

A LOOK AT THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

(Jewish Scriptures)

Written in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic over a period of 1000 years. It includes:

1. **Histories** of heroes and events
2. **Codes of Laws**
3. **Orations**
4. **Reflective Literature**
5. **Poetry**

There are 46 books in the Catholic Old Testament.
(39 books in the Protestant Old Testament)

5 Books Pentateuch	16 Books History	18 Books Prophets
Genesis	Joshua	Isaiah
Exodus	Judges	Jeremiah
Leviticus	Ruth	Lamentations
Numbers	1 Samuel	Baruch*
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	Ezekiel
	1 Kings	Daniel**
	2 Kings	Hosea
	1 Chronicles	Joel
	2 Chronicles	Amos
7 Books Wisdom	Ezra	Obadiah
	Nehemiah	Jonah
Job	Tobit*	Micah
Psalms	Judith*	Nahum
Proverbs	Esther**	Habakkuk
Ecclesiastes	1 Maccabees*	Zephaniah
Song of Songs	2 Maccabees*	Haggai
Wisdom*		Zechariah
Sirach*		Malachi

* Books only in Catholic Bibles.
** Parts of these books are only found in Catholic Bibles.

NEW TESTAMENT

(Christian Scriptures)

Written in colloquial Greek over a period of 150 years. It includes:

1. **Stories and Teachings** of Jesus
2. **History** of early Church
3. **Teachings** of the Apostles
4. **Encouragement** for persecuted Christians

There are 27 books in the New Testament, both Catholic and Protestant.

4 Books of Gospels	13 Letters of Paul	8 Letters of Others
Matthew	Romans	Hebrews
Mark	1 Corinthians	James
Luke	2 Corinthians	1 Peter
John	Galatians	2 Peter
	Ephesians	1 John
	Philippians	2 John
	Colossians	3 John
1 Book Acts of Peter and Paul	1 Thessalonians	Jude
	2 Thessalonians	
	1 Timothy	
	2 Timothy	1 Book Visions
Acts of the Apostles	Titus	Revelation
	Philemon	

Canon of the Bible:
All these Books were accepted as the "Canon" of the Bible at the Council of Hippo in 393 and redefined at later councils. They are all considered as inspired by the Holy Spirit and containing the essentials of our Catholic faith.

