



December 30th, 2018 || Introduction to One Big Story

Seeing God's Big Story, Fitting Our Story Into His Story

The Bible

- 66 Books in One Big Book (39 Old Testament and 27 New Testament)
- 40 Different Authors writing across 1,500 years
- 1189 Chapters (929 Old Testament and 260 New Testament)
- **Major Themes:** The Nature of God, Mankind, Revelation, Sin, Redemption

Old Testament

- Hand-written in Hebrew, inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Canonization began in the time of Ezra and finalized in 90 A.D. at Council of Jamnia
 - The Greek translation from the 3rd c. B.C., (called the Septuagint), put the OT books in their present order
- Details the history of Israel from 4004 B.C. to 425 B.C.
- *History:* Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- *Writings:* Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- *Prophets:* Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micha, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

New Testament

- Hand-written in Greek, inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Canonization began in the second century and finalized in 397 A.D. at Council of Carthage
 - Jerome put the NT books in their present order in his Latin translation of the Greek manuscripts (called the Vulgate) in the 4th century A.D.
- Details the history of the church from 4 B.C. to 95 A.D.
- *History:* Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts
- *Writings:* Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, Jude
- *Prophecy:* Revelation

Apocrypha

- 15 non-canonical, intertestamental books accepted by Catholics in 16th century
- These other writings from the biblical time period were never considered authoritative

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