

# The Bible – God's Amazing Book

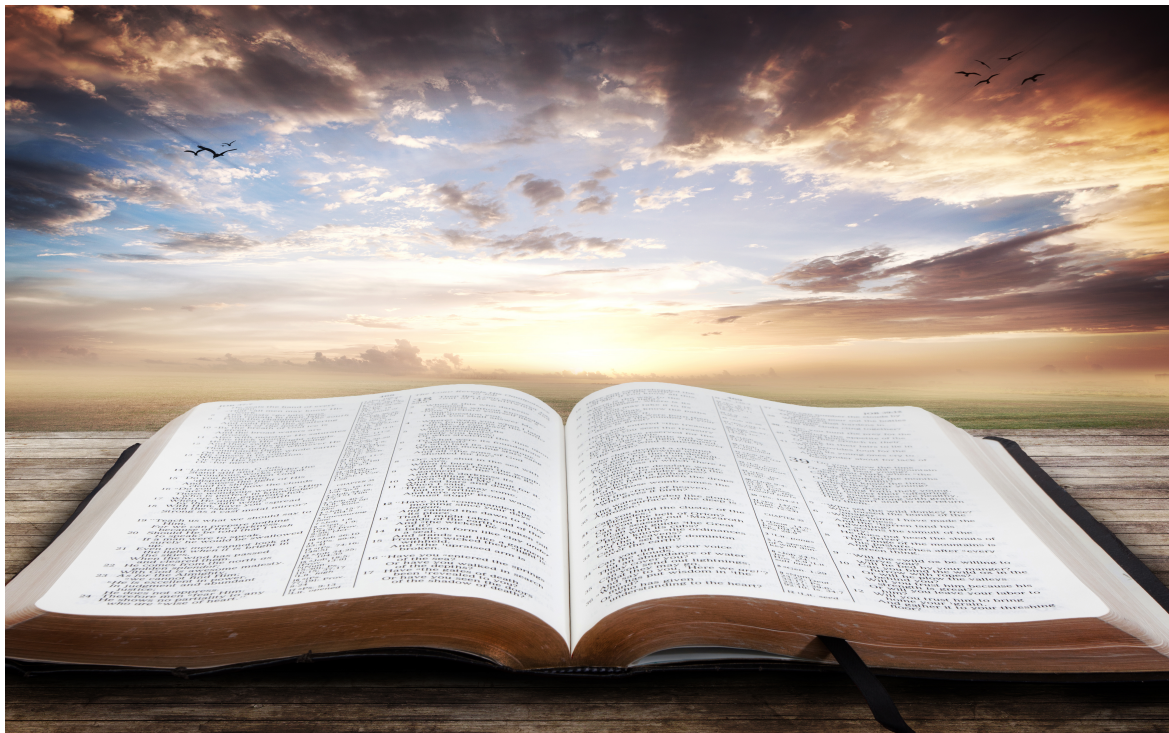
## Introduction



More people have bought and read the Bible than any other book in history. The words of this amazing book have changed lives and altered the course of history. It's teachings still form the basis of civilized law and culture. Ultimately though, it is the story of Jesus, a man whose life still reverberates around the world 2000 years after His life.

## Some Quick facts About the Bible

- Was written over a 1500-year span (from 1400BC to 100 AD).
- It has some 39 authors, all men.
- The men who wrote it were kings, scholars, peasants, fisherman, doctors, poets and statesmen.
- The Bible was written from dungeons, deserts, wilderness, and palaces.
- Three languages were used in writing the Bible – Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.
- It is split into two major sections – the Old and the New Testaments.
- 39 books make up the Old Testament and 27 books are contained in the New Testament.
- The Bible contains 1189 chapters.
- The Old Testament was compiled by ancient Israel.
- The New Testament was compiled by the early Christian church fathers.



# 1. Who wrote the Bible?

- The New Testament was compiled by the early Christian church fathers.

## 2 Peter 1:19 – 21

*Note: Men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit wrote The Bible. Although God was very much involved with the process, men in their style and vocabulary wrote the words.*

# 2. How much of the Bible is inspired?

## 2 Timothy 3:16

*Note: The Bible claims total and complete inspiration.*



# 3. Who/what is the central focus of the Bible?

## John 5:39

*Note: The Bible is primarily a book about Jesus.*



## **4. How can one be sure the Bible is true and can be relied upon?**

### **i. Isaiah 13:19 – 21**

*Note: The book of Isaiah was written in the middle of the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC. At the time of its writing, Babylon was the greatest nation in the world. It was in fact the world's first super power. Isaiah warned Babylon that she would be destroyed and never rebuilt. 150 years later, the Medo Persians attacked Babylon and thus begun the annihilation of this once great city. It has never been rebuilt – just as the Bible predicted. The Bible has been shown to accurately predict the future.*

### **ii. Ezekiel 26:3 – 5 and 12 – 14**

*Note: Ezekiel was written in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC. At that time ancient Tyre was the banking capital of the world and one of the most powerful cities in all of history. God through the prophet Ezekiel not only predicted her down fall, but also accurately portrays how it will happen. Over 300 years after Ezekiel, the city of Tyre was attacked by the Greek king Alexander the Great. There was a small Island several hundred meters of Tyre's beaches. On that Island the people of Tyre had built a great fortress. In this fortress they stored vast fortunes from the city banks. To get to this fortune Alexander stormed the city and then used the stone houses of Tyre to build a causeway out to the fortress. He then broke down the walls of the fortress and accessed huge quantities of gold. Tyre has never been rebuilt - just like Ezekiel predicted over 300 years before the event.*

### **iii. Isaiah 44:28 and 45:1**

*Note: Isaiah prophesied some 160 years before King Cyrus existed. God identifies Cyrus and his role in history before he was born – 160 years before he was born – amazing!*

### **iv. Micah 5:2**

*Note: Micah lived about 700 years before Jesus was born. Under inspiration from God he predicted that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.*

### **v. 2 Timothy 3:1 – 5**

*Note: The Bible's future prediction of what earth will be like just before Jesus comes back to save it.*