

# What's in your Bible?

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Lesson 1: Basics

If we want to learn what God wants us to do, we need to learn how to handle His word, the Holy Bible. Let's be sure of these basic rules:

## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

**OLD TESTAMENT**    3  $\Rightarrow$  9    \_\_\_\_\_ **Books!**  
 (3 Letters)            (9 Letters)

**NEW TESTAMENT**    3 X 9    \_\_\_\_\_ **Books!**  
 (3 Letters)            (9 Letters)

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

The books of the Bible are printed in the front of most Bibles. They are listed by Old and New Testament, and sometimes alphabetically, showing the page to find each. Look in your own Bible and find what page the following books start on.

|              |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Genesis      | page _____ | Matthew    | page _____ |
| Amos         | page _____ | Isaiah     | page _____ |
| Acts         | page _____ | Psalms     | page _____ |
| I Chronicles | page _____ | Revelation | page _____ |

## CHAPTERS & VERSES

The books in the Bible are divided into chapters, which are shown as large numbers on each page. The chapters are divided into verses, which are the little numbers. Verses in the Bible to be looked up are called scripture references. They are written in a special way: the book name first, then the chapter number, followed by a colon ( : ), and finally the verse number.

Example:

|  |        |         |        |
|--|--------|---------|--------|
|  | Book   | Chapter |        |
|  | ↓      | ↓       |        |
|  | Psalms | 19 :    | 7 - 11 |
|  |        |         | ↑      |

Verse numbers are always after the colon. A dash means everything between the two numbers.

Below are 6 Bible references. Can you figure them out? How are they different? How are they alike?

- a. Genesis 1:1 first chapter, first verse of Genesis
- b. Revelation 1:3 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Genesis 1 - 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Psalms 61:8 - 62:2 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Revelation 3:20a \_\_\_\_\_

Write the reference for these Bible verses:

\_\_\_\_\_ Verse 89 of chapter 119 of Psalms

\_\_\_\_\_ Verses seven to eleven of chapter nineteen of Psalms

\_\_\_\_\_ Verses 105 and 130 of chapter 119 of Psalms

\_\_\_\_\_ Verse 13 of chapter of 14 of Revelation

\_\_\_\_\_ Verse 11 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of First Corinthians

## GROWING TO PERFECTION

Now, look up these Bible verses about growing and answer the questions.

1. 1 Peter 2:2 What makes Christians grow?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 What about the Thessalonians was growing?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. 2 Peter 3:18 We should also grow in \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_.

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Lesson 2: Abbreviations

**Match these abbreviations with the right Bible book.**

**Genesis**

**Hab.**

**Leviticus**

**Neh.**

**Joshua**

**Gal.**

**I Chronicles**

**Ps.**

**Nehemiah**

**II Tim.**

**Psalms**

**Lev.**

**Ecclesiastes**

**Heb.**

**Habakkuk**

**Gen.**

**Matthew**

**Josh.**

**Romans**

**I Chron.**

**Galatians**

**Eccl.**

**II Timothy**

**Rev.**

**Hebrews**

**Matt.**

**Revelation**

**Rom.**

(Practice writing down scriptures that the preacher announces in his sermon. Use these abbreviations to help you do it faster.)

**Can you figure out  
abbreviations  
for ALL of the Books of  
the Bible?**

(Ask your Parents, if you're not sure.)

Old Testament

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| _____ Genesis           | _____ Song of Solomon |
| _____ Exodus            | _____ Isaiah          |
| _____ Leviticus         | _____ Jeremiah        |
| _____ Numbers           | _____ Lamentations    |
| _____ Deuteronomy       | _____ Ezekiel         |
| _____ Joshua            | _____ Daniel          |
| _____ Judges            | _____ Hosea           |
| _____ Ruth              | _____ Joel            |
| _____ I & II Samuel     | _____ Amos            |
| _____ I & II Kings      | _____ Obadiah         |
| _____ I & II Chronicles | _____ Jonah           |
| _____ Ezra              | _____ Micah           |
| _____ Nehemiah          | _____ Nahum           |
| _____ Esther            | _____ Habakkuk        |
| _____ Job (be careful)  | _____ Zephaniah       |
| _____ Psalms            | _____ Haggai          |
| _____ Proverbs          | _____ Zechariah       |
| _____ Ecclesiastes      | _____ Malachi         |

