

Christian Home Bible Course

The Importance of The Bible

Lesson 1

Welcome to the Christian Home Bible Course!

As you take a moment and browse through Lesson 1, please notice that the Bible verses are included in the study booklet, along with their references. You will see this more and more as you progress through the lessons because we want you to be able to read the Scripture while reading the Bible study booklet. Also, you will notice that we produced the Bible study booklet for easy keeping. Because of the booklet form, these lessons are easily kept on a bookshelf for future reference.

Here is a sneak preview of the rest of the course:

Lesson 2 - Past Fulfilled Bible Prophecies

Lesson 3 - Prophecies concerning the “End Times”

Lesson 4 - The Life of the Greatest Person in the Bible

Lesson 5 - The Greatest Event of the Bible

Lesson 6 - The Greatest Misconception the Bible Exposes

Lesson 7 - The Greatest Message of the Bible

If you have any questions or comments, please write them down and return with your worksheet or email them to us. We would be happy to answer the questions you have.

Enjoy your journey through the Bible!

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Question: What is the BIBLE?

Answer: The BIBLE is a unique book

The first verse of the first chapter of the first book in the **BIBLE** makes a simple yet profound statement:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." **GENESIS 1:1**

This statement can be easily proven. BY SIMPLY LOOKING AROUND! And since we can clearly see that creation has taken place, the BIBLE says there is no excuse for doubting the existence of its CREATOR, because . . .

"The heavens declare...his handywork." **PSALM 19:1**

"...the invisible things of him [God] from the creation of the world are clearly seen..."

ROMANS 1:20

Creation reveals there is a God, but not what He is like, why are we here, or what happens when this life is over. So it would stand to reason that our Creator would not leave His creation without any hope of answering these questions. That is why He provided us with an "owner's manual" on life, a very unique book known as the **BIBLE**. It is God's gift to His creation, and was . . .

"...written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." **ROMANS 15:4**

This life is truly a dressing room for eternity. Our Creator has provided, within the **BIBLE**, everything we need to know this side of heaven. It is a book that has been read by more people, has been published in more languages, and has affected the world more than all other books ever written combined. No wonder it is the best seller of all time with over ?????? billion copies printed since the invention of the printing press.

In the weeks to come, this course will give you an understanding of the only Book God has written.

WE WISH YOU THE BEST AS WE BEGIN OUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE.

Question: What is the BIBLE?

Answer: The BIBLE is a unique book - because of its

INFLUENCE

There are many reasons why the **BIBLE** is unique. Among them is the **BIBLE'S** influence. No other book has influenced mankind the way the **BIBLE** has. From the Ten Commandments to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the **BIBLE'S** influence can be seen throughout many aspects of our everyday lives. To illustrate, let's imagine the following conversation taking place:

Excuse me, sir, but I'm conducting a survey and I was wondering if you would mind answering a few questions?

Ok, sure, I've got some time to kill.

Thank you. Simply answer the following questions as best you can. Here's the first one. Name one character from The Iliad.

What?

I said, name one character from . . .

I heard the question, what's The Iliad?

It's a famous book.

I'm sorry, I'm not into books. What is your next question?

Name a character from The Odyssey.

The what?

The Odyssey.

Is that another book?

Yes.

I said, I don't do books!!

But sir, these are two of the most famous books of all time. They are classics written by Homer.

Homer Simpson?

No, never mind. How about War and Peace? Can you name a character from that book?

No!! How many times must I tell you, I don't get into books!!

Ok, one more question. Name one character from the BIBLE.

THE BIBLE? . . . I guess I could do that. Let's see . . . Moses!

Good.

Noah!!

Ok, that's fine.

Jesus!

Ok!, you don't have to go on.

But I can think of one or two more.

That's not necessary, besides I thought you said you didn't care much for books.

I don't.

Then how do you know these characters are in the BIBLE?

HMM . . . you are right, by the way what is the survey about?

It's to demonstrate the BIBLE'S unique and enormous INFLUENCE.

