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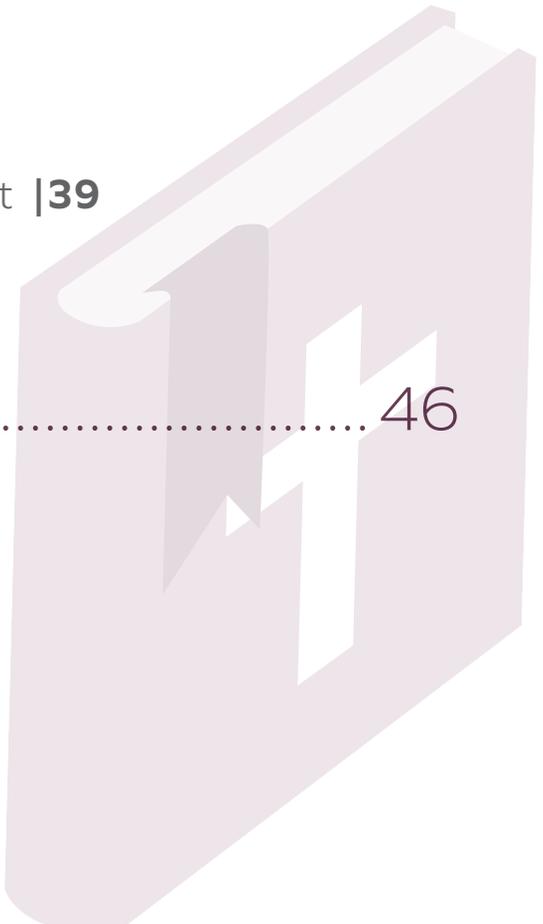
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BIBLE METHODS AND STRUCTURES

The Bible is the most important book in the whole world! In the Bible, God speaks to all people as a most loving Father to His beloved children. God's plan and purpose for human beings are revealed in the Bible. We learn about God from the deeds and words recorded in the Bible. Most of all, in the Bible, we meet God as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

In this LIFEPAC®, you will study the Bible as one whole book. You will get an **overview** of the entire Bible from beginning to end. This overall view of the Bible will help you see how all the books of the Bible fit together into one great, exciting story. It is a story that covers thousands of years and many different people. In this story, the Bible tells us the truth about God and about man. It also tells us the truth about the God-Man, Jesus Christ. The Bible is the Word of God written by man for man. It is the greatest of books. Hopefully, you will get to know the Bible very well during your lifetime.

This LIFEPAC will help you become familiar with the basic methods of the Bible; that is, the different ways that the Bible communicates God's Word to us. For example, some books use the method of history to communicate to us. Others use poetry. Still other books use prophecy to communicate God's truth to us. In this LIFEPAC, you will learn more about these methods.

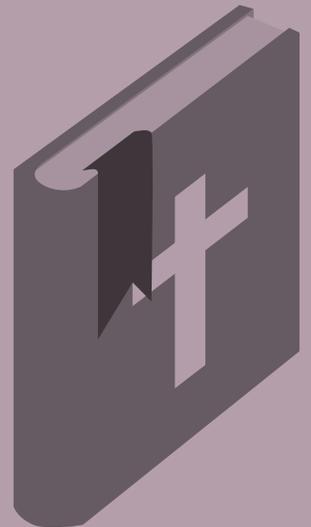
You will also learn about the basic **structure** of the Bible. You will learn about the two great divisions of the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament. You will have fun learning about all of the books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. You will then be able to find each book of the Bible quickly and easily. You will have fun memorizing some important verses of the Bible.

As you study the whole story of the Bible, you will learn more about God and His great love for us. You will also understand better how God's Word in the Bible can truly be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (*Psalms* 119:105).

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAK. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAK, you should be able to:

1. Tell why the Bible is one book.
2. Explain how the books of the Bible are related to each other.
3. Describe the general content and purpose of the two main Bible sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament.
4. Name the main sections of the Old Testament.
5. Name the main sections of the New Testament.
6. Give the main purpose of each major section of the Old Testament.
7. Give the main purpose of each major section of the New Testament.
8. Name in correct order all the books of the Old Testament.
9. Name in correct order all the books of the New Testament.
10. Repeat from memory at least ten Bible verses about the Bible as God's Word.



