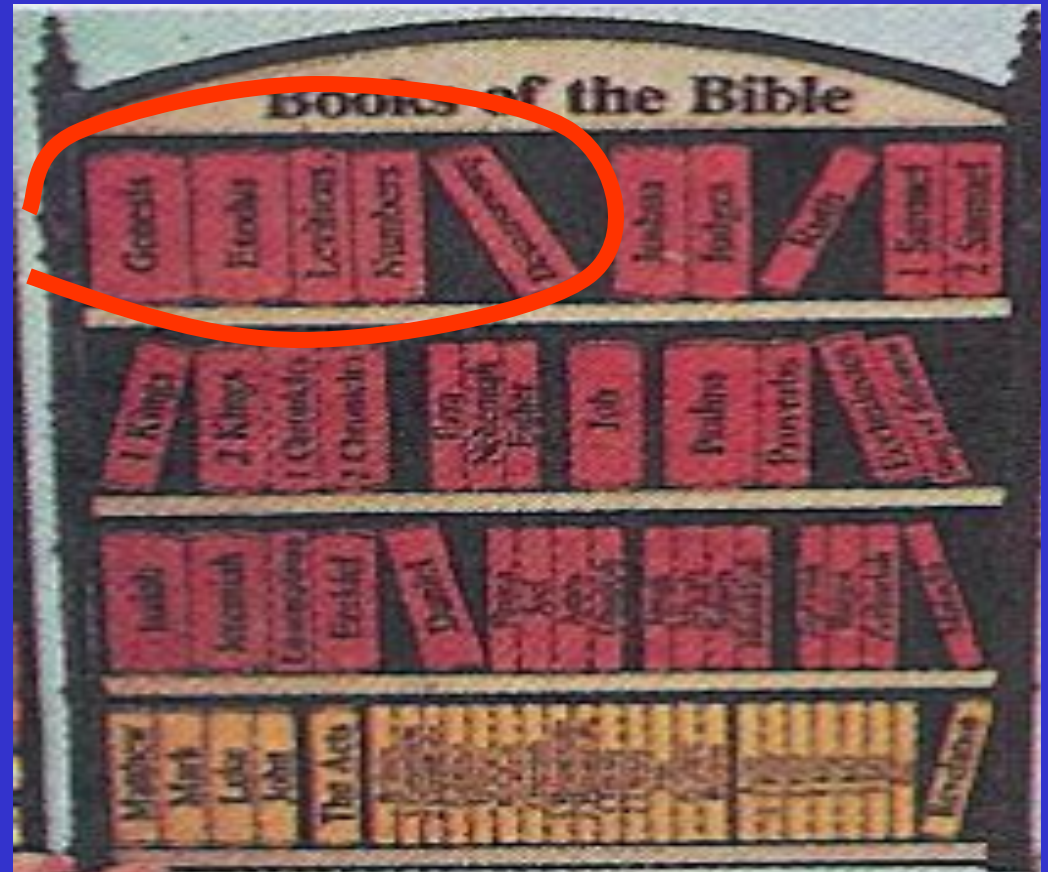


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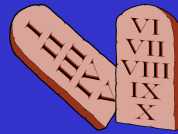
Beginning. 1400 B.C.. 30 A.D. 2011 A.D.

THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS -- LOOK BACK FROM THE DEATH OF MOSES -- ALL THE WAY TO THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD





Moses



Creation  
of world

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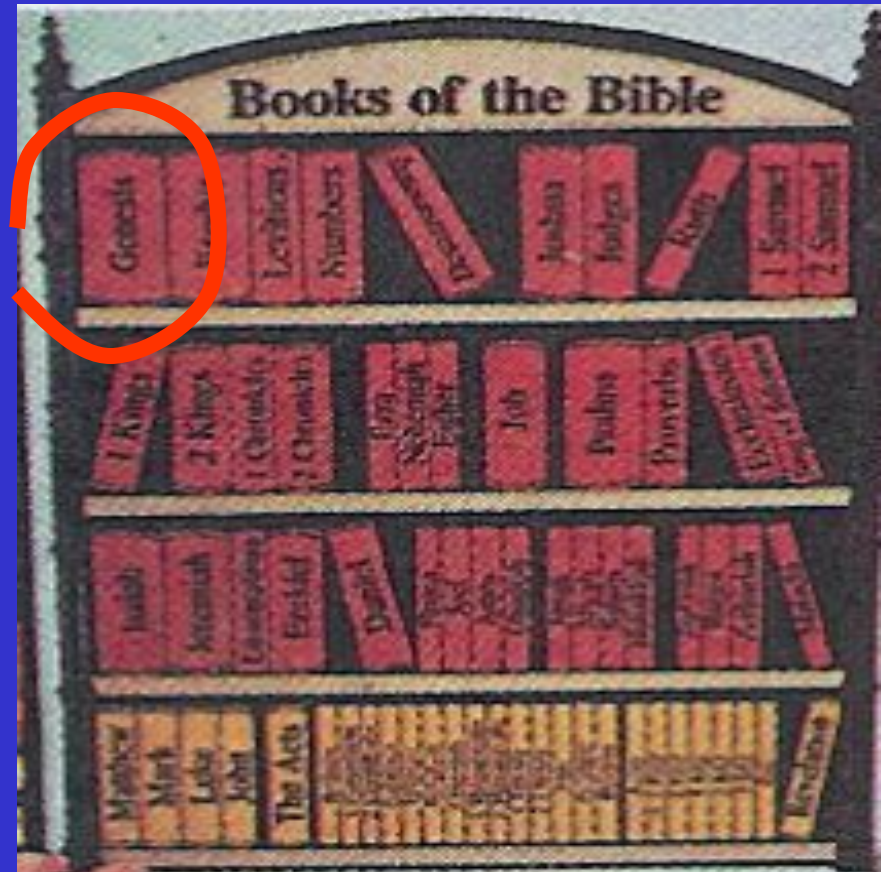
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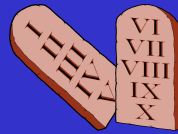
## The First Book