The above conversation illustrates just how much the **BIBLE** has actually influenced our lives, sometimes without us even realizing it! In fact, for the last few thousand years the **BIBLE** has been influencing mankind like no other book.

Consider the following 50 expressions which we still use in everyday language. They were all inspired by the BIBLE.

1. "Raising Cain" **Gen. 4:8-9**
2. "This is the pits" **Gen. 37:24**
3. "You could feel the darkness" **Ex. 10:21**
4. "That's just hearsay" **Deut. 13:12**
5. "We smoked em" **Deut. 29:20**
6. "Hit the nail on the head" **Jud. 5:26**
7. "He brought the house down" **Jud. 16:30**
8. "Missed by a hair" **Jud. 20:16**
9. "He lost his head" **I Sam. 17:51**
10. "He took his life into his own hands" **I Sam. 17:51**
11. "Well. . . more or less" **I Sam. 22:15**
12. "Now - a - days" **I Sam. 25:10**
13. "What a put down" **II Chron. 36:3**
14. "What ever became of. . . ?" **Esther 2:11**
15. "Give a man enough rope, and he'll hang himself" **Esther 7:9-10**
16. "My hair stood on end" **Job 4:15**
17. "What do you know that I don't know?" **Job 15:9**
18. "Nothing but skin and bones" **Job 19:20**
19. "By the skin of his teeth" **Job 19:20**
20. "He thinks he knows it all" **Job 38:18**
21. "Ahah!" **Ps. 35:21**
22. "right on" **Prov. 4:25**
23. "The apple of my eye" **Prov. 7:2**
24. "That smarts!" **Prov. 11:15**
25. "Talk is cheap" **Prov. 14:23**
26. "He's asking for it" **Prov. 18:6**
27. "Remember the good ole days" **Eccl. 7:10**
28. "You can't tell him a thing" **Eccl. 10:14**
29. "Money talks" **Eccl. 10:19**
30. "A little bird told me" **Eccl. 10:20**
31. "Let the chips fall where they may" **Eccl. 11:3**
32. "I don't wanna hear a peep outta you" **Isa. 10:1**
33. "We just don't see eye to eye" **Isa. 52:8**
34. "Are your ears burning?" **Jer. 19:3**
35. "Like mother, like daughter" **Ezek. 16:44**
36. "Only God knows" **Ezek. 37:3**
37. "He has feet of clay" **Dan. 2:33**
38. "He got put out to pasture" **Dan. 4:32-33**
39. "Half-baked" **Hos. 7:8**
40. "If the walls could talk" **Hab. 2:11**
41. "Good riddance" **Zeph. 1:18**
42. "He really cleaned house" **Mt. 21:12-13**
43. "He won't lift a finger" **Mt. 23:4**
44. "Burning the midnight oil" **Mt. 25:6-9**
45. "I've never seen anything like it" **Mk. 2:12**
46. "Seeing is believing" **John 20:25**
47. "He's beside himself" **Acts 26:24**
48. "I stuck my neck out for you" **Rom. 16:4**
49. "You can't take it with you when you die" **I Tim. 6:7**
50. "He's my right hand man" **Heb. 1:13**

These are just some of the many expressions we use because of the **BIBLE**.

How Has The BIBLE Influenced Us in Other Ways?

- Western civilization, including the U.S.A., was founded directly upon the **BIBLE** and its teachings. Its very manner of life has its origin in **Acts 16:9**, when Paul, obedient to his heavenly vision, directed his second missionary journey toward Europe instead of Asia and the East! Thus the **BIBLE** spread through England, and eventually to the U.S.
- The "seven day week" and the "yearly timetable" of our modern day calendar are based on the **BIBLE**, as are many of the major holidays.
- Famous authors and their works have been influenced by the **BIBLE**. Authors such as Longfellow, Hawthorne, Shakespeare, Ruskin and Irving quote thousands of **BIBLE** references in their writings.
- Art has also been influenced. Over fifty-two world famous paintings depicting well known scenes in the Old Testament, along with over sixty-five in the New Testament are preserved today. These paintings can be found in every important museum on Earth. Great artists have been influenced, such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Raphael, Michelangelo and others.
- Many music composers have been influenced by the **BIBLE**. For example, Mendelssohn composed two classic works known as "St. Paul," and "Elijah." Beethoven wrote "Mt. of Olives" and "Samson and Delilah." In his classic, "Messiah," Handel quotes from fifteen books of the **BIBLE**.
- The **BIBLE** has influenced the law of the western world. For example:

