

**How to Read the Bible**  
**Session 1 – What is the Bible?**  
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**The Bible is the all-time best-selling book:**

- An estimated \_\_\_\_\_ copies have been sold and distributed.
- The Bible has been \_\_\_\_\_ into more than \_\_\_\_\_ languages.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Americans opened a Bible to read in 2021.

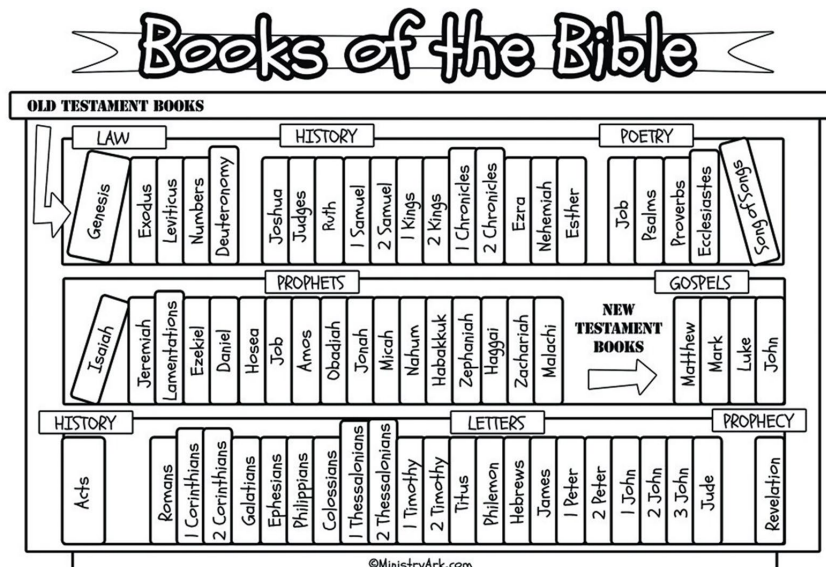
As followers of Jesus, we know that we should read the Bible, but how?

**What is the Bible?**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ books, written over a period of more than \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- Written by more than \_\_\_\_\_ human authors, each writing under the inspiration of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Timothy 3:16

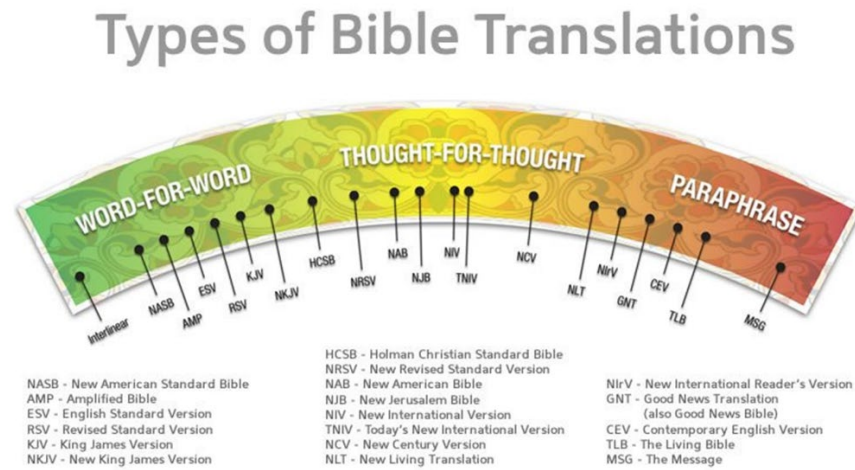
**The Bible is divided into two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament**

- “Testament” means \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ concealed and the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ revealed.



## The Incarnational Analogy:

- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



## 3 Steps to Studying the Bible:

1. Observation – What does the passage say?
2. Interpretation – What does the passage mean?
3. Application – Who is God calling me to be? What is God calling me to do?

## Practice Study: Matthew 5:29-30

“If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”