### GENESIS – Chapters 1-11

- Creation of the world
- First human family
- Spread of evil
- World wide flood
- Division of humankind into nations and languages



Moses



Creation

of world

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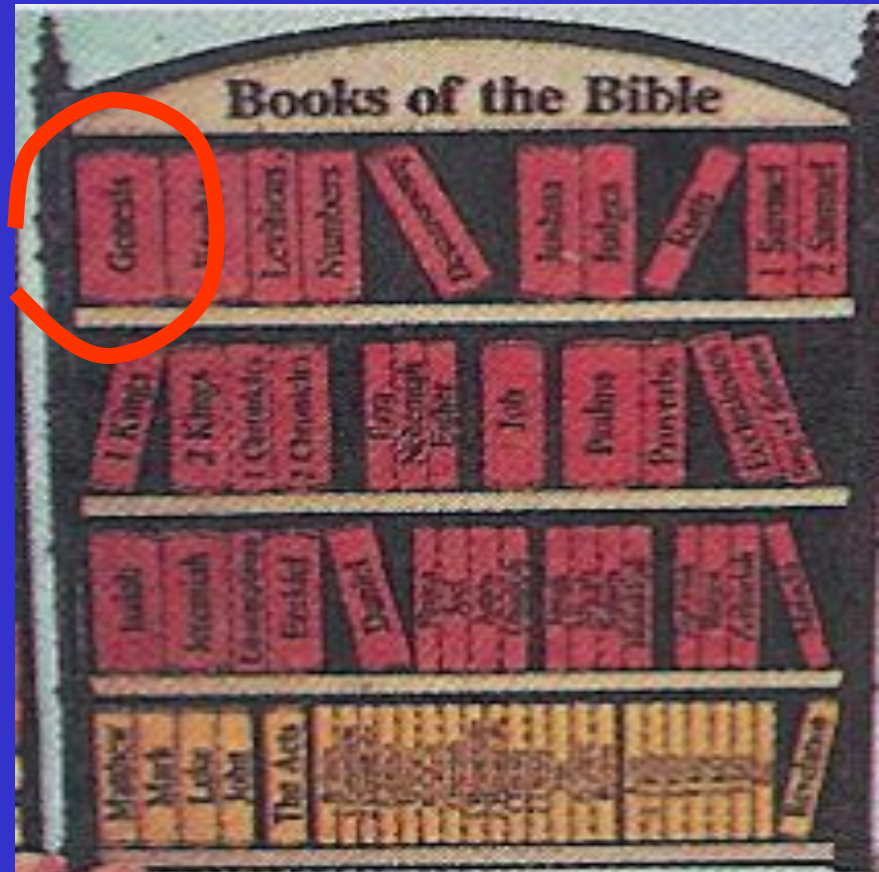
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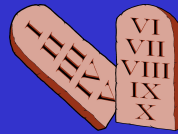
## The First Book

GENESIS — chapters 12-50

- God chooses the FATHERS of the future nation of Israel
- Four Generations — grow from 1 couple to 70 people



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of world

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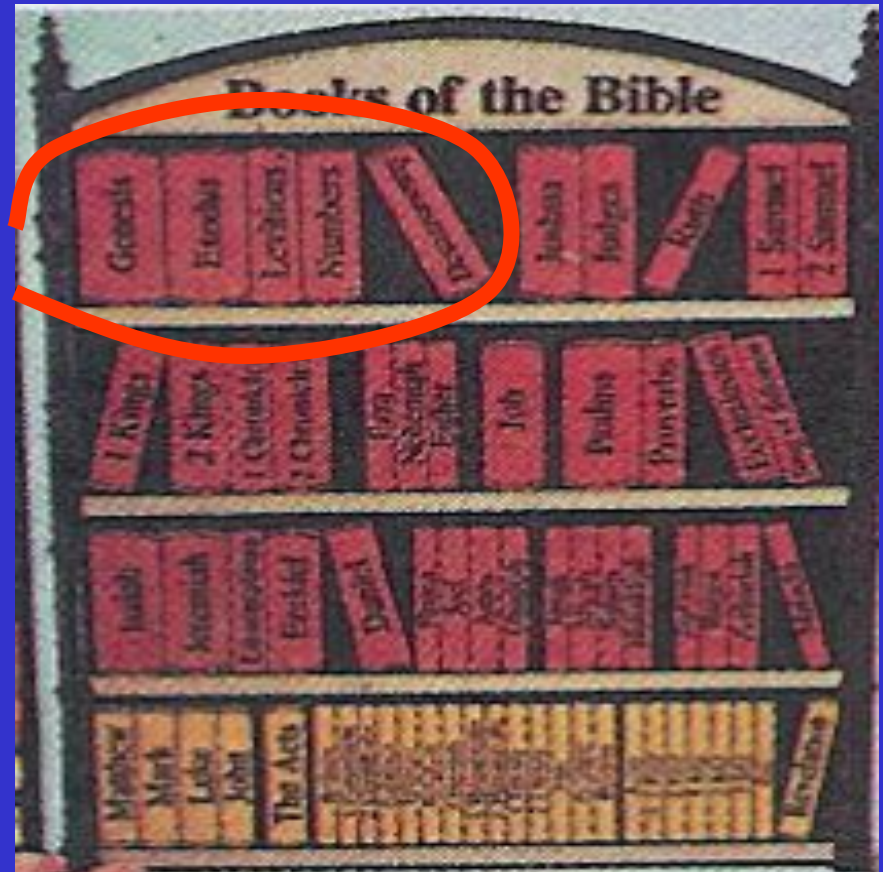
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## Books 2-5 (Moses)

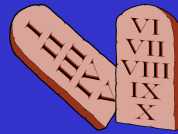
EXODUS, LEVITICUS,  
NUMBERS,  
DEUTERONOMY