1. THE BIBLE

The **Bible** is different from all other books. Most books are written by one **author** over a short period of time such as a few months or years. The Bible, however, was written by approximately forty-one writers over a period of more than a thousand years!

Although there were many human writers involved in writing the Bible, God is its *real* author, for the Holy Spirit **inspired** the human writers. Therefore, the Bible is truly the *Word of God*.

The Bible's authors came from varying professions and backgrounds. Some were kings and some were shepherds. Others were poets, fishermen, doctors, military leaders, **scholars**, statesmen, and **philosophers**. Most of the writers never knew each other, yet the Holy Spirit guided them to tell one **continuous** story. The Bible tells one continuous story about God and the way of **salvation**. Each part of the Bible agrees with every other part, for the Bible is the complete plan of God's purpose for the human race. The Bible has **unity** because God is the one true Author of the **Scriptures**.

In this section of the LIFEPAC, you will first consider the Bible as *one* book. You will examine how it has one constant theme and story. Then, you will consider how the Bible consists of several *parts*. You will learn about the books, divisions, and structure of the Bible. You will come to see how the Bible is *one* book with many *parts*.

Objectives

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Tell why the Bible is one book.
2. Explain how the books of the Bible are related to each other.
3. Describe the general content and purpose of the two main Bible sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament.
10. Repeat from memory at least ten Bible verses about the Bible as God's Word.

Vocabulary

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAAC.

author (o thèr). A person who writes stories or books.

Bible (bī bul). The Holy Scriptures containing the books of the Old and New Testaments.

character (kār ik tèr). A person in a play, book, or story.

continuous (kun tin yü us). Unbroken; without a stop.

covenant (kuv u nunt). An agreement between two or more persons.

foretold (fôr töld). Something that was told or predicted beforehand.

fulfillment (ful fil munt). Finish or completion.

Gospel (gos pul). The "Good News" of Jesus Christ; one of the first four books of the New Testament: *Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John*.

Hebrew (hē brü). The language of the Jewish people.

inspire (in spīr). To influence or cause to be written.

overview (ō vèr vyü). A brief general survey or summary.

philosopher (fu los u fèr). A person who studies philosophy and who seeks wisdom.

prophet (prof it). A person who serves as a messenger of God. He speaks or writes the words of God.

redemption (ri demp shun). Buying back; ransom.

revealed (ri vèld). Made known through divine inspiration.

salvation (sal vā shun). The condition or experience of being saved from harm or destruction; being saved by believing in Jesus Christ.

scholar (skol èr). A person who studies and has much knowledge on one or more subjects.

Scriptures (skrip chèrz). The books of the Old and New Testaments; God's Word.

structure (struk chér). The way parts are put together; a building.

theme (thēm). Subject; topic.

translate (trans lāt). Change from one language to another.

unity (yü nu tē). Belonging together as one.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ōrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /FH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.



| The Holy Spirit inspired all the writers of the Bible

One Book

The Unity of the Bible. The **Bible** can be considered as one complete book. In fact, the word “Bible” comes from a Greek word meaning “book.” The Bible is *The Book*. Sometimes you may hear the Bible referred to as “The Good Book,” or as “The Book of books.” It is the most important and the best-selling book in the world. It was the first complete book ever to be printed on a printing press by Johannes Gutenberg of Germany in about 1455. This one Book has been **translated** into more languages than any other book.

There are other reasons to consider the Bible as one book, such as the basic unity of its various parts, which tell the truth about God and man. Its **author** is God, and its **theme** is His plan of salvation. The main **character** of the Bible is *Jesus Christ*, who was **foretold** in the Old Testament and then **revealed** in the New Testament. The Bible’s *purpose* is to reveal God’s Word to man, which is His loving plan of salvation in Jesus Christ.



Complete these sentences.

- 1.1 The word "Bible" comes from a Greek word meaning _____ .
- 1.2 In the Bible, God speaks to all people as a _____ to His beloved children.
- 1.3 The Bible was written by approximately a. _____ writers over a period of b. _____ years.
- 1.4 The Holy Spirit _____ the human writers of the Bible.
- 1.5 God is the real _____ of the Bible.



List answers to these questions.

- 1.6 What were some of the varied writers of the Bible? (List at least seven occupations.)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
- 1.7 What are some things that can be said about the Bible as one book? (List four.)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
- 1.8 In what ways can we speak about the *unity* of the Bible? (List three.)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____



Memorize this verse.

