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I. Writing the Bible

**A.** Revelation

1. **Divine revelation**- God making himself known to us.



- Happens in many ways

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**A.** Revelation

2. The best revelation = Jesus.



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**A.** Revelation

3. **Bible**- the written record of God's revelation and his relationship with his people.

- Entire Bible is a revelation

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**A.** Revelation

4. **Tradition**- the Revelation of God's good news lived out in the Church.



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**B.** Working together

1. God wrote the Bible through many human authors.



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**B.** Working together

2. The authors wrote with their own words and expressions.

- The Holy Spirit helped.
- The writers aren't zombies

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**B.** Working together

3. **Divine inspiration**- the guidance the Holy Spirit gave to the Bible's authors.



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## C. Choosing the Books

1. **Canon**- the official list of books that make up the bible.



- Chosen by Pope Damasus at the Council of Rome in 372.

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## C. Choosing the Books

2. Catholic Bibles have 7 more books than most Protestant Bibles.

- Was disagreement over using the Greek or Hebrew version of the Old Testament.

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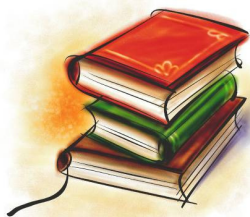
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## II. Bible Breakdown



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**A.** Basic Facts

1. Old Testament-  
Before Jesus lived.

- History of the Jewish people
- 46 books (Catholic version)

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**A.** Basic Facts

2. New Testament- story  
of Jesus and the early  
Church.

- 27 books.

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**A.** Basic Facts

3. THE OLD  
TESTAMENT IS MUCH  
BIGGER!

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## B. The Old Testament

1. **Pentateuch (Torah)**- the first 5 books of the Bible.

- Oldest stories and laws of the Jewish people.



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## B. The Old Testament

2. **Historical books**- the history of Ancient Israel.



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## B. The Old Testament

3. **Wisdom books**- God's role in everyday life.



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## B. The Old Testament

4. **Prophetic books-** writings of the great prophets.



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## C. The New Testament

1. **Gospels-** The stories of Jesus.

- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John



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## C. The New Testament

2. **Acts of the Apostles-** The stories of the apostles and early Church.



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**C.** The New Testament

3. **Letters**- Advice from the early saints

- Most written by Paul



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**C.** The New Testament

4. **Revelation**- Symbolic book about the end times



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