- ☐ Tells about the beginning of the nation
- ☐ And how God gave them His Laws





Moses



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of world

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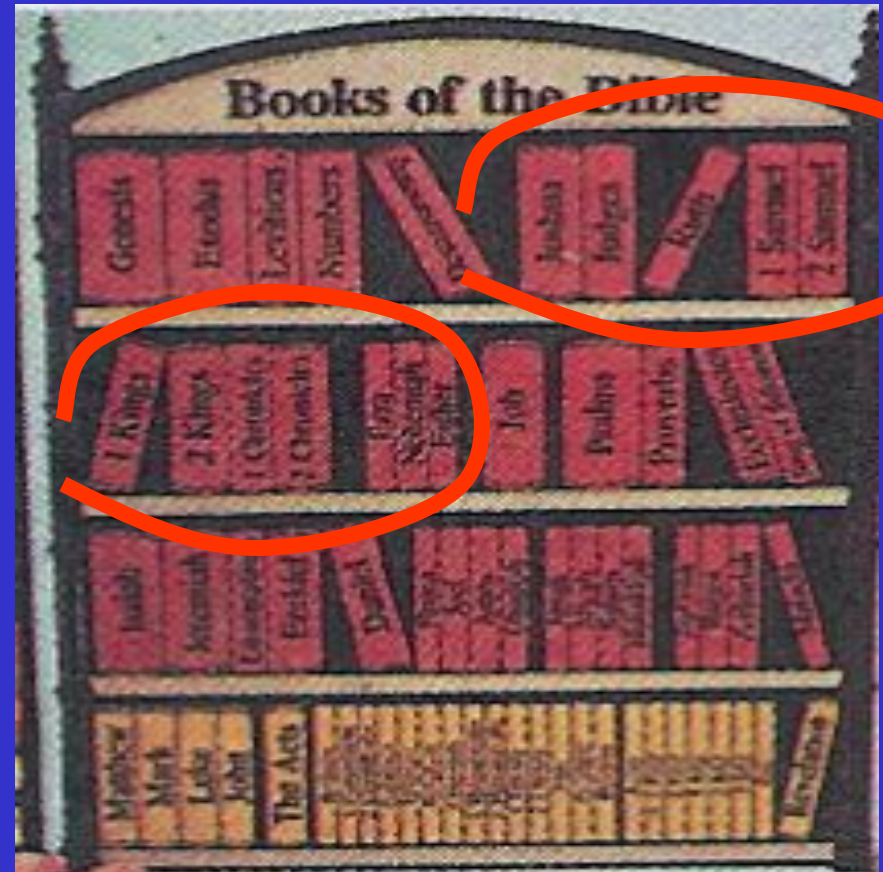
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## Books 6-17

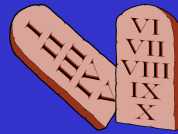
ARE BOOKS OF HISTORY  
WRITTEN BY VARIOUS  
AUTHORS

- ❑ 1400 – 80 B.C.
- ❑ Possession of their land,  
the establishment of the  
kingdom, the captivity and  
return to their land





Moses



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of world

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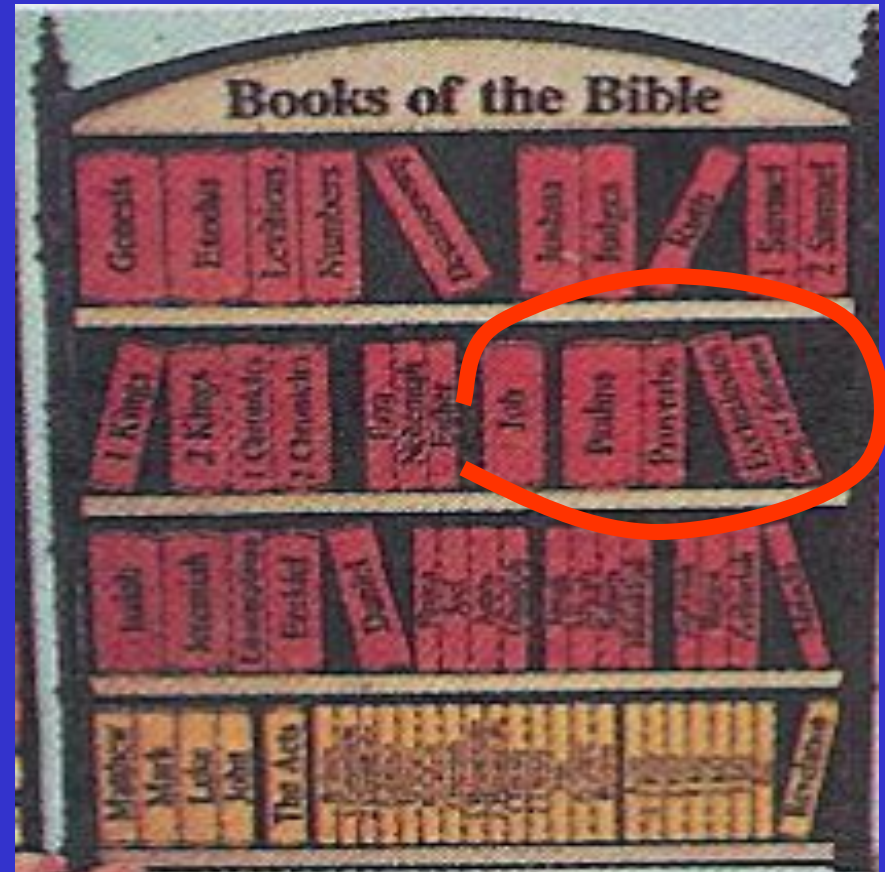
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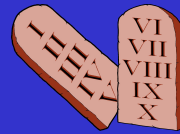
## Books 18-22

ARE BOOKS OF POETRY  
AND WISDOM

- ☐ **Job** is about man's question about suffering
- ☐ **Psalms** is a collection of poems put to music
- ☐ Proverbs is a collection of short wise sayings