1.9

(Psalm 119:105) “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Directions for Memorizing Verses or Names of Books

Follow these steps for memorizing each time you see this symbol: 

- Write the verse or names on one side of a 3 x 5 card.
- Write the book, chapter, and verse number—or the group title for the names of books—on the back of the card.
- Memorize the verse (or names) and its location in the Bible.
- Let a friend hold the card while you practice saying the verse (or names) from memory. Continue reciting the verse (or names) to your friend until you can do so without making a mistake.
- When you can say the verse (or names) from memory correctly, write the date. Sign your name. Have your friend sign after your name.

Date

Your Name

Friend's Name

The One Continuous Story of the Bible. Like any good story, the Bible has a beginning, a middle, and an end. The first book, *Genesis*, is the book of *beginnings*. Genesis tells about the beginning of creation, man, sin, government, the family, languages, the *Hebrew* race, and the promise of a Savior (*Genesis* 3:15).

The *middle* of the story of the Bible tells about the growth of the nation of Israel and God's dealings with His people. It also tells of God's continuing promise of a Savior. The *middle* tells of the birth, life, death, and Resurrection of the Savior, Jesus Christ. The *middle* continues with the story of the new people of God, the Church, and how the **Gospel** of Jesus Christ began to spread throughout the world.

The *end* of the Bible is contained in its last book, *Revelation*. The Book of Revelation is one of hope and **fulfillment** of God's promises in Jesus Christ. For the Christian, this book is like a beautiful story in which the good characters lived “happily ever after.” At the very end of the book, sin will be no more. Satan will be overcome once and for all. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. Jesus Christ will rule with peace and joy forever.

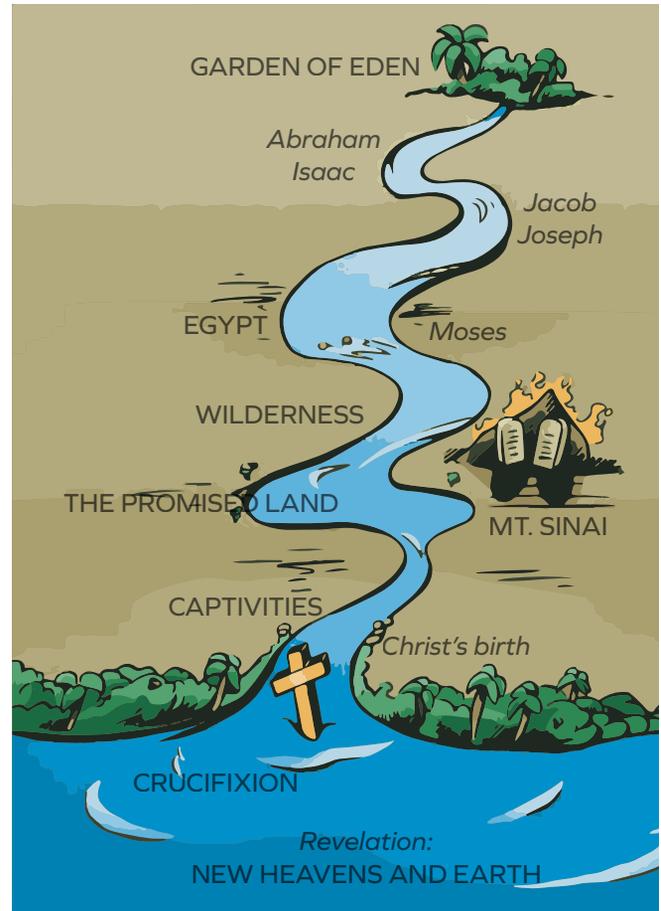
A Picture Story of the Bible. The continuous story of the Bible may be compared to a river flowing to the sea. It begins as a spring in the Garden of Eden. The spring becomes a stream in the life of Abraham and continues in the lives of Isaac and Jacob. With the life of Joseph,

the stream flows southward through Egypt. Then, in the life of Moses, it leaves Egypt and winds its way through the wilderness to Mt. Sinai and on to the promised land of Canaan. During this time, God’s people become a nation, and the stream becomes a river.