New Testament

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| _____ Matthew            | _____ Colossians           |
| _____ Mark               | _____ I & II Thessalonians |
| _____ Luke               | _____ I & II Timothy       |
| _____ John               | _____ Titus                |
| _____ Acts               | _____ Philemon             |
| _____ Romans             | _____ Hebrews              |
| _____ I & II Corinthians | _____ James                |
| _____ Galatians          | _____ I & II Peter         |
| _____ Ephesians          | _____ I, II, & III John    |
| _____ Philippians        | _____ Jude                 |
|                          | _____ Revelation           |

# What's in your Bible?

Lesson 3: Before and After

Practice using your Bibles. Can you handle it? When you try to find a book in the Bible, think about the songs you've learned about the names of the books in order.

FIRST Old or New Testament?

SECOND Near the front, middle or back?

THIRD Start near where you think it is and flip the pages. Look at the top of the page for the book you are looking for or one you know is near it.

PRACTICE: Write the names of the books that are BEFORE or AFTER each of the Books below. Try to do it without looking at your Bible.

BEFORE.....Leviticus? \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE.....I Kings? \_\_\_\_\_

AFTER..... Matthew? \_\_\_\_\_

AFTER..... Malachi? \_\_\_\_\_

AFTER..... Romans? \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE..... Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_

Now find these books in your Bible and write down the number of Chapters each has.

GENESIS \_\_\_\_\_ DEUTERONOMY \_\_\_\_\_ ACTS \_\_\_\_\_

HOSEA \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN \_\_\_\_\_ PSALMS \_\_\_\_\_

REVELATION \_\_\_\_\_ I PETER \_\_\_\_\_ RUTH \_\_\_\_\_

# What's in your Bible?

Lesson 4: Sequence

When the preacher or teacher announces a Book of the Bible, usually with a chapter and verse, its called a scripture reference.

Here's another practice page for you to help you learn your way around your Bible. How are you handling your Bible?

## REMEMBER, think:

FIRST Old or New Testament?

SECOND Near the front, middle or back?

THIRD Start near where you think it is and flip the pages. Look at the top of the page for the book you are looking for or one you know is near it.

**If you are thinking about the order of the books, can you start somewhere other than the beginning? Try this:**

## PRACTICE:

Fill in the blanks with the name of the correct book. In the blank before each group, write **OT** if the books are in the Old Testament. Write **NT** if the books are in the New Testament.

\_\_\_\_\_ Leviticus, \_\_\_\_\_, Deuteronomy

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, Jeremiah, Lamentations

\_\_\_\_\_ Romans, I & II Corinthians, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ III John, \_\_\_\_\_, Revelation

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, Judges, Ruth

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, Nehemiah, \_\_\_\_\_

(Practice finding at least the Book that the preacher mentions, and the chapter and verse if there is time. Can you keep up?)

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Lesson 5: Divisions-Law

Instead of trying to learn all of the books of the Bible at once, let's work on a section at a time. Starting with the Old Testament, first learn the divisions of the Old Testament

## 39 BOOKS                      5 DIVISIONS

LAW

HISTORY

POETRY

MAJOR PROPHETS

MINOR PROPHETS

**HOW MANY BOOKS IN EACH DIVISION????**

**5      12      5      5      12**

### **THE BOOKS OF LAW:**

Here's a marching drill to help you learn the books of Law!

**Teacher: Genesis and Exodus!**

Students: Genesis and Exodus!

**Teacher: Leviticus and Numbers!**

Students: Leviticus and Numbers!

**Teacher: The fifth book of the Law, you see,**

Students: The fifth book of the Law, you see,

**Teacher: Is Deuteronomy!**

Students: Is Deuteronomy!