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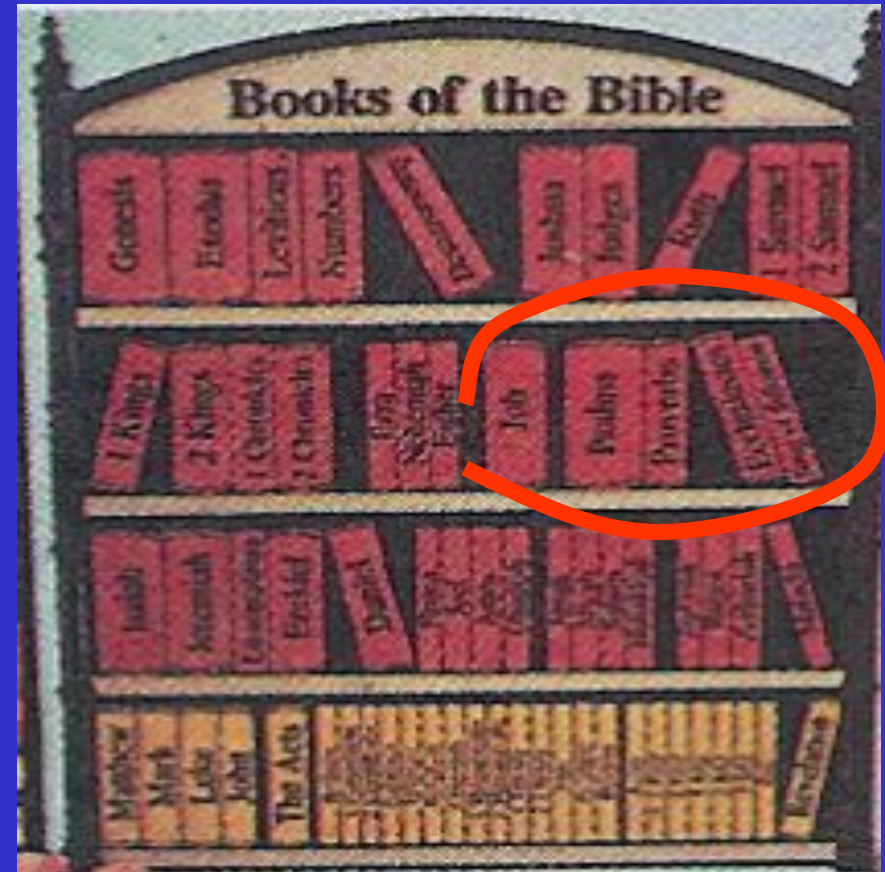
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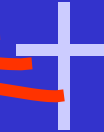
## Books 18-28

ARE BOOKS OF POETRY  
AND WISDOM

- ☐ **Ecclesiastes** tells how to live life in a world where all is vanity
- ☐ **Song of Solomon** is a poem about true romantic love



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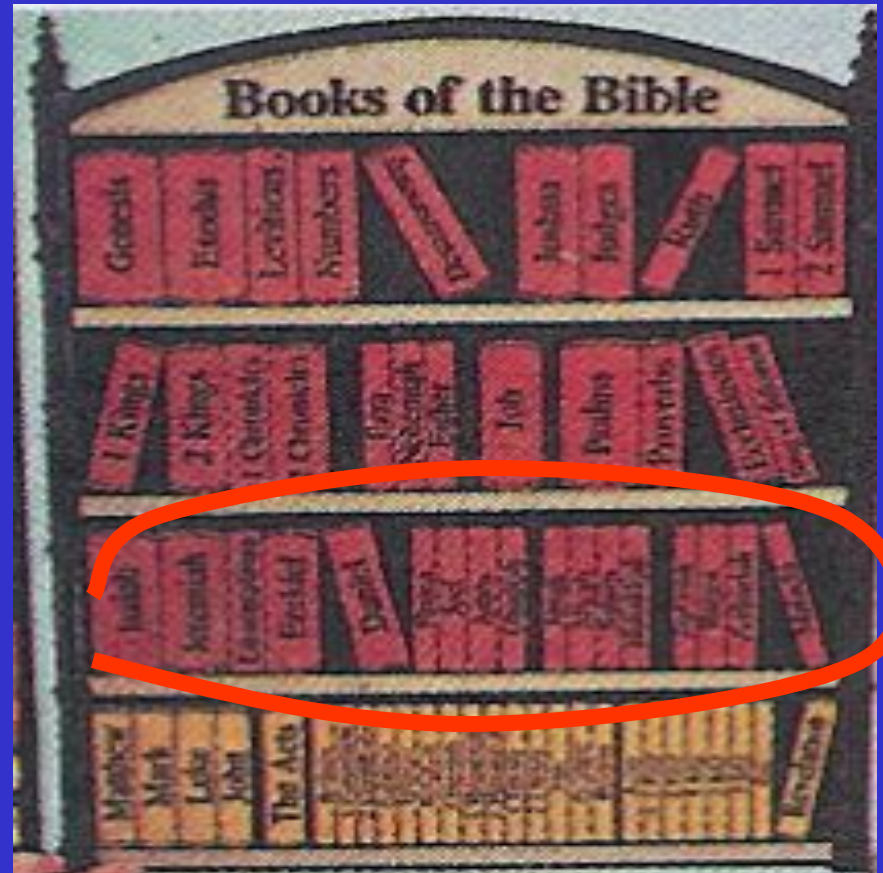
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## Books 29-46

Throughout the history  
of Israel, various  
prophets predicted that  
**SOMEONE** from Israel  
will one day be a  
**SAVIOR & KING** of the  
world





