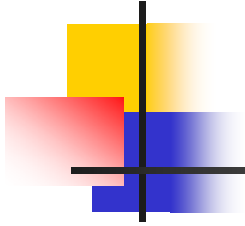




# *Overview of the Bible*

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Old Testament  
And  
New Testament



- BUT FIRST.....



# POP QUIZ!!

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- Who wrote the **Bible**?
  - A collection of over 35 authors!
- When was it written?
  - Most scholars agree it was written over a period of about 1500 years
- How many books does the **Bible** have?
  - Our version of the Bible contains 66 books



## General interest info...

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- What do you know about the **Bible**?
  - Ideas, topics, people, dates, etc.
- What are some misconceptions about the **Bible**?
- Name some **books**!
- How about a couple of **stories**?



# *Old Testament*

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- Split into 4 sections
  - Law
  - History
  - Wisdom literature
  - Prophecy



# *Law*

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- 5 Law Books (~1400 BC)
  - **Genesis** – The book of Beginnings
  - **Exodus** – The book of departure
  - **Leviticus** – The book of atonement
  - **Numbers** – Wandering in the desert
  - **Deuteronomy** – God's laws



# *History*

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- 12 History Books (1350-430 **BC**)
  - **Joshua** – Conquering the Promised Land
  - **Judges** – Israel's Twelve Judges
  - **Ruth** – Human Loyalty
  - **1 & 2 Samuel** – Israel's first Kings
  - **1 & 2 Kings** – United Kingdom or divided?
  - **1 & 2 Chronicles** – David and Israel's apostasy
  - **Ezra** – Return from Babylon
  - **Nehemiah** – Rebuilding Jerusalem's walls
  - **Esther** – God rules behind the scenes



# *Wisdom literature*

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- 5 books of Wisdom literature (1100 BC)
  - **Job** – Why do the innocent suffer?
  - **Psalms** – The book of devotion and praise
  - **Proverbs** – Maxims to live by
  - **Ecclesiastes** – What is the meaning of life?
  - **Song of Solomon** – The most beautiful of all songs



# *Prophets: Part I*

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- 5 Major Prophets (701-531 BC)
  - **Isaiah** – Salvation and the Servant
  - **Jeremiah** – The weeping Prophet
  - **Lamentations** – The book of tears
  - **Ezekiel** – The watchman's report
  - **Daniel** – The book of visions
- NOTE: Major vs. Minor means length, not importance!



## *Prophets: Part II-a*

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- 12 Minor Prophets (800-425 BC?)
  - **Hosea** – The book for backsliders
  - **Joel** – Judgment and Mercy
  - **Amos** – Prophet to the well-off
  - **Obadiah** – God's Judgment is certain
  - **Jonah** – Can God bless the wicked?
  - **Micah** – Judgment and Hope



## *Prophets: Part II-b*

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- 12 Minor Prophets (800-425 **BC?**)
  - **Nahum** – The fall of Nineveh
  - **Habakkuk** – Can God use the wicked?
  - **Zephaniah** – A warning of Judgment
  - **Haggai** – Building for God
  - **Zechariah** – Prepare for the Messiah
  - **Malachi** – God's love for his faithless people



# *The New Testament*

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- Split into 3 Parts
  - **History** – Gospels/Acts
  - **Epistles** (Letters)
  - **Prophecy**



# *History*

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- 5 Books of History (AD 55-90)
  - **Gospel of Matthew** – Jesus, the promised King
  - **Gospel of Mark** – Jesus, the obedient Servant
  - **Gospel of Luke** – Jesus, the perfect Man
  - **Gospel of John** – Jesus, the divine Son
  - **Acts** – The Witnessing Church



# *The Epistles: Part I*

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- 21 Books of Epistles (AD48-95)
  - **Romans** – The heart of the Gospel
  - **1 Corinthians** – Dealing with a divided church
  - **2 Corinthians** – Paul reveals his minister's heart
  - **Galatians** – The true Gospel
  - **Ephesians** – The letter of fullness
  - **Philippians** – A letter of joy



## *The Epistles: Part II*

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- 21 Books of Epistles (AD48-95)
  - **Colossians** – Jesus is pre-eminent
  - **1 Thessalonians** – A letter to young Christians
  - **2 Thessalonians** – Jesus' second coming
  - **1 Timothy** – Advice to ministers
  - **2 Timothy** – Paul's last will and testament
  - **Titus** – How to live as a Christian



## *The Epistles: Part III*

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- 21 Books of Epistles (AD48-95)
  - **Philemon** – Take back your runaway slave
  - **Hebrews** – Good news about better things
  - **James** – Practical Christianity
  - **1 Peter** – A message for suffering Christians
  - **2 Peter** – No passive journey
  - **1/2/3 John** – Knowing and being sure
  - **Jude** – Coping with heresy



# *Prophecy*

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- 1 Book of Prophecy (AD 91-95)
  - **Revelation** – A glimpse into the future? Or a warning to the church?



# Who has a question?!

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- The only silly question is the question left unasked!

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