

The Holy Bible - Part 2

What the Bible Is All About

Colossians 3:16 (ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...

1. Get a translation I like.

Formal equivalency - KJV, NKJV, NASB, and ESV

Functional equivalency - NLT, Good News, TEV, and NIV

Paraphrase - Living Bible, and The Message

1 Corinthians 13:4 (KJV) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (MSG) Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head.

2. Get a study Bible.

3. Get in a small group.

Understanding the Bible

It was written over a period of 1600 years in over a dozen countries on three continents by 40 people in three different languages.

The Bible was written by poets, prophets, farmers, kings, soldiers, shepherds, princes, priests, historians, fisherman, tax collectors, scholars, businessmen and doctors.

The Bible was written in caves, ships, palaces, prisons, and deserts.

How did they come up with the same story?

There is only one Author of the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Law Books (5)

Genesis – Deuteronomy

History Books (12)

Joshua – Esther

Poetry Books (5)

Job – Song of Solomon

Prophecy Books (17)

5 Major Prophets: Isaiah – Daniel

12 Minor Prophets: Hosea – Malachi

The Gospels (4)

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

The Book of Acts

The historical record of the first Church

The Epistles (21)

Romans – Jude

The Revelation

Prophecy of the last days and eternity

The Plot – The Mirror Image

Jesus Christ

12 Tribes/Israel God's holy people

"One World" Government system

The world judged and destroyed

Satan and sin enter

God and righteous people in Paradise

12 Disciples/Church God's holy people

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God and redeemed people in Paradise

The Subject of the Bible is Jesus.

John 5:39 (NLT) "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Verb of the Bible is Give.

1 John 3:16 (NIV) This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.