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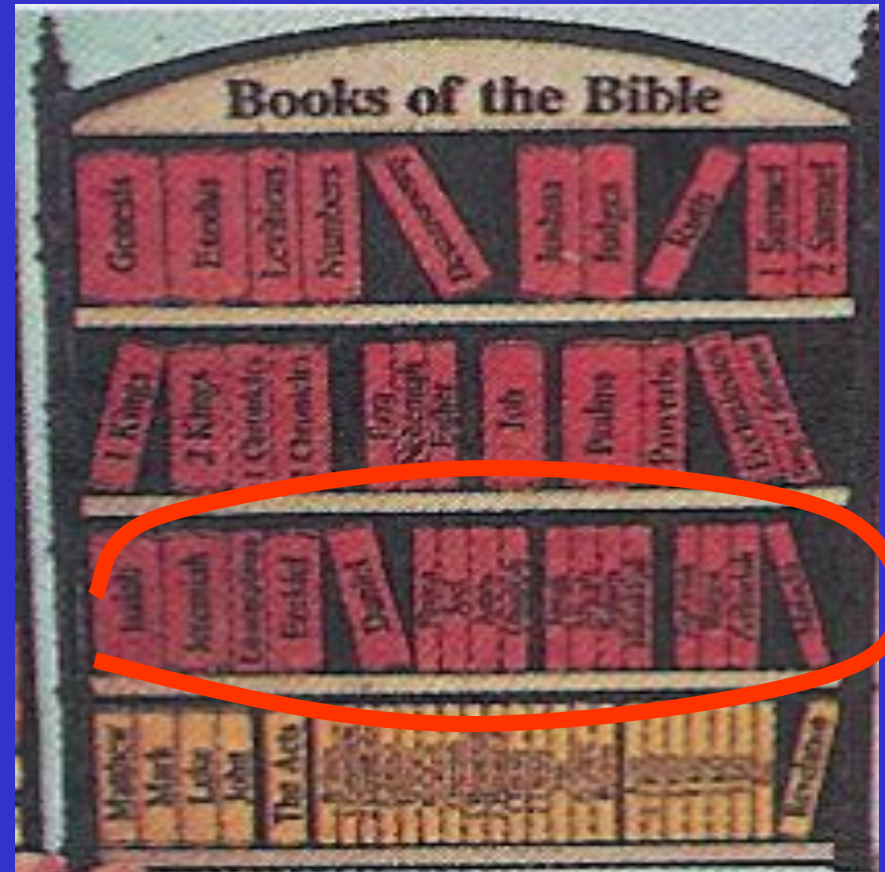
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Even the Fathers of the  
nation of Israel were told  
by God that one of their  
descendents would one  
day be born and bless the  
entire world





# The Apocryphal Books

**Seven books** of the **Bible**, all in the Old Testament, are accepted by Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, but are not accepted by Jews or Protestants.

1 and 2 Maccabees

Judith

Tobit

Baruch

Sirach

Wisdom

and additions to the **books** of Esther and Daniel.

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# THE STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

was

**Someone is coming**

All the Prophets,  
Priests and Kings of  
Israel were  
**ANNOINTED**  
with oil when they  
took their office

It was like an  
inauguration ceremony



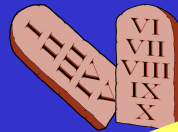
The Prophets of Israel predicted that one day  
**God would anoint** a world leader with his  
**Spirit**

Anoint – English  
Messiah – Hebrew  
Christ - Greek





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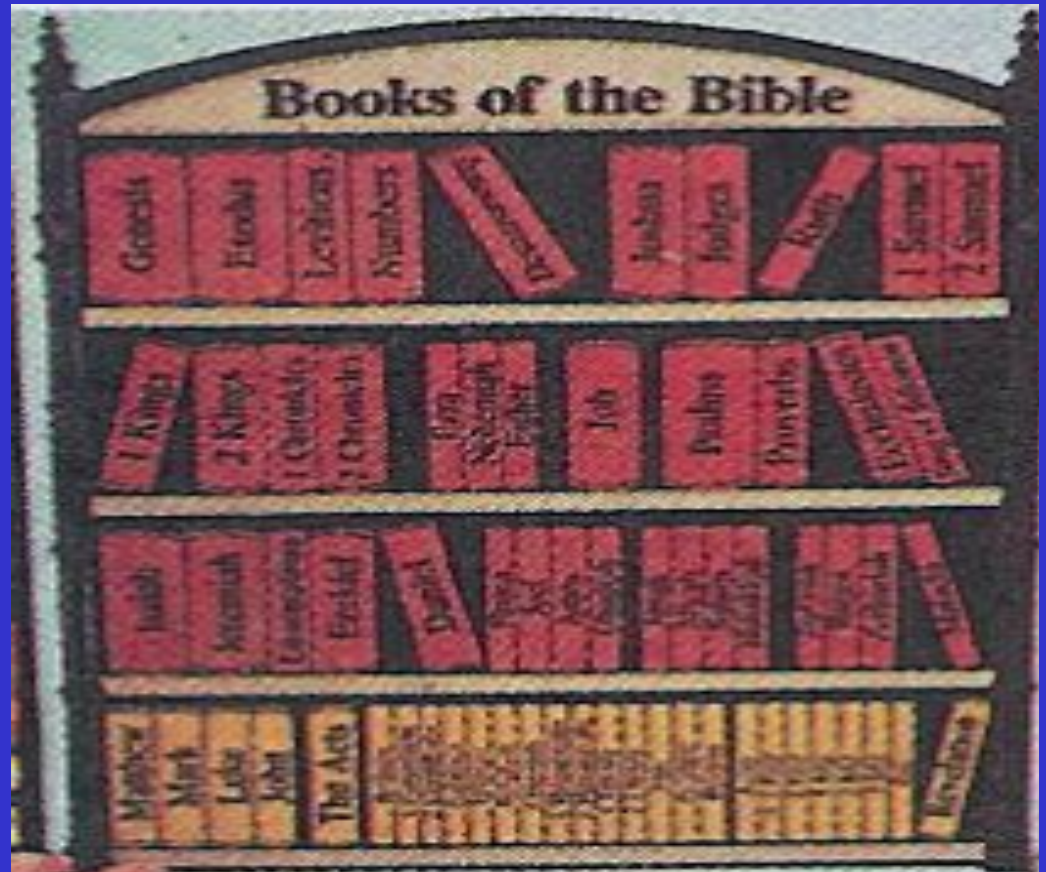
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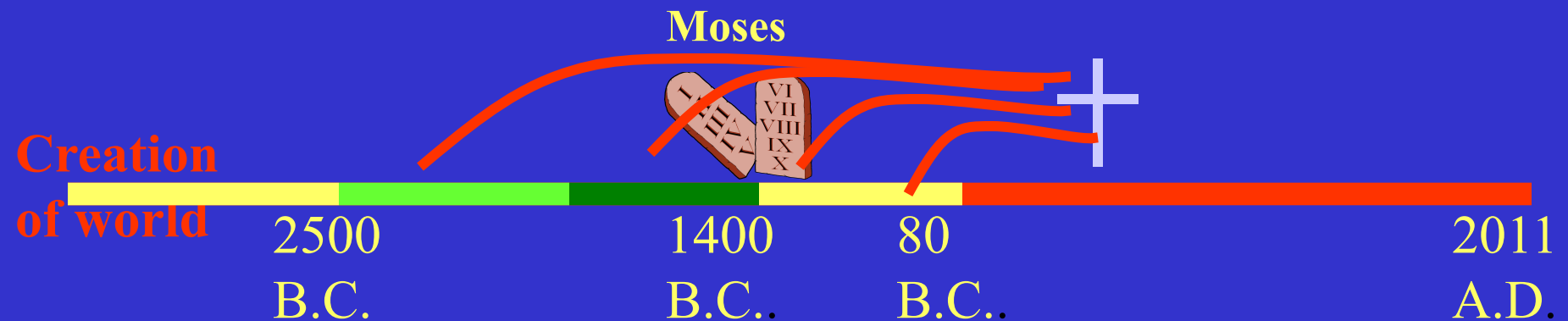
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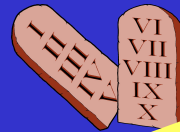