English Common Law

The Bill of Rights



The Magna Carta

The Constitution of the United States

These were all influenced by the *Ten Commandments*. The *Ten Commandments* have also served as the basis for our morals and ethics.

- Christopher Columbus testified that it was certain texts in the Book of Isaiah (found in the Old Testament of the **BIBLE**) that prompted his fateful trip in 1492. He later wrote,

"In the name of the most Holy Trinity who inspired me with the idea and afterwards made it perfectly clear to me that I could go to the Indies from Spain by traveling the ocean westwardly. . ."

Perhaps he was reading the **BIBLE** where it mentions the following:

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth..."

ISAIAH 40:22

During his time, others thought the Earth was flat. The **BIBLE** had said all along it was round. Just think, if it wasn't for the **BIBLE**, Columbus may never have discovered America!

- It was primarily people searching for religious freedom by which they could read their **BIBLES** and worship according to its precepts, that initially brought the Pilgrims to the Americas.
- In 1777, during the American Revolution, the British cut off the shipment of **BIBLES** to America during its greatest crisis. So important was the **BIBLE** to the founding fathers, that CONGRESS ordered **BIBLES** imported to the colonies from other European sources.
- The charter of every colony includes **BIBLE** language. For example, the charter of the colony at Salem contains within its words: "We covenant with the Lord . . . to walk together in all his ways . . . as he has revealed . . . in his blessed **WORD OF TRUTH**."

Connecticut - "to preserve the liberty and purity of the **GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**."

- The Liberty Bell (at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – the birth place of the U.S. Constitution) itself bears the scriptural injunction found in **Leviticus 25:10** which says:

"proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof:"

- It is possible that the 3 branches of the U.S. Government were inspired by the **BIBLE**, for it says . . .

*"the LORD is our **judge** [Judicial branch], the LORD is our **lawgiver** [Legislative branch], the LORD is our **king** [Executive branch]; he will save us."*

ISAIAH 33:22

- Noah Webster, the author of Webster's Dictionary, used the **BIBLE** to help give the definition of words. Webster considered the **BIBLE** of great importance; others have also. Here are some quotes by famous people who were **influenced** by the **BIBLE**:

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the **BIBLE**." (George Washington)



"I believe the **BIBLE** is the best gift God has given to man."
(Abraham Lincoln)

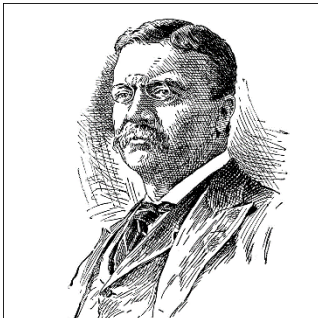
"The **BIBLE** is worth all other books which have ever been printed." (Patrick Henry)

"The secret of my success? It is simple. It is found in the **BIBLE**, '*In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths*'." (George Washington Carver, quoting **Proverbs 3:6**)

"I have for many years made it a practice to read through the **BIBLE** once a year." (John Quincy Adams)

"That Book sir, (the **BIBLE**) is the rock on which our republic rests." (Andrew Jackson)

"The **New Testament** is the very best that ever was or ever will be known in the world."
(Charles Dickens)



"If a man is not familiar with the **BIBLE**, he has suffered a loss which he had better make all possible haste to correct. A thorough knowledge of the **BIBLE** is worth more than a college education." (Theodore Roosevelt)

"**BULLY** for the **BIBLE**!"

