

## This Book WORKSHEET – October 21, 2012

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will \_\_\_\_\_”

The Bible gives us our WORLDVIEW. (definition from thefreedictionary.com)

1. The overall \_\_\_\_\_ from which one sees and interprets the world.
2. A collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or group

Our belief in the Bible and its words become the \_\_\_\_\_ through which we live our lives.

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“Bible” is greek for \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible contains 66 books (documents) written over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

It was written by approximately \_\_\_\_\_ authors in 3 languages on 3 continents.

The Bible is primarily about \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible contains many types of literature including:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Theology
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal Letters
- Philosophy
- Prophecy

The Christian Bible is divided into two parts:

1. The Old Testament (39 books)
2. The New Testament (27 books)

The books of the Bible were written in three languages.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Aramaic
3. Greek

### Compilation and Translation (quick view)

The Old Testament canon (or grouping of books) was originally written in Hebrew and Aramaic. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE we find most people in this region of the world speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ language.

As the common use of Hebrew diminished it was necessary to translate the Hebrew Scriptures into the common language of the day.

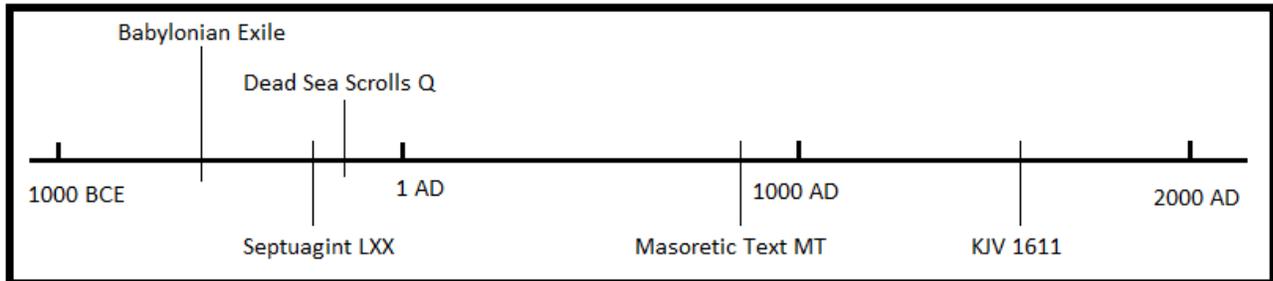
At the time of Jesus we find the Jewish people using a Greek Translation of the Old Testament Canon called the \_\_\_\_\_ (Abbreviated as LXX)

The New Testament is a compilation of 27 Greek manuscripts written by eye witnesses and Apostles following the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Only the writings that were commonly accepted by the \_\_\_\_\_ were included in the New Testament Canon in 393 at the Synod of Hippo Regius.

### Accuracy of Manuscripts

The Bible has been meticulously and accurately preserved through the centuries. The Dead Sea Scrolls found in 1947 were extremely helpful in authenticating the quality of the later manuscripts like the Masoretic Texts.



### Why do we believe that the Bible is God's Word?

1. Uniqueness of its \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 3 continents, 3 language, over 1600 years by 40 authors
2. The unity / consistency of its message
  - a. One redemptive theme woven throughout 66 books
  - b. The person of Jesus foreshadowed throughout.
3. It's circulation
  - a. One of the first books translated
  - b. One of the first books printed
  - c. Most \_\_\_\_\_ book in history
  - d. It's influence throughout the world
4. The accuracy of its history (archeological finds, language, timelines)
5. The accuracy of its prophecies
  - a. Approximately 2500 prophecies are found in scripture
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ of them have already been fulfilled
    - i. Micah 5:2 (birthplace of Jesus)
    - ii. Zechariah 11:12 (the price of Jesus' betrayal)
    - iii. Isaiah 52 & 53 (describe the death of Jesus in great detail)