THE MESSAGE OF THE  
PROPHETS OF THE OLD  
TESTAMENT WAS

The CHRIST is coming



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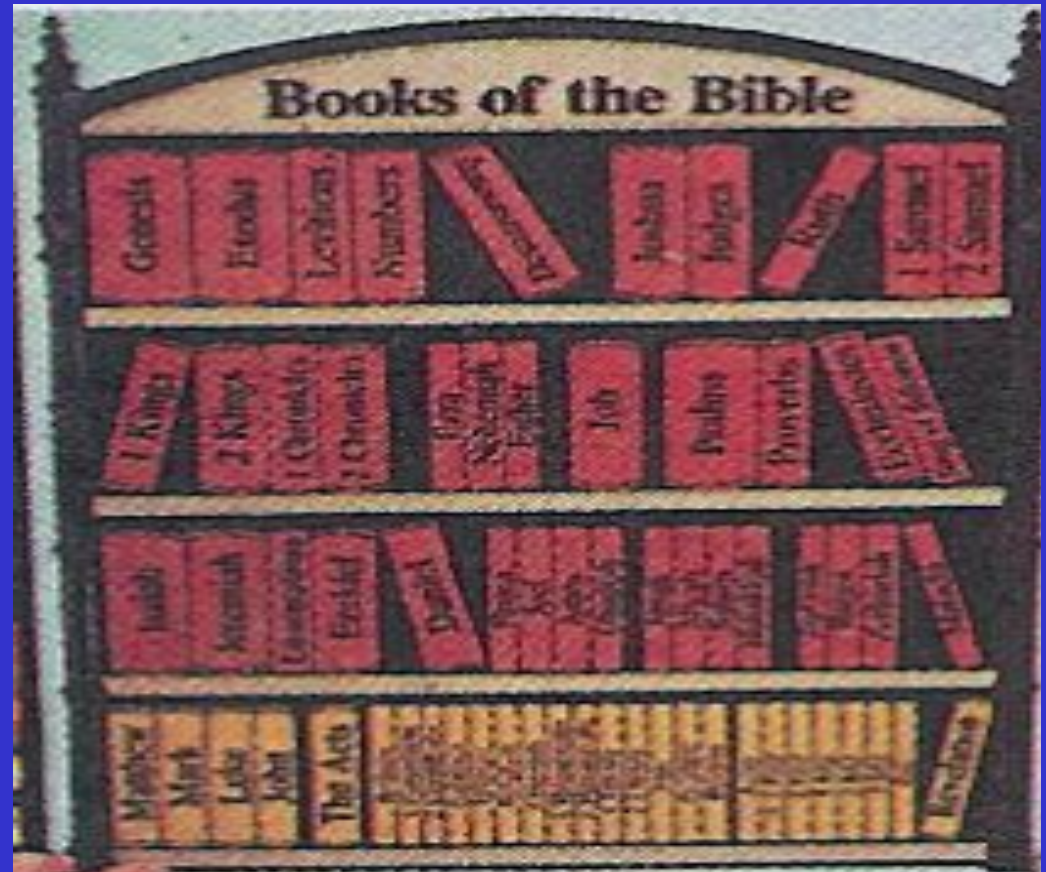
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## New Testament

❖ All 27 books written after the death of Jesus.



