

LIGHT FOR LIFE

EXPLORING GOD-BREATHED GLORY

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For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

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Psalm 36:9

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GENERAL REVELATION

Psalm 19:1-6

- Creation (Romans 1:18-20)
- Conscience (Romans 2:14-15)

SPECIAL REVELATION

Hebrews 1:1-3

- Theophanies
- Dreams and Visions
- Miracles and Signs
- Sacred Scripture
- Jesus Christ

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The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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Deuteronomy 29:29

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

AN INTRODUCTION

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How from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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2 Timothy 3:15–17

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Indifference to Scripture is the
great curse of the church at this hour.

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Charles Spurgeon

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Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main ends of his life and studies; to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all knowledge and learning and see that the Lord only giveth wisdom. Let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to see Christ as Lord and Master.

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Rules and Precepts

Harvard University, 1649

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In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the **books** the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

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Daniel 9:2

HOLY BIBLE

- Books in the Bible: **66**
 - **39** – *First Testament*
 - **27** – *Last Testament*
- Different authors: ~ **40**
- Writing period: ~**1,600 years**
 - ~1,500 B.C. – A.D. 100
- Continents: **3**
- Original languages: **3**

HOLY BIBLE

- “Old” and “New” *Testaments*
 - *testamentum* – “law, will, or **covenant** by two contracting parties”
 - *testari* – “witness, attest”
- Apocrypha – “hidden”
 - “Of unknown authorship; not authentic, spurious; uncanonical; false.” –*Oxford*
 - *Never quoted by New Testament*
 - *Not accepted by the Jews*
 - *Inconsistent with authenticated Scripture*
 - *No prophetic power*

COLLECTION

- Books in the Bible: **66**
- Chapters: **1,189**
- Verses: **31,102**
- Words: **790,868**
- Unique words: **12,845**
- Letters: **3,566,480**
- The word "God" appears: **3,358**
- The word "Lord" appears: **7,736**

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- Languages the Bible has been translated into:
more than 2,454
- Number of new Bibles distributed in the U.S.:
about **168,000 per day**

CANON

- Prophetic authorship
- Providential care
- Interior witness of the Holy Spirit
- The Word concerning the Word
 - Prophetic claims ("*thus saith the LORD*")
 - NT validation of OT (Luke 24:44; 11:51; Matt 4:4, 7, 10; 5:18; 22:29-30)
 - NT validation of itself (2 Peter 3:15-16; 1 Timothy 5:18)
- Authenticated by *power, miracles, or signs*
- *Recognition versus Determination*

MANUSCRIPTS

- No autographs
- Over 200,000 manuscripts exist today
 - O.T.
 - Talmudic : 300 B.C. – 500 A.D.
 - Masoretic: 500 – 1000 A.D.
 - N.T.
 - Western
 - Caesarean
 - Byzantine (5th century)
 - Alexandrian

MANUSCRIPTS

- **Dead Sea Scrolls**
 - Dates discovered: **1947-1956**
 - Location: **Wadi Qumran caves**
 - Date of writings: **~ 100 B.C. – 100 A.D.**
 - Content: Fragments of every OT book was recovered except Esther

LANGUAGES

OLD TESTAMENT

- Original
 - Hebrew
 - Aramaic: *only Daniel 2-6 and Ezra 4-7*
- Septuagint
 - Greek translation of Hebrew
 - Alexandria, Egypt
 - Date: 300 – 200 B.C.
- Characteristics of Hebrew
 - Aspectual verb tenses
 - Less precision than modern languages
 - Remarkable power in emotional expression & poetry

LANGUAGES

NEW TESTAMENT

- Original
 - Greek
- Characteristics of Greek
 - Aspectual and temporal verb tenses
 - Greater precision than English
 - Inflective language

רֵאש־דְּבָרְךָ אֱמֶת

וְלֵעוֹלָם כָּל-מִשְׁפָּט צְדָקָךָ:

Psalm 119:160

ἀγίασον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ·

ὁ λόγος ὁ σὸς ἀλήθειά ἐστιν

John 17:17

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Our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

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1 Thessalonians 1:5

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And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

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1 Thessalonians 2:13

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But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

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2 Thessalonians 2:13

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The Bible is endorsed by the ages. Our civilization is built upon its words. In no other Book is there such a collection of inspired wisdom, reality, and hope.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower

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And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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Luke 24:27

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Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

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Luke 24:44

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You search the Scriptures because you think that in them
you have eternal life;
and it is they that bear witness about me,

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John 5:39

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For if you believed Moses, you would believe me;
for he wrote of me.

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John 5:46