The river, the continuing story of the Bible, grows larger and more varied. Sometimes the river rushes noisily through narrow canyons and over large boulders as the nation of God’s people meets problems. Sometimes it flows into quiet lakes as God’s people find times of rest and peace. Then, the river changes its course suddenly and flows eastward as the children of Israel are taken captive and removed from Israel to Babylon. But after 70 years, God brings the people back to the promised land. It continues to flow to the sea, where God’s people are to fulfill His plan for them.

At last, after thousands of years, the sea is in sight. First, the river empties into a bay by the little town of Bethlehem. Jesus Christ, the long-awaited Savior, is born. Now the waters grow wider and deeper. Jesus lives a perfect life, dies, and rises again to take away the sins of the world. The Church is born. Christians start at Jerusalem and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8). The ocean currents carry the message of Jesus in every direction until it touches the shores of every island and continent. How great the waters have become!

Finally, the journey—and the story of the Bible—is about over. The sun drops down over the horizon in a beautiful sunset. The vision of God is near. The little spring that began so long ago has flowed to the sea. The sea has carried God’s love to all parts of the world. Now we stand on the “other shore” of heaven with people of every tribe and nation who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior. Suddenly, even the sea is gone. We turn and look at heaven. Now we know what John meant when he said, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there



| The Bible is like a river.

shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (*Revelation 21:1-6*).



Complete these activities.

1.10 In your own words, tell how the Bible is like a good story.

1.11 The Book of *Revelation* is one of a _____ and
b. _____ of God's promises in Jesus Christ.

1.12 Name two things that began in *Genesis* that will be made new in *Revelation*.

a. _____

b. _____

1.13 The Bible story is pictured in this LIFE PAC as a river. The river began in the
a. _____. When Jesus was born, it flowed into a
b. _____. The river ended in the Book of
c. _____.

The One Main Theme and Character of the Bible. Although there are many interesting stories about several people, places, and events in the Bible, there is really only one theme and one main character. The Bible's theme is *God's loving plan of salvation*. It is sometimes called the story of **redemption**.

God created human beings out of love. When they disobeyed God and fell into sin, God did not destroy mankind, but instead promised them a Savior. God said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (*Genesis 3:15*).

SELF TEST 1

Match these items (each item, 3 points).

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.01 | _____ the Bible | a. Bible writers |
| 1.02 | _____ Old Testament | b. theme of the Bible |
| 1.03 | _____ New Testament | c. author of the Bible |
| 1.04 | _____ approximately forty-one people | d. fifty-two books |
| 1.05 | _____ God | e. main Bible character |
| 1.06 | _____ <i>Genesis</i> | f. second Bible book |
| 1.07 | _____ <i>Revelation</i> | g. God's Word |
| 1.08 | _____ God's loving plan of salvation | h. picture of the Bible |
| 1.09 | _____ Jesus Christ | i. largest Bible book |
| 1.010 | _____ a river | j. thirty-nine books |
| | | k. book of beginnings |
| | | l. eighteen books |
| | | m. book of fulfillment |
| | | n. twenty-seven books |

Answer true or false (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.011** _____ It took about 500 years to write the Bible.
- 1.012** _____ Most of the Bible writers knew each other.
- 1.013** _____ The Holy Spirit inspired the whole Bible.
- 1.014** _____ The word *testament* means *covenant* or *agreement*.
- 1.015** _____ The Bible is mainly a book of geography.
- 1.016** _____ The Greek word for Bible means *book*.
- 1.017** _____ The Old Testament tells the beginning, middle, and end of the Bible Story.
- 1.018** _____ The first Bible written divided the books into chapters.

Write these Bible verses from memory (each answer, 5 points).

1.031 *Psalms 119:105*

1.032 *Hebrews 1:1-2*

Answer these questions (each answer, 5 points).

1.033 What are some things that can be said about the Bible as one book?

1.034 In what ways can we speak about the *unity* of the Bible?



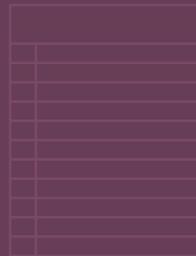
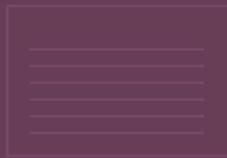
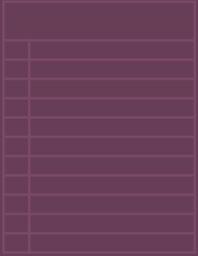
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