"There are more marks of authenticity in the **BIBLE** than in any profane history." (Sir Isaac Newton)

"The **BIBLE** is no mere book, but a living creature, with a power that conquers all that oppose it."
(Napoleon)

"When you have read the **BIBLE**, you will know it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty." (Woodrow Wilson)

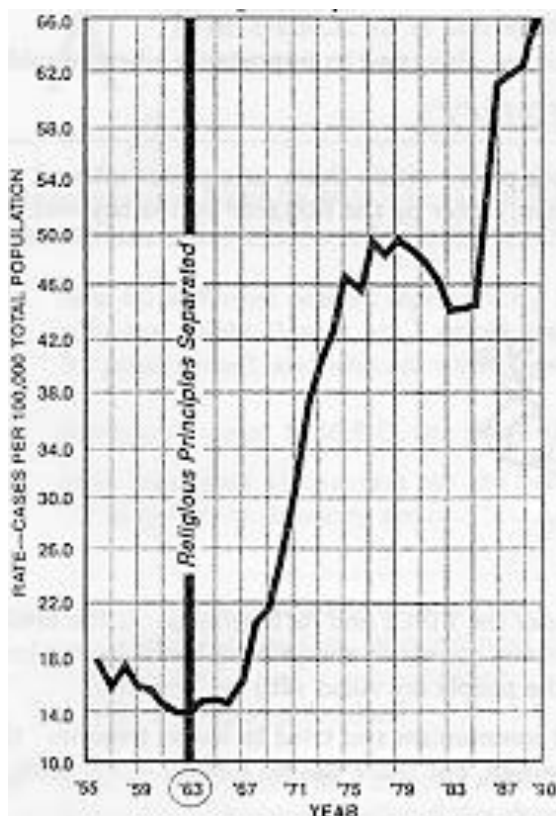
"Believe me sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed."
(Douglas MacArthur)

This is just a small sample of the total amount of quotes too numerous to mention, from the likes of Benjamin Franklin, Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower, and many others! Did these men know something about the **BIBLE'S** uniqueness?

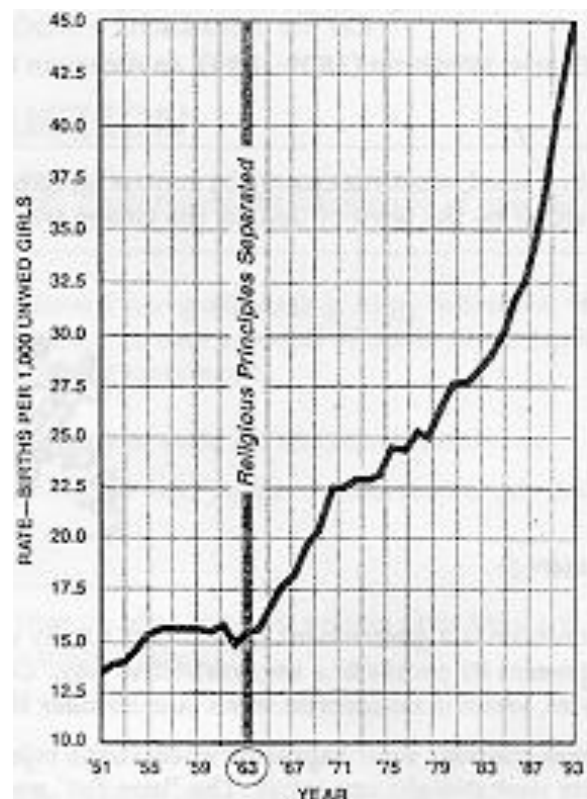
- Let's finally look at a very important example of the **BIBLE'S** influence on the United States of America. For most of this country's history, the **BIBLE** played an important role in our schools. Ivy League colleges such as Harvard, Yale and Princeton were all founded as Christian colleges for the purposes of teaching the **BIBLE**. The original declared purpose of Harvard College was to "train a literate clergy." In the early public schools, the **BIBLE** was one of the main textbooks. But on June 17, 1963, in Abington Vs. Schempp, the Supreme Court removed BIBLE readings from public education.

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED FOLLOWING THAT RULING . . .