**Teacher: Sound off!**

Students: GENESIS

**Teacher: Sound off!**

Students: EXODUS

**Teacher: Sound off!**

**ALL: LEVITICUS, NUMBERS....  
DEUTERONOMY!!**



# What's in your Bible?

Lesson 6-  
History Song

## The Books of History

“5-12-5-5-12”  
Books of History  
 (“Three Blind Mice”)

Joshua, Judges, Ruth  
Joshua, Judges, Ruth

First and Second Samuel  
First and Second Kings

First and Second Chronicles  
Ezra, Nehemiah

And Esther, too.  
Esther, too

# What's in your Bible?

Lesson 7: Division Review-Poetry

So far, we've learned the books in the first two divisions of the Old Testament. Let's review. Fill in the blanks below.

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**First Division:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How many books?** \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of the Books?

G \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_  
L \_\_\_\_\_  
N \_\_\_\_\_  
D \_\_\_\_\_

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**Second Division:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How many books?** \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of the Books?

**The Story Section:** J \_\_\_\_\_  
J \_\_\_\_\_  
R \_\_\_\_\_

**The Twins:** I & II \_\_\_\_\_  
I & II \_\_\_\_\_  
I & II \_\_\_\_\_

**The E-Z NE Section:** EZ \_\_\_\_\_  
N \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_

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The next division of the Old Testament is **POETRY** or **WISDOM LITERATURE**.

There are **FIVE** books of Poetry.

This exercise can help you remember them.

**JOB**, 2, 3, 4  
**PSALMS**, 2, 3, 4  
**PROVERBS**, 2, 3, 4  
**EC-CLES-I-AS-TEES**.  
**SONG OF SOL-O-MON**  
These are the books of **POETRY**. **POETRY!**



# What's in your Bible?

Everything is relative!! You know that Psalms is in the very middle of the Bible. Psalms is the second of the five books of Poetry. Everything else is either BEFORE or AFTER Psalms.

Write the names of the five Divisions of the Old Testament:

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Which divisions are before Psalms?

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Which divisions are after Psalms?

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Everything is in your Bible in relation to the book of Psalms!

Read more about the MIDDLE of the Bible on the next page.

# What's in your Bible?

## THE MIDDLE OF THE BIBLE

*Did you know that:*

- Psalm 118 is the middle **chapter** of the entire Bible?
- Psalm *117*, before Psalm 118, is the *shortest* chapter in the Bible?
- Psalm *119*, after Psalm 118, is the *longest* chapter in the Bible?
- The Bible has *594* chapters *before* Psalm 118 and *594* chapters *after* Psalm 118.
- If you add up all the chapters *except* Psalm 118 you get a total of *1188* chapters?
- 1188, or *Psalm 118:8*, is the *middle verse* of the entire Bible?
- The Middle or Central Verse of the entire Bible should have some significance other than statistical. Write it below:

- \_\_\_\_\_

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Lesson 8: Review B&A- Major Prophets

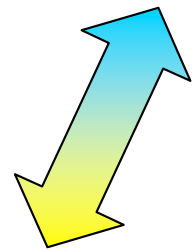
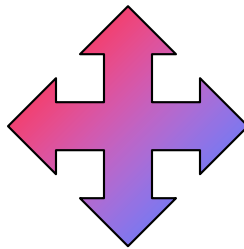
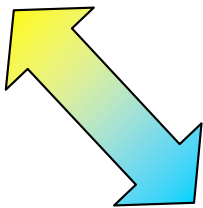
*Before we learn about the 4<sup>th</sup> Division of the Old Testament, let's warm up by reviewing.*

**What book comes BEFORE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Job  
\_\_\_\_\_ I Samuel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ecclesiastes  
\_\_\_\_\_ Nehemiah  
\_\_\_\_\_ Leviticus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Judges  
\_\_\_\_\_ I Chronicles  
\_\_\_\_\_ Psalms  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joshua

**What book comes AFTER:**

Numbers \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalms \_\_\_\_\_  
Exodus \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs \_\_\_\_\_  
Ezra \_\_\_\_\_  
Esther \_\_\_\_\_  
Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_  
Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_



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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The names of the 5 books of the Major Prophets are written below in a special code. To find the 5 names, write the letter in the alphabet which is 3 letters back from the letter shown. On the picture of the books next to the name, put the number to show the correct order of the books.



