

C. Why are the 66 books and sub-sections in this order? 4 principles:

1. A _____
2. Chronology
3. L_____ in the NT letters
4. Style- genre- 4 kinds-
 - Story- 43%
 - Poetry- 33%
 - Teaching- 24%
 - Prophecy- 27%
 - both forth telling and foretelling
 - 27% actual predictions- contained in Poetry, Teaching and Story
 - 1,817 predictions in 8,352 verses- see gracethrufaith.com

This means:

- Almost 1 out of 2 verses is a story
- 1 out of 3 verses is poetry
- 1 out of 4 verses is a teaching
- 1 out of 4 verses is a prediction

D. Every section of Scripture has a main genre, but also uses the other 3

❖ **TAKING IT HOME – so what do the 7 subsections and 4 genres teach us?**

GENRE	WHO GOD IS		HOW GOD MADE US	
STORY	STORY TELLER	Real Reigns Relates	STORY TELLERS	Models Trust Remember
POETRY	POET	Imagines Feels Creative	POETS	Imagine Feel Create
TEACHING	TEACHER	Logical Fair Instructs	TEACHERS	Logical Fair Instruct
PROPHECY	PREDICTER PREACHER	Knows all Sovereign Confronts	PREDICTERS PREACHERS	Know future Trust God Speak truth

- 4 genres = think clearly, imagine creatively, feel deeply, obey fully, trust implicitly, speak openly

❖ **THE POINT & WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU?** - write it down, pray it back, DO IT, and share it with others!

“Heavenly Father, You are a whole God! You’ve given us a whole Book! Written to us as whole people- spirit, soul, body; intellect, emotion, will; past, present, future; personally, relationally, societally; for everyday and for eternal life! Wow! What a Book! What a God! What a life in Christ! What a message to share! I especially hear You saying to me...

THE BIBLE- CAN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS TEACH US ANYTHING?? 7/9/23

GETTING OUR FEET WET- The question of the missionaries- What good are the genealogies?

❖ The genealogy of Genesis 5 (see Chuck Missler- Hidden Treasures, Learn the Bible in 24 Hours)

HEBREW	ENGLISH	THE GOSPEL
Adam	Man	Man (is)
Seth	Appointed	Appointed
Enosh	Mortal	(to) die
Kenan	Sorrow	(and) sorrow.
Mahalelel	The Blessed God	(But) the blessed God
Jared	Shall come down	shall come down
Enoch	Teaching	teaching.
Methuselah	His death shall bring	His death shall bring
Lamech	Despairing	(the) despairing
Noah	Comfort, rest	comfort (and) rest.

❖ The genealogy of Jesus Christ- Matthew 1

- God loves 7- used 562 times
 - In the OT- 7 days of creation, 7 festivals, 7 weeks till Pentecost, 7th year of rest, Jubilee after 7 periods of 7 years, 7 priests, with 7 trumpets marched around Jericho 7 times, Joshua marched around Jericho 7 times, Naaman washed 7 times, Daniel’s 70 weeks
 - In the NT- Jesus feeds 4,000 with 7 loaves, 7 churches, 7 lampstands, 7 angels, seven stars, 7-fold Spirit, 7 eyes, 7 horns, 7 years, 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls
- In Jesus’ genealogy- try writing a genealogy and meet these criteria- all must be divisible by 7
 1. The number of words, letters, vowels, and consonants
 2. The number of words that begin with a vowel, and words that begin with a consonant
 3. The number of words that occur more than once and those that occur only once
 4. The number of nouns divisible by 7, and only 7 words cannot be nouns
 5. All the male names and generations must be divisible by 7
 6. Twelve criteria- the chances?? 1 in 13.841 b_____!!!

THIS IS GOD’S WORD!!!!

- Mat 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.
- II Tim 3¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

- II Pet 1²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- Rev 22¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.
- Isa 66² "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word."

This is God's Word. It's God's authority over me. It's God telling me who I am and what I'm to do. I will read it, obey it and share it, to be close to Jesus and bring others to Jesus.

This is God's book! - SO, HOW DO YOU READ OTHER BOOKS? - You look at 3 things... title, blurbs, table of contents- Before you jump in the pond, you walk around the pond!

I. TITLE

- Titles = Holy Bible, Scripture, God's Word- Josh 1:8, II Pet 3:16, II Tim 3:16, Rom 10:17
- Meaning = exalted book, writings, authoritative, true, from God
- The Point- The very titles we use of the Bible are actual titles the Bible g_____ itself!

II. THE BLURBS – F.L.O.W.S.- The Bible summarizes itself in its purpose-

FAITH→	LOVE→	OBEY→	WORSHIP→	SHARE→	WORLD
Rom 10:17	Mt 22:37-40	Jas 1:22	Jn 5:39	Mt 28:18-20	

III. TABLE OF CONTENTS- Two Parts - Old & New Testament

A. 2 Parts – Old & New

2 PARTS	66 BOOKS	40+ AUTHORS	WRITTEN OVER 1500 year span
OLD TESTAMENT	39- 3x bigger	31+	1400-400 BC
NEW TESTAMENT	27	9	45-95 AD

B. Why the 2 parts?

- 400 years of silence- God's big "period"
- Jesus! – Heb 1:1-2, 9:15

B. 1 Common Title – TESTAMENT= legal document, covenant- trustworthy, important, obeyed

- The Bible is a history of testaments = covenants- a solemn, binding agreement, partnership
 - Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, New, Jesus, Communion & Marriage
- God is committed to us and calls us to commit to Him. If we don't obey, in time, He will judge.

GOD'S COVENANTS – CALLING FOR PARTNERSHIP		
GOD'S OFFER	OUR RESPONSE	GOD'S CONSEQUENCES
Promises & Warnings	Faith & Obedience	Blessings or Cursings

- I Cor 10- Same God, same temptations, same people, same consequences!
- Every generation & every individual wants to think they are the e_____!

IV. TABLE OF CONTENTS- 7 Subsections & 4 Genres

A. 7 Subsections- 4 OT, 3 NT

THE BIBLE – 66 BOOKS, 40 AUTHORS				
THE OLD TESTAMENT				
	LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHETS
Books	Genesis→ Deuteronomy	Joshua → Esther	Job→ Song of Solomon	Isaiah→ Malachi
Time Period	Creation→ Exodus	Conquest→Return	Patriarchs, Exodus, Kings	Kings→ Return
#	5 Books- 24%	12 Books- 33%	5 Books- 17%	17 Books- 26% 5 Major, 12 Minor Prophets
THE NEW TESTAMENT				
	HISTORY	LETTERS		PROPHECY
Books	Matthew→ Acts	Paul's Letters – 13 • To churches- Romans→ Thessalonians • To individuals - 1 Timothy→Philemon	General Letters- Hebrews→ Jude	Revelation
Time Period	Jesus→ Church	Church	Church	Church→ New Creation
#	5 Books- 54%	13 Books (21 total Letters)- 28%	8 Books- 13%	1 Book- 5%

B. Did God sanction these subsections? - Lk 24:44, Rom 3:21

- How many times does the NT quote/allude to the OT? 933x, about _____x per every page.
- What OT books are quoted most in the NT?- 1st Exodus, 2nd Isaiah, 3rd P_____