Sexually Transmitted Diseases
Age Group 10-14



Birth Rates For Unwed Girls
15-19 Years Of Age



THE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL PROBLEMS . . .

BEFORE 1963

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Talking | 5. Getting out of Turn in Line |
| 2. Chewing Gum | 6. Wearing Improper Clothing |
| 3. Making Noise | 7. Not Putting Paper in Wastebasket |



SINCE 1963

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|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Rape | 7. Murder | 13. Alcohol Abuse |
| 2. Robbery | 8. Suicide | 14. Gang Warfare |
| 3. Assault | 9. Absenteeism | 15. Pregnancies |
| 4. Burglary | 10. Vandalism | 16. Abortions |
| 5. Arson | 11. Extortion | 17. Venereal Disease |
| 6. Bombings | 12. Drug Abuse | |

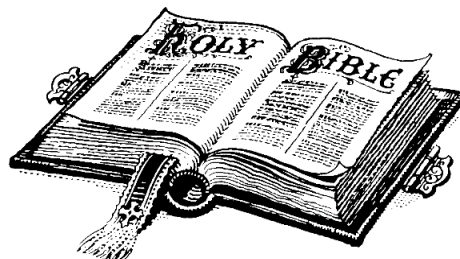
*Taken from USA TODAY September 1985

And the list would be much worse today!

When it came to education, Noah Webster (of Webster's Dictionary fame) stated: "Education is useless without the **BIBLE**. God's word, contained in the **BIBLE**, has furnished all necessary rules to direct our conduct."

President Lincoln understood the importance of the **BIBLE** and its effect on a given society. He said . . . "All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated through this Book. But for the Book, we could not know right from wrong. All things desirable to man are contained in it."

Robert Charles Winthrop (1809-1894), an American Legislator, also knew its importance when he said: "Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them, or a power without them, either by the word of God, or the strong arm of man; either by the **BIBLE** or by the bayonet."



FOR EXAMPLE:

Communism is a government system that totally excludes the **BIBLE** and its teachings. At the same time, it governs its people in a very restrictive way. Communist countries always brag about having low crime rates, which is no surprise when you consider that the people are ruled with an "iron fist."

But now consider what happened when Russia rejected communism and tried to live in freedom - the crime rate shot straight up! Why? The "iron fist" was removed, but there was no Biblical moral basis to replace it.

A free society will only function correctly if its people practice self-control and morally restrain themselves. The source of all moral principles is the **BIBLE**. Remove the **BIBLE** with its teachings, and people must be morally restrained by force.

Horace Greeley said: "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a **BIBLE**-reading people. The principles of the **BIBLE** are the ground work of human freedom."

That is why the **BIBLE** says:

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

PROVERBS 3:6

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD..."

PSALM 33:12

American society is one of the greatest examples of . . .
the **BIBLE'S** unique ability to **influence**.

Question: What is the **BIBLE**?

Answer: The **BIBLE** is a unique book - because of its

CONSTRUCTION

Suppose you were going to write a book like the **BIBLE**. To duplicate the uniqueness of how the **BIBLE** was written, you would have to do the following:

- Hire **40 different writers** representing **19 different occupations** (e.g. king, fisherman, tax collector, Rabbi, doctor, etc.), whose lives are scattered over a period of 1600 years (approx. 50 generations), and who are writing on **3 different continents**.
- Starting at about 1500 B.C., use the first 1000 years to write **39 chapters in Hebrew**.
- After these first 39 chapters put the book on hold for **400 years . . .** and then finish the last **27 chapters** in **Greek** by around 100 A.D.

Remember! None of your 40 writers can work together on what they are writing since they are separated by time (generations) and/or space (distance).

When the writing is finally finished . . .

- Take all 66 chapters and compile them together to form your book, and have it all fit **together in harmony** without the chapters conflicting or contradicting each other.

If you could do all that, you would have duplicated the uniqueness of the

BIBLE'S CONSTRUCTION.

The commonly used name, **BIBLE**, comes from the Greek words "Biblos" (Book) and "Biblia" (Books).

