**Bible Studies: Old Testament**

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**Chapter 1: Notes**

**A. What is the Bible?**

1. The Bible is a collection known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of scripture. It contains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ books, composed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ different authors over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years that Jewish and Christian communities have accepted as being authoritative.
2. The Bible was written in three languages: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The translation of the Hebrew Bible into Latin is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He was an early church father, known for translating the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures into Latin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. The Canon is from the Greek word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, originally, a cane or reed used as a standard of measure or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Why Did the Communities Need a Bible?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why do we exist?
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What do we believe?
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How do we live it?

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**C. What was the criteria for a writing to be included in the “Canon of Scripture”?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the determining factor of the final canon of scripture.
2. Was the writing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the Jews
3. Did they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it?
4. Did they use it and pass it down as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
5. Did the authors of the books have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Did it contain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Is the book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changing?

**D. When did the process of writing the canon begin?**

1. Old Testament writings roughly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. New Testament writings roughly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**E. When did the gathering of the canon begin?**

1. After the first writings “the book of the law” were found in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was commissioned to refurbish the Temple. His workers found the writings in the back of the Temple. (2 Kings 22:8-20)
3. The took the writings to the Prophetess \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and she affirmed that it was the Word of God and they were not following its instructions.
4. This occurred during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ century.

**F. What were some of the first rivals to the Christian Church?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religious movement based on believing that the God of the Hebrew Bible was not the Father of Jesus Christ.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the worship of many gods.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believes they have an elevated knowledge “higher truth” known only to a certain few.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believes that it is impossible to be 100% sure there is a God.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believe there is no God.

**G. What are Deuterocanonical/Apocrypha Books?**

1. Apocrypha comes from the Greek word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The Apocrypha Books are not part of the Canon of Scripture because they do not claim for themselves the same kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the Old Testament writings.
3. They were not regarded as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the Jewish people from whom they originated
4. They were not considered to be Scripture by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the New Testament authors
5. They contain teachings inconsistent with the rest of the Bible.

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**H. What took place for the final Canon of Scripture to close?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ known as the “father of church history.”  He was the first to write a “comprehensive” history of the early church.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Roman Emperor- adopted Christianity as the religion of the empire.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the first to publish in his Festal Letter of Easter in 367 C.E. a list of all Old and New Testament books.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish Historian says there has been no more (OT) authoritative writings since the book of Malachi.

The First Councils to Classify the Canonical Books:

* The Council of Hippo Regius in 393 C.E. and at Carthage in 397 C.E.- the 27 books in the New Testament were formally recognized.
* The Counter-Reformation Council of Trent (1546)- declared an “article of faith” that accepted the 27 books of the New Testament as canonical.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the first Canon known for the New Testament; the oldest list written in Greek of the New Testament (22 of the 27 books)
2. Did Priest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ read the “canon of scripture” from a written form? There’s no Evidence that written form existed during this time.

**I. What’s the difference between the Jewish Bible, Christian Bible and Roman Catholic Bible?**

1. Jewish Bible is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Jewish Bible consists of three sections:

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Law)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Prophets)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Writings)

1. Christian Bible contains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ books in OT and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ books in the NT.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OT canon has more books than Christian Bible

**J. How do we know that the Bible is God’s Word?**

1. The Greek word for the first five books of the Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The major teachings of the Bible can be classified into four characteristics:

* The **Authority** of Scripture
* The **Clarity** of Scripture
* The **Necessity** of Scripture
* The **Sufficiency** of Scripture

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