

THE BIBLE LIBRARY

INTRO: Many people are proud of their personal libraries. Most of them cannot be bought. They are priceless. They are not for sale. People are usually well acquainted with their libraries.

Friends, have you ever considered the greatest of all libraries? The Great Library is divided into two great divisions: the Old Testament and the New Testament.

I. THE OLD TESTAMENT. IT HAS 39 BOOKS. IT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR OUTSTANDING PARTS.

A. Law. Five BooksB. History. Twelve BooksC. Poetry. Five Books

D. Prophecy. Seventeen Books In these 39 books there are 929 chapters.

II. THE NEW TESTAMENT. IT HAS 27 BOOKS. IT IS ALSO DIVIDED INTO FOUR OUTSTANDING PARTS

A. Gospels. Four BooksB. History. One Book

- C. Letters to Christians. Twenty-one Books
- D. Prophecy. One Book In these 27 books, there are 260 chapters.
- III. BIBLE HISTORY IN THREE PERIODS.
 - A. Patriarchal Period. God dealt with His people through the heads of the family. This period lasted about 2500 years.
 - B. Jewish Period. God dealt with His people through the Law given through Moses. It lasted about 1500 years.
 - C. The Christian Period (or dispensation). God deals with His people through the Word of His Son. This dispensation has lasted over 2000 years.
- IV. THE WRITING OF THE BIBLE.

About forty people wrote the Bible. The first writer was Moses; the last was John. It was written from about 1500 B.C. to 96 A.D.

- V. THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY INSPIRED MEN.
 - "For no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Pet. 1:21.
- VI. RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD. 2 TIM. 2:15; 2 TIM. 3:16-17; JOHN 8:32; JOHN 17:17; ROM. 10:17; HEB. 11:6; JOHN 12:48.

CONCL: The greatest book ever written is really a library of 66 books. How familiar are you with the books of this library?