

How we got our Bible | Lesson #1 | January 2014

What is so special about your Bible?

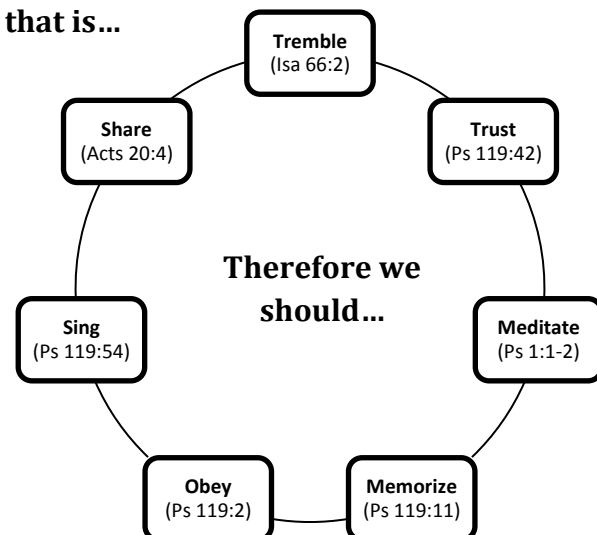
It is an amazingly **unique** book. Webster defines unique as “one and only; single; sole. Different from all others; having no like or equal.” That is what the Bible is. It is the Book of books.

1. **It is unique in its continuity** - Written over centuries by scores of authors from various walks of life, while presenting a single unfolding story of God’s redemption through Jesus.
2. **Unique in its circulation** – The bible is the bestseller of all time. No other book has known anything approaching the degree of constant circulation as the Bible.
3. **Unique in its translation** – No other book in history has been translated, retranslated, and paraphrased more than the bible.
4. **Unique in its survival** - It survived through time, persecution, and criticism
5. **The Bible is Unique in its Teachings** -It includes prophecy, history, and character
6. **The Bible is Unique in its influence on literature and civilization**

The uniqueness of the Bible doesn’t prove that it is the Word of God, but it seems to clearly indicate that it is superior to any and all other books.

The Bible – where you can find something that is...

True and Reliable – (Psalm 19:9)
Powerful – (Jeremiah 23:29)
Pure – (Psalm 12:6).
Eternal – (1 Peter 1:25)
Reviving – (Psalm 19:7)
Delightful –(Psalm 119:143)
Strengthening – (Psalm 119:28)
Hopeful – (Psalm 119:147)
Comforting – (Psalm 119:50)
Guiding – (Psalm 119:105)
Saving – (Psalm 119:155)



Quiz – General Bible Knowledge (Circle the best answer for each question below)

- 1. The Bible is comprised of how many books?**
 - a. 2
 - b. 56
 - c. 66
 - d. 39
- 2. The Bible is considered to be...**
 - a. General revelation
 - b. Sporadic revelation
 - c. Special revelation
 - d. Germaine revelation
- 3. Out of the 6,800 living languages today how many have at least a portion of the Bible translated into their tongue?**
 - a. 902
 - b. 960
 - c. 371
 - d. 2,233
 - e. 6,733
- 4. The first complete English Bible was known as?**
 - a. The Wycliffe Bible
 - b. The King James Bible
 - c. The Tyndale Bible
 - d. The Coverdale Bible
- 5. In this last week, how many days did you read your Bible?**
 - a. 0
 - b. 1-2 days
 - c. 3-4 days
 - d. 5-7 days
- 6. Which of the following contained the Apocrypha?**
 - a. The Septuagint
 - b. The 1611 King James Version
 - c. Jerome's Latin Vulgate
 - d. The Jerusalem Bible
 - e. All of the above
- 7. The Bible was originally written in what languages?**
 - a. Italian and Aramaic
 - b. Russian and Latin
 - c. Greek, Latin, and Aramaic
 - d. Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic
 - e. None of the above
- 8. The Scriptures were written on three continents, over a period of 1,500 years, by more than 40 authors.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 9. The longest chapter, smallest verse, and shortest book in the Bible are?**
 - a. Psalm 119, John 11:35, and 2 John
 - b. John 17, Mark 2:2, and Obadiah
 - c. Revelation 21, Psalm 127:1, and Philemon
 - d. Luke 2, John 10:14, and 3 John
- 10. The Hebrew Old Testament at the time of Christ was divided into how many sections and had how many books?**
 - a. Four sections with a total of 22 books
 - b. Three sections with a total of 3 books
 - c. Three sections with a total of 24 books
 - d. Five sections with a total of 27 books