In time, the word **BIBLE** came to refer to the sacred "books" of Scripture. You could say the "books" of the **BIBLE** are like the chapters in a book. A given number of chapters make up a book, likewise 66 "books" make up the **BIBLE**. However, unlike chapters, the "books" of the **BIBLE** can stand alone by themselves as a complete book.

One of the fascinating things about the **BIBLE**, is that each of the 66 "books" is a self-contained book, while at the same time working together in harmony with the other "books" to form the whole **BIBLE**.

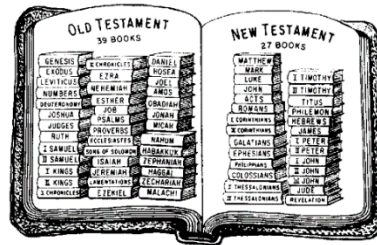
Each one of these "books" is then broken up into chapters and verses.

FOR EXAMPLE: A reference such as **John 3:16** means:

The 16th verse in the 3rd chapter of the Book of John.

These chapters and verses make it easy to find specific passages.

The 66 "books" are divided into two main sections.



The **OLD TESTAMENT** was written primarily in **Hebrew**.



The **NEW TESTAMENT** was written primarily in **Greek**.

The **OLD TESTAMENT** can be divided into the following categories:

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|--------------------|---|---|
| From Genesis | → | * Creation of Heaven and Earth |
| To Deuteronomy | | * Introduction of Jewish Nation |
| | | * Introduction of God's Law
(Including the 10 Commandments) |
| From Joshua | → | * History of Israel (The Jewish Nation) |
| To Esther | | |
| From Job | → | * These Poetic "Books" Deal with the Profound |
| To Song of Solomon | | Questions of Life |
| From Isaiah | → | * Prophecies Concerning Israel and the Human |
| To Malachi | | Race as a Whole |
| | | * The First and Second Coming of Jesus Christ are
Found Predicted Throughout These "Books" |

After the completion of the OLD TESTAMENT, there was a 400 year period of silence where no "Books" of the BIBLE were written.

The **NEW TESTAMENT** can be divided into the following categories:

From Matthew To John	→	* The Gospels and The Birth, Life, and Death of Jesus Christ
Acts of the Apostles	→	* The History of the Christian Church's Growth from Jerusalem to the Rest of the World
From Romans To Philemon	→	* Epistles (letters) that the Apostle Paul Wrote Advising Various Churches on Proper Christian Growth and Conduct
From Hebrews To Jude	→	* Epistles Written by Other Prophets to Various Churches
Revelation	→	* Prophecy About the End of the World

Considering the different writers, languages, and subjects that make up the **BIBLE**, it is amazing that it all fits together in complete agreement and harmony without contradiction or error.

Let's consider how all this can happen!

THE **BIBLE** SAYS:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."

II TIMOTHY 3:16

All the "books" that make up the **BIBLE** were inspired of God. God is the author of the **BIBLE**. This is what gives the **BIBLE** its continuity and is why all the books work together in spite of being written by different people at different times. So while men wrote the **BIBLE**, they were not its authors. This is why the **BIBLE** says:

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

II PETER 1:21

TO *illustrate*

Let's say that in the process of writing a book, you decided to write each chapter with a different pen. The result would be a book where all the chapters work together in harmony, yet look different from each other because different pens were used. Remember also that the pens themselves didn't really author the book. They were just writing instruments; you were the author.

God did the same thing in producing the **BIBLE**. He, as the author, chose different men as writing instruments. That is why each "book" reflects a different writing style, yet all work together as one Book without contradicting each other. There are many examples of God using men to write His word:

- KING DAVID, who wrote most of the **Psalms**, said:

"The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." **II SAMUEL 23:2**

- God told the PROPHET JEREMIAH, the writer of the "book" of Jeremiah:

"...Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." **JEREMIAH 1:9**

* There are 3800 references in the Old Testament alone that tell us the **BIBLE** is **GOD'S WORD**.