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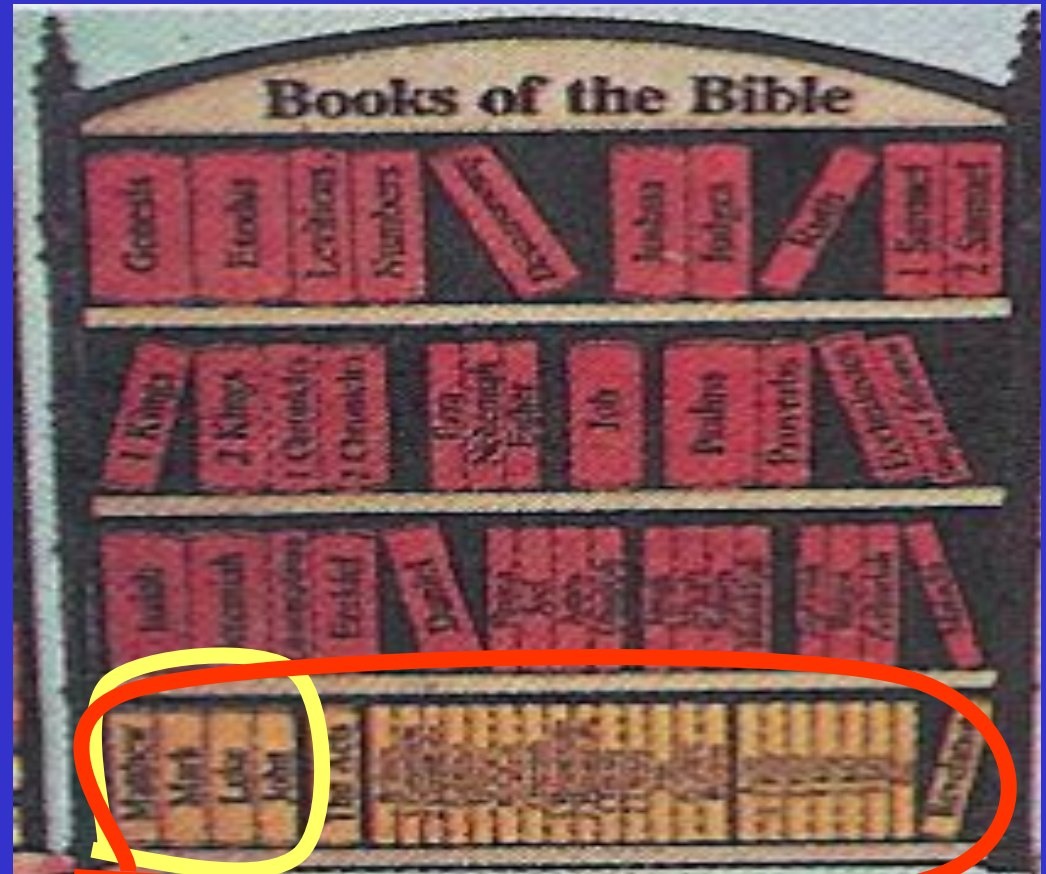
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## New Testament

- ❖ All 27 books written after the death of Jesus.
- ❖ First four tell an independent account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus





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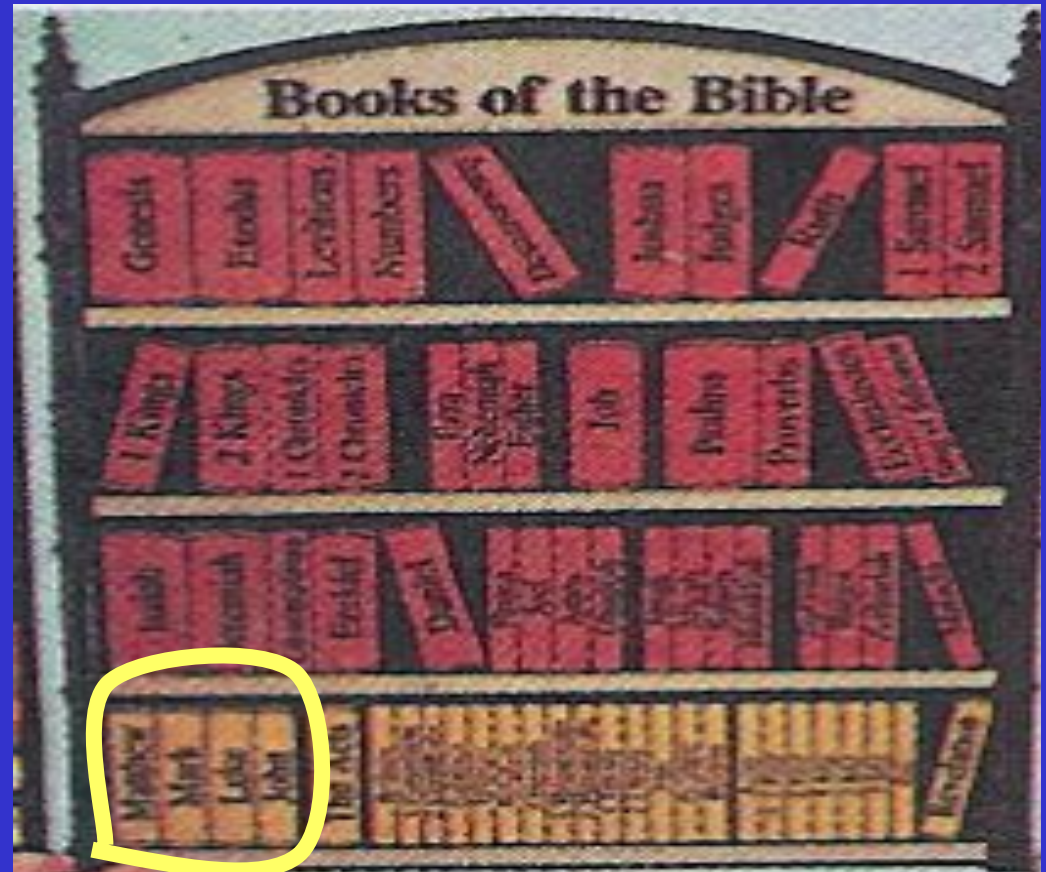
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## New Testament

- ❖ The Four Gospels give evidence that **Jesus is the Christ** (the anointed of God), the one predicted in the Old Testament times.
- ❖ Shows how prophecy was fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus



# The New Testament

## The First Four Books

- Called the four gospels (gospel is a Greek word for “good news”)
- Named after the authors – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. Three were eyewitnesses, Luke knew many of the eyewitnesses.
- Jesus lived & died in 30 A.D., all 27 New Testament books were written while eyewitnesses were alive

# The Four Gospels

## Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

- Tell the purpose of Jesus' coming
- Reveal his perfect life and service
- Gives the true source of his teaching
- Gives evidence that he is the Son of God and deserves our worship
- Help us understand why his own nation killed him

# The Four Gospels

## Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Do not Contain everything Jesus did

(John 21:25) Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. (NIV)

(John 20:30-31) Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)



