

What is The Bible?

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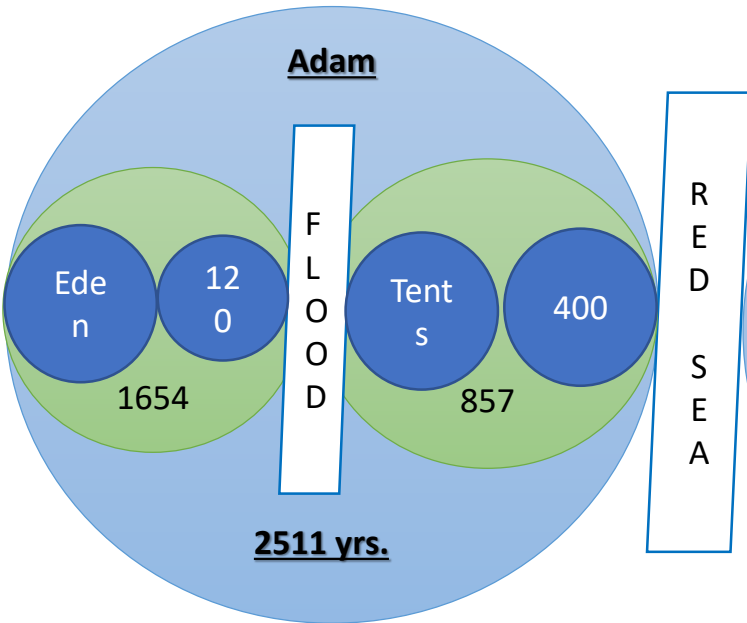
What is the Bible?

- **The Book of Books:**
 - The Bible (Gk. *Biblios*) means simply book.
 - Because of the importance of its contents it is *The Book of books*.
- **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6**
- The Bible is a compilation of several different 'books.' **Luke 24:27, 44**
- The Bible is the most influential book of all time! **Acts 17:6**

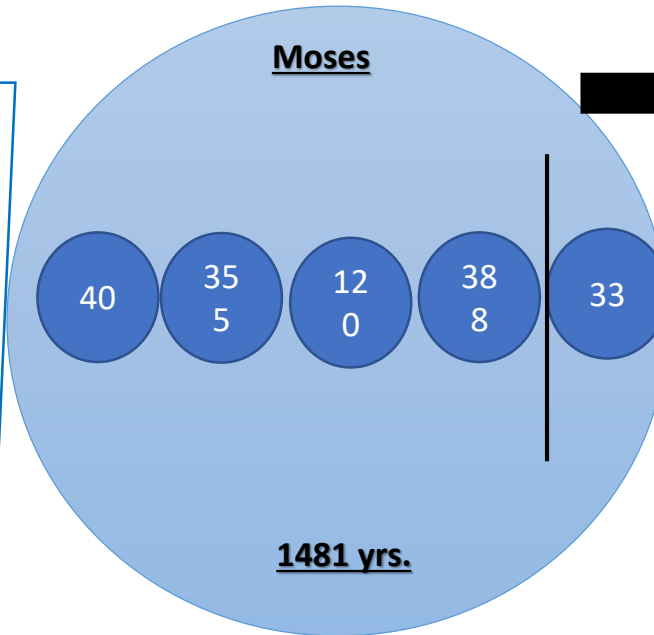
What is the Bible?

- **Two Major Divisions: Hebrews 1:1**
 - **Old Testament**
 - 39 Books, 32 Men.
 - Written from about 1500 BC to 400 BC.
 - Tells of the origin of man and God's first covenants with mankind.
 - **New Testament**
 - 27 Books, around 8 Men.
 - Written from 52 AD to 97 AD
 - Tells of the life of Christ, the spread of Christianity, and the letters to the first Christians.

Patriarchal



Mosaic



Christian



God Spoke to the Fathers

Heb. 1:1

Animal Sacrifice

Family Alter

Law Came by Moses

John 1:17

Animal Sacrifice

Temple Worship

Grace and Truth

John 1:17

Came by Christ

What is the Bible?

- Three Major Time Periods:
 - Time of the fathers (Patriarchal)
 - Time of Moses (The Law)
 - Fulfilled **Matthew 5:17**
 - Done away with **Colossians 2:14-18; Galatians 3:23-24**
 - Time of Christ (The Gospel)
 - We live under this law.
 - **Hebrews 1:1-2**

What is the Bible?

- **Inspired and Profitable:**

- **2 Timothy 3:16**

- Inspired = God breathed.
 - The message wasn't left up to chance or interpretation. **2 Peter 1:20-21**

- **It is profitable:**

- As a guide for life. **Psalms 119:105**
 - As a means for transformation. **Romans 12:2**
 - For salvation. **James 1:21**