- The APOSTLE PAUL sent the church members at the church of Thessalonica a letter and reminded them, that what he originally had taught them was the **WORD OF GOD**:

"when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God..." **I THESSALONIANS 2:13**

- The APOSTLE PAUL wrote again to the church at Corinth:

"...not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth..." **I CORINTHIANS 2:13**

No other book has ever been put together like the **BIBLE**.

No other book can humanly be put together like the **BIBLE**.

No other book can rightly claim to be **THE WORD OF GOD**.

The **construction** of the **BIBLE** makes it a truly unique book.

Question: What is the **BIBLE**?

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ABILITY TO SURVIVE

The Greek writer, Porphyry, tried to destroy the credibility of the **BIBLE** back in 304 A.D. In the process, he wrote fifteen books against the **BIBLE** and Christianity in general. Did he succeed? Apparently not. The **BIBLE** is still around (even stronger than before). And as for Porphyry, well, let's put it this way; can you name his fifteen books? Can anybody name just one? Can anyone even pronounce his name?

Porphyry is just one of the many people who, throughout history, have tried to **ban, burn, destroy, outlaw, restrict, ridicule, or discredit** the **BIBLE**.

Here's another example: A Greek writer of satire, by the name of Lucian, wrote two books in the second century to ridicule the **BIBLE**. These books were named *The Dialogue of the Gods* and *The Dialogue of the Dead*. There's an extremely good chance that you don't have a copy of either of these two books in your personal library . . . Yet you probably have a **BIBLE** somewhere around the house; a testimony to the **BIBLE'S** ability to "out survive" its attackers. If Porphyry and Lucian would have just read the **BIBLE** instead of attacking it they could have saved a lot of time, because the **BIBLE** says:

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever."

PSALM 12:6 – 7

In A.D. 303, the Roman Emperor Diocletian issued an edict to stop Christians from worshipping and to destroy their scriptures. Twenty-five years later his successor, Constantine, issued another edict ordering 50 Bibles to be published at government expense. Too bad Diocletian didn't realize the promise from the **BIBLE** . . .

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

ISAIAH 40:8

Atheist Robert Ingersoll once boasted: "within 15 years I'll have the **BIBLE** lodged in a morgue."

Well, within 15 years, Robert Ingersoll was lodged within a morgue, but the **BIBLE** lives on!

In the 1700's, the atheist French writer Voltaire said, "within 100 years, the **BIBLE** and Christianity will be swept out of existence, and pass into history." Well, within 50 years, Voltaire was swept out of existence and passed into history, but the Geneva Bible Society used Voltaire's house and printing press to print and distribute thousands of **BIBLES**. This ironic twist of events should not have surprised anyone, because God had promised that . . .

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." **MATTHEW 24:35**

The **BIBLE** has an uncanny ability to simply stick around, while at the same time other books just don't have the staying power. For example:

- A man named Herodotus wrote his Greek history in 425 B.C. and 1500 years later, there was only one copy left.
- The very year that Voltaire said "50 years from now, the world will hear no more of the **BIBLE**," the British Museum paid \$500,000 for an old manuscript of the **BIBLE**, while at the same time in Paris, one of Voltaire's books sold for eight cents.

Neither of these authors could make their writings survive the test of time. However, God has always kept His Book, the **BIBLE**, flourishing more and more with time. And no wonder, since GOD INSPIRED King David to write. . .

"...thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." **PSALM 138:2**

Down through the centuries many attacks against the **BIBLE** have come through bitter persecution along with outright attempts to destroy it . . .

- **Christian martyrs** in the 15th century were burned at the stake with a **BIBLE** tied around their necks.
- William Tyndale was burned at the stake in 1536 because he translated the **BIBLE** from the Greek language into English. A few years earlier, the authorities had paid a large sum of money to a German man to have Tyndale's Bibles confiscated and burned. What the authorities didn't know was that the German was a friend of Tyndale and he used the money to help Tyndale further his efforts to print more Bibles.