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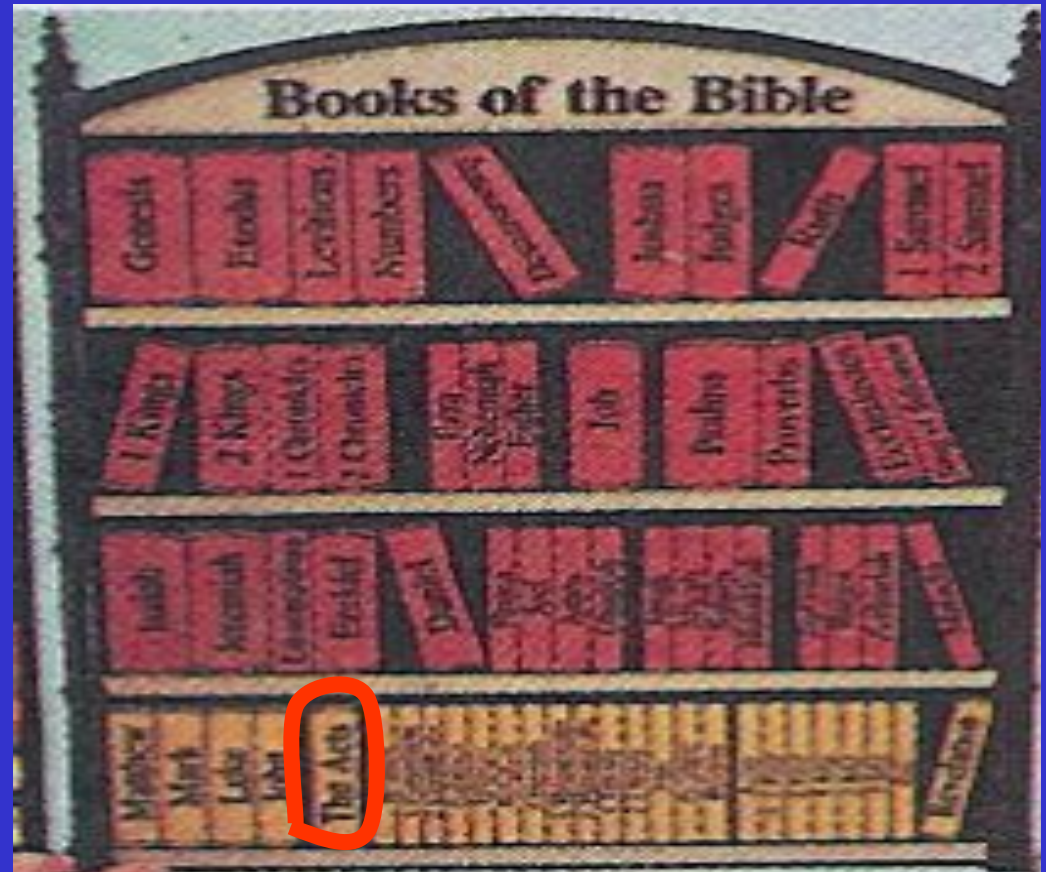
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## New Testament

- ❖ Fifth Book – Acts, written by Luke tells the story of the first 30 years of Christianity



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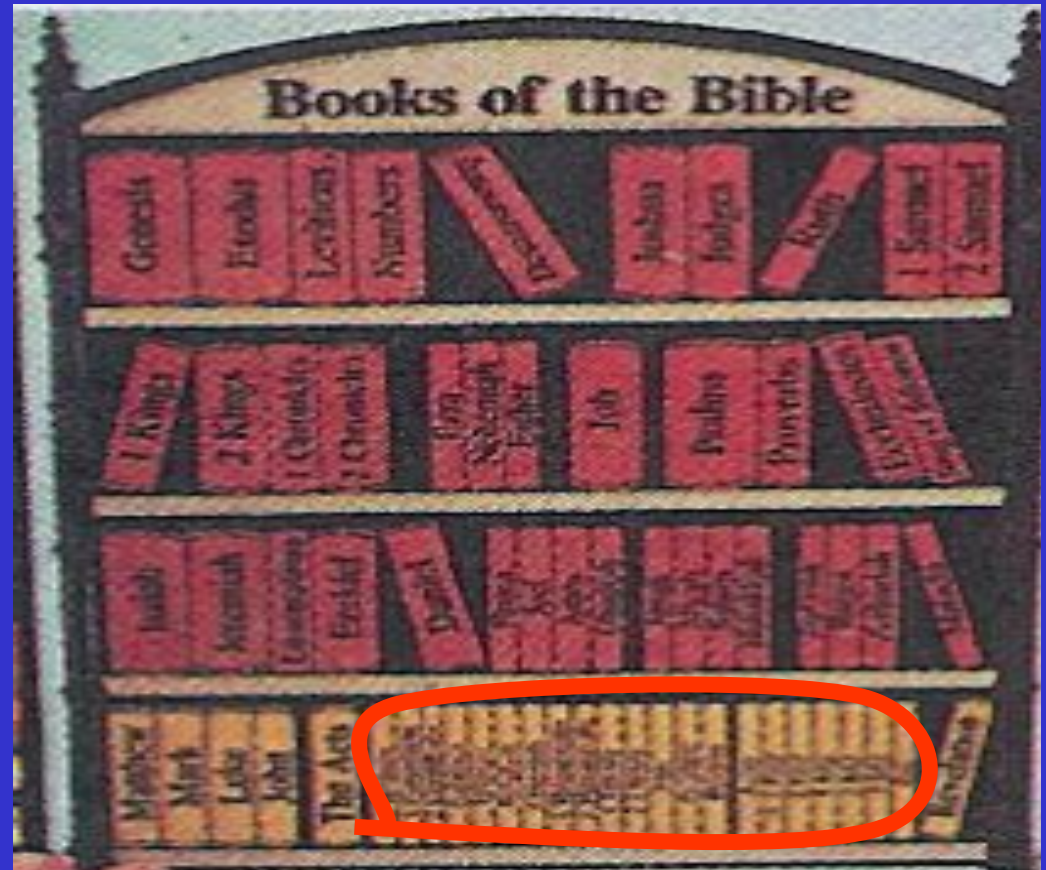
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New Testament –  
books 6-26

- ❖ Are letters written by apostles and prophets in the church to various churches and individuals
- ❖ Instruction in Christian living found here



Moses



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## New Testament – Book 27

- ❖ A prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem and the fall of the Jewish Nation in 70 A.D. at the hand of the Roman Empire

