

Key Vocabulary	
sacred	Very holy and special.
Christians	People who follow the religion of Christianity.
Bible	The holy book followed by Christians .
revelation	The Christian belief that God reveals himself to people through words or actions.
Jewish	People who follow the religion of Judaism.

A Sacred Text

The **Bible** is a **sacred** book for **Christians**.

It is treated with respect by those who use it. **Christians** believe that the words in the **Bible** are important and were revealed by God. This is known as **revelation**. The **Bible** has been translated into more than 600 languages.



When Was the Bible Written?	The Old Testament	The New Testament
The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years. It contains 66 books, written by around 40 authors. The authors of the Bible were inspired by God to write their ideas down. It is split into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.	The Old Testament contains stories and writings from before the birth of Jesus. The first five books of the Old Testament (the books of Moses) are also sacred texts to Jewish people.	The New Testament is about the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers. The final book in the Bible is a prophecy about how Jesus will return one day.

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psalms	Poems and songs recorded in the Bible .
parables	A story told by Jesus, to teach a particular lesson.
proverbs	Wise sayings recorded in the Bible .
Gospels	Four books in the New Testament that tell us about Jesus' life, from his birth up to his death and resurrection.
prophecy	A message given by God, that is delivered to his people by a specially chosen person (a prophet).



What's in the Bible?

The **Bible** contains lots of different types of texts. There are:

- **psalms**;
- **proverbs**;
- letters;
- laws;
- histories;
- **prophecies**;
- **parables**.

The Gospels

The four **gospel** writers are:

- Matthew;
- Mark;
- Luke;
- John.

Different versions of the same story can be found in the **gospels**.



Parables

When Jesus wanted to teach a particular lesson to a crowd of people, he would often tell them **parables**.

Jesus told **parables** so people could remember and understand what he had taught them.

How Do Christians Use the Bible?

Christians read the **Bible** because it contains rules and advice from God. They may talk to other **Christians** about what it means to them.

Some **Christians** study the **Bible**. This means that they read and think about it in detail, to gain a better understanding of God.