MANY attacks against the **BIBLE** have come from scoffers. But there have been some, who after examining the facts, have changed their opinion. Here are two examples:

- **General Lew Wallace** was a Territorial Governor following the days of the U.S. Civil War. He had been a Senator in Indiana at the age of 29 and was considered a very scholarly man. He had no confidence in Christianity or the **BIBLE**, so he set out to write a skeptical book to disprove both. In his study he instead found the **BIBLE** and Christ to be true, and became himself a devout Christian. General Wallace never wrote his book against the **BIBLE**. He wrote instead the classic Christian novel, *Ben Hur*.

- William Ramsey, the English scholar went to Asia Minor with the expressed purpose of proving the **BIBLE** was historically inaccurate. As he painstakingly poured over the ancient artifacts and details, to his amazement, he found that the **BIBLE** was accurate down to the tiniest detail. The evidence was so convincing that Sir Ramsey himself became a Christian and a great Biblical scholar.

True history, science and archaeology will always line up with the **BIBLE**. Not a single scientific fact or discovery has ever disproven a Biblical statement. In fact, the advances of science, history, and archaeology have repeatedly confirmed the accuracy of the **BIBLE**.

Down through the years, the **BIBLE** has been a mighty anvil that has worn out many of the puny hammers of the scoffers.



The **survival** of the **BIBLE** makes it a truly unique book.

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*****A Sneak Preview*****

Our next lesson will feature information dealing with the **BIBLE'S** amazing ability to predict the future. Over one third of the **BIBLE** is prophecy, and only God could foretell future events with pinpoint accuracy. You will learn about God's 100 percent accurate past track record in predicting things before they happened. God also foretold of many **scientific facts** in the **BIBLE** before man discovered them. For example the **BIBLE** told us. . .

- * The Earth hung in space (long before philosophers thought we were on a giant turtle)
- * The Earth was round (back when they thought it was flat)
- * About wind circuits and water cycles before their discovery
- * The Moon did not give off its own light (back when they thought it did)
- * Man's chemical make-up is the same as dirt (long before science discovered it)
- * The stars are innumerable (long before Galileo)

Plus, past prophecies concerning . . .

- * The supernatural existence and survival of the Jews
- * Jesus Christ's fulfillment of all of prophecies against astronomical odds

And more. . .

**SO DON'T MISS THE NEXT LESSON AS WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE
BIBLE**

Lesson 1 Worksheet

Answer the questions by looking up the answers within the booklet.

Note: If you wish to audit and not answer the worksheet, fill in your name and address at the end of the form and mail back the unanswered worksheet to receive lesson 2.

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1. Give the reference to the **BIBLE** verse that revealed, before the days of Columbus, that the world was round. _____

2. What verse in the **BIBLE** is the possible model for the three branches of U.S. government?

3. Which famous American revealed the fact that he read the **BIBLE** every night?

4. When the British cut off the shipment of **BIBLES** to the American colonies during the American Revolution, what happened?

5. According to Theodore Roosevelt, what is worth more than a college education?

A thorough _____

6. According to Noah Webster, what is useless without the **BIBLE**?

An _____

7. What does the first verse of the **BIBLE** say? _____

8. The name "**BIBLE**" comes from what 2 Greek words? _____

9. The construction of the **BIBLE** seems impossible unless what is true?

God is the _____

10. How many works of Herodotus exist today? _____

11. Who was burned at the stake for translating the **BIBLE** from Greek into English in 1536?

12. What section of the **BIBLE** was the basis for American morals and ethics?

13. What was the original declared purpose of Harvard University?

14. What language was the New Testament written in? _____

15. The books of Romans to Philemon are called _____ or “letters.”

16. Who said, “I believe the **BIBLE** is the best gift God has given to man.”?

17. In what year was the **BIBLE** removed from public school education? _____

18. How many books are in the **BIBLE**?

In the Old Testament? _____ In the New Testament? _____

19. “*All scripture is given by* _____ “ (II Timothy 3:16)

20. What French writer tried to destroy the **BIBLE**, only to have his printing press used to print BIBLES after his death? _____

- Please clearly print your full name and complete address on each lesson -

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