

THE BIBLE

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CHART ARRANGED BY CHARLES DAILEY

Prevent
TRUTH
Decay.
Read the
Bible every
day.

It is more than a book.	It is a library of 66 books.
It was written by more than one writer.	About 40 writers were involved — such men as Moses, David, Isaiah, Luke and Paul.
It is more than a slice of history.	It covers more than 1600 years of history, though it is not a history book.
It is about more than one culture.	It was written on three continents in three languages — Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.
It contains more than one kind of literature.	It includes laws, history, poetry, biography and prophetic writings.
The Bible has two main sections.	The Old Testament contains 39 books. The New Testament contains 27 books. (3 x 9 = 27)
The Old Testament has four sub-divisions.	In sequence — Law (5 books), History (12), Poetry (5), and Prophecy (17).

The focus of the Old Testament is the development of the Jewish nation — Israel.	God prepared this nation for the coming of Jesus into this world. He was <u>qualified</u> to be their king. They later rejected and crucified Him.
The New Testament has four sub-divisions.	In sequence — Biography of Christ (4), History of Church (1), Letters (21), and Prophecy (1).
The focus of the New Testament is the teaching and resurrection of Jesus.	The evidence for His resurrection was overwhelming. Because of this, the church came into being. At first the church was Jewish, then became multi-cultural.
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