

# Our Bible

## Isaiah 40:8

### Inspired book:

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, 2Pe 1:21 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.

### Holy Book:

Perfect: complete, without blemish, fully informed,

Proper: correct, just, right,

Complete: Nothing else needed

Hallowed: Set apart for sacred use

Ro 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the Holy Scriptures,)

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

### Truthful Book:

Gospel, exact, factual, authentic, true, sound, correct, genuine article, right, honest, reliable, sincere, straightforward,

## **I. The Preservation of the Bible (It's origin)**

O.T.: 39 Books 920 Chapters 23,314 verses 592,493 words 2,728,100 letters

### The O.T. has Three Divisions

1) The Law: first 5 books or the Pentateuch

2) The Prophets: (1) the former, namely, Joshua, Judges, the Books of Samuel, and the Books of Kings;

(2) the latter, namely, the greater prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, and the twelve minor prophets.

3) The Holy Writings:

(1) The Psalms, Proverbs, and Job, distinguished by the Hebrew name, a word formed of the initial letters of these books, emeth, meaning truth.

(2) Canticles, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther, called the five rolls, as being written for the synagogue use on five separate rolls.

(3) Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 and 2 Chronicles.

Originally written in Hebrew and Chaldee (Ezr. 16 verses, Da 1:1-2:3 Hebrew 2:4-7,28 Chaldean, 15 Persian words, 3 Greek words and one verse in Jeremiah).

The Old Testament was translated into Greek by a company of learned Jews at Alexandria, who began their labor about the year B.C. 286. It is called the Septuagint, i.e. the seventy, from the tradition that it was translated by seventy (more exactly seventy-two) translators/

There are no Hebrew manuscripts older than the 10<sup>th</sup> century, but the Greek O.T. is still intact from the days before Christ.

N.T. 27 Books 266 Chapters 7,959 Verses 181,253 Words 838,380 Letters

The N.T. has three divisions

- (1) the historical books, viz., the Gospels, and the Acts of the Apostles
- (2) the Epistles
- (3) the book of prophecy, the Revelation.

Of the Greek of the New Testament there are a number of ancient manuscripts They are divided into two kinds, the Uncials, written wholly in capitals, and the Cursives, written in a running hand. The chief of these are—

- (1) the Alexandrian (codex Alexandrinus, marked A), so named because it was found in Alexandria in Egypt, in 1628. It date back to A.D. 350, and is now in the British Museum.
- (2) The Vatican (codex Vaticanus, B), named from the Vatican library at Rome, where it is kept. Its date is A.D. 300 to 325.
- (3) The Sinaitic (codex Sinaiticus) so called from the convent of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai, there it was discovered by or Tichendorf in 1844. It is now at St. Petersburg Russia. This is one of the earliest best of all the manuscripts.

VI. TRANSLATIONS.--.

The Vulgate, or translation of the Bible into Latin by Jerome, A.D. 385-405, is the authorized version of the Roman Catholic Church.

The first English translation of the whole Bible was by John de Wickliffe (1324-1384).

Then followed that of William Tyndale (1525) and several others.

Miles Coverdale

Thomas Matthew 1537

Taverner 1539

Cranmer 1539 (the Authorized Version of the English Church till 1568)

Geneva Bible (The exiles who fled to Geneva in the reign of Mary. Was used by "commoners" from 1568-1611)

Bishop's Bible (little notoriety)

Rheems – Douhey (little notoriety)

As the sum and fruit of all these appeared our present Authorized Version, or King James Version, in 1611. It was made by forty-seven learned men, in two years and nine months, with a second revision which took nine months longer. These forty-seven formed themselves into six companies, two of whom met at Westminster, two at Oxford and two at Cambridge. The present English edition is an improvement, in typographical and grammatical correctness, upon this revision, and in these respects is nearly perfect. [See VERSIONS]