

Believing the Bible – Week One

How an Old Book Became the All-Time Bestseller

A (Very) Brief History of the Bible

1. The derivation of the word “Bible”

- A. Daniel 9:2
- B. A library of books
- C. A library of books composed over 1,500 years.

2. The diversity of the Bible.

- A. Authors
- B. Continents
- C. Languages
- D. Literary styles
- E. Subjects

3. The unity of the Bible.

- A. Criticisms of unity
- B. Uniqueness of unity

4. The two testaments of the Bible.

- A. The old
- B. The new

5. The role of the authors’ in writing the Bible.

- A. They are conscious of their own writing styles.
- B. They are conscious that they are receiving revelation from God.
- C. Definitions of Revelation and Inspiration.
- D. Similarity to Jesus.

6. The historical development of the Bible.

- A. The years 1450 to 1950
 - Key date: before 1450
 - Key date: 1450
 - Key date: 1560
 - Key date: 1611
 - Key date: 1792
- B. So what’s happened since 1950?

7. *SO THEN, WHERE WE STAND TODAY* – You have the privilege of living in the golden age of biblical study.