



# Introduction to the new testament (the four gospel)

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John



# The Old Testaments Cell phone number:

5	12	7	5	5	
Pentateuch	Historical Books	Poetic Books	Major Prophets	Minor Prophets	Second Canonical
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4	1	14	
Gospels	Historical	St. Pauls	Catholic
Prophecy			

## General comments on the Holy Bible:

- The Holy bible consists of all books inspired by God, related to the creation of the world and its salvation, the history of the dealings of God with his people, prophecies of the end times.
- The Holy Bible is also called the Scripture and the word of God.
- The unity of the Holy Bible, we must not separate between the 2 parts of the Holy Bible
- St. Augustine said The old testament is revealed in the new testament and the new testament is hidden in the old testament

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reprove for correction for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete thoroughly equipped for every good work” 2 Timothy 3:16

- And our Lord said in Mat. 5:17-18 “Do you think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets I did not come to destroy but to fulfil”

40 writers with the guidance of the Holy Spirit took part in writing the Holy Bible

- During a period of about 1,600 the prophet Moses wrote his part around 1,500 years before Christ
- St John the beloved wrote his Gospel approximately 100 years after the birth of Christ

Those writers had different cultures, jobs, and lived in different places but they all wrote with the guidance of the Holy Spirit about one core subject which is man's salvation and God's dealing with man.

- St Peter says in his 2nd epistle Ch1:21 “For prophecy never came by the will of man but Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”

## What is the language used for writing the Holy Bible?

- Moses was the first one that God entrusted to write the Holy Bible (Exodus 34:27) The Lord said to Moses “Write these words for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel”
- Moses wrote all the writing of the old testament in **Hebrew** except some chapters in the prophecies Ezra and Daniel, and one verse in the book of Jeremiah, these were written in the aramaic **language**

The **aromic language** was used during the life of Jesus Christ on earth

- The new testament was written in the **ancient greek language**
- Around the year 300 AD the Holy Bible was translated from **Hebrew to Greek** which is known as the Septuagint version
- After that the Holy Bible was translated to many world languages up to **2300 languages**



## How did the New Testament reach us?

- After the coming of the Holy spirit upon the disciples on the day of pentecost the apostles went to preach according to the command of our Lord in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of earth (Acts 1:8)
- At the beginning the evangelical message of the gospel was oral passing through the Holy tradition
- The apostles preached and people believed and became themselves preachers all over the world.

However they started to feel the need for writing.

- First to keep the action of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Second to answer the questions of the coming generations and those posed by heretics.
- After the writing of the 27 books of the New Testament the last of which was the book of Revelation written by St. John the beloved before the end of the first century.

Those writings were in different places depending on the location of the apostles.

- After the end of the persecution era of the Jewish and Pagan the church with the grace and protection of our Lord started to gather those Holy books and because of difficulties of transportation the church started collecting all the Holy books by the beginning of the 2nd century.

Dividing the New Testament into chapters and verses, when the Holy Bible was written in the beginning it did not have chapter or verses with the exception of the psalms because they were sung.

- The books were written in the form of continued articles, However scholars found that the division into chapters and verses facilitates reading and follow up, this happened in particular in the year 220AD as the first attempt then the final division into chapters took place in 1240 AD, the division of the verses followed in the year 1545 AD.

The writer of the Gospel of St. Matthew is Levi (matthew) he used to work as a tax collector, he wrote to the Jewish people about Jesus Christ the king who gives us with him a share in the heavenly kingdom, he mentioned about 65 prophecies of the old testament that were fulfilled in Christ, he mentioned the word kingdom 33 times.

- In this gospel we find the sermon on the mount which is the constitution of Christianity in ch 5-7
- He wrote his gospel a few years after the writing of St Mark's gospel.

## Gospel of St Mark:

- Between the year of 65-70 AD he is the preacher who spread the word to Egypt and he founded the church of Alexandria in 61 AD, his hebrew name was John and his roman name was Mark as mentioned in Acts 15:37, he was one of the 70 apostles, he wrote for the romans
- The gospel focuses on the person of our Lord as the powerful minister

## The Gospel of St Luke:

- St Luke was a gentile from antioch
- He was physician and painter
- He became a Christian at the hand of St Paul the apostle
- He also wrote the book of acts
- He wrote his gospel a few years after the writing of the gospel of Matthew, he wrote it for the Greeks
- The gospel asserted the humanity of Christ as the friend of humanity, as it is the gospel of the son of man, it spoke of this several times to confirm God was incarnate to elevate us to unite with him

## Gospel of St John

- John the beloved is one of the 12 disciples and he is the brother of James son of Zebedee
- He was the disciple who used to lean on the bosom of the savior
- He was called the disciple whom Jesus loved (John 21:20)
- He wrote his gospel to the whole world to confirm the divinity of Jesus Christ
- He wrote his gospel after the writing of the first 3 gospels



The word Bible is the  
abbreviation of 5 words:

B: Basic

I: Instruction

B: Before

L: Leaving

E: Earth