L V D L D K \_\_\_\_\_

H C H N L H O \_\_\_\_\_



M H U H P L D K \_\_\_\_\_

G D Q L H O \_\_\_\_\_



O D P H Q W D W L R Q V  
\_\_\_\_\_



# What's in your Bible?

Lesson 9: Minor Prophets

## THE NOT SO MINOR – MINOR PROPHETS!

*The Minor Prophets are shorter books and seem hard to find. Let's spend some time separating the pages of our Bibles to find out more about them.*

All the books in this Division of the Old Testament are AFTER Psalms....in the back half of your Bible.

They are just before the New Testament.....before the last 4<sup>th</sup> of the Bible. Find that general area first.....between Psalms and the New Testament.



We've learned there are 3 books of *Poetry* AFTER Psalms.....

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and \_\_\_\_\_



Next comes the 5 books of *Major Prophets*:

Isaiah, \_\_\_\_\_,

L \_\_\_\_\_, Ez \_\_\_\_\_ and D \_\_\_\_\_.

# What's in your Bible?

The book AFTER the last Major Prophet is the first Minor Prophet.

- HOSEA! How many chapters? \_\_\_\_\_
- What's the next book? \_\_\_\_\_ How many chapters? \_\_\_\_\_
- Next? \_\_\_\_\_ How many chapters? \_\_\_\_\_
- Next? \_\_\_\_\_ How many chapters? \_\_\_\_\_
- Next is J \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ chapters;
- Then \_\_\_\_\_ h, with \_\_\_\_\_ chapters.
- N \_\_\_\_\_ m has \_\_\_\_\_ chapters.
- Next there are 2 sets of books that start with the same letters;  
H, Z, H, Z
- They are H \_\_\_\_\_, and Z \_\_\_\_\_,
- H \_\_\_\_\_ and Z \_\_\_\_\_.
- The LAST Minor Prophet is \_\_\_\_\_. It has \_\_\_\_\_ chapters.



# What's in your Bible?

**THE OLD TESTAMENT - - - 5 DIVISIONS - - - YOU'VE LEARNED THEM ALL!!!**

**DIVISIONS:**

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**BOOKS OF \_\_\_\_\_**

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**BOOKS OF \_\_\_\_\_**

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**BOOKS OF \_\_\_\_\_**

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# What's in your Bible?

THE \_\_\_\_\_ PROPHETS

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THE \_\_\_\_\_ PROPHETS

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**“THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MY HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT  
SIN AGAINST THEE.” Psalm 119:11**

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Lesson 10: Line 'Em Up

## INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

Remember how many books are in the New Testament?

$$(3) \times (9) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

The Divisions of the New Testament are a little different than the Old Testament.

GOSPELS

HISTORY

PAUL'S EPISTLES

GENERAL EPISTLES

PROPHECY

How many books in each?

|       |       |       |   |       |   |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|---|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | + | _____ | = | _____ | _____ |
|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|---|-------|-------|

The Gospels tell the story of Jesus. They were written by 4 men, all telling the same story, in their own way, as inspired by the Holy Spirit. One of these men also wrote the only book of church history. Do you know who he is? \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew's occupation was as a \_\_\_\_\_

Mark was a helper to the \_\_\_\_\_

Luke was a \_\_\_\_\_

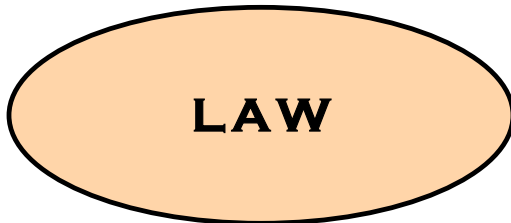
John was a \_\_\_\_\_ before he became an apostle.

The book of church history should be properly called "Some of the Acts of Some of the Apostles". It does not tell us everything that happened to all of Jesus' apostles, but it tells us everything we need to know to be able to worship God properly today.

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OLD TESTAMENT REVIEW - Can you remember which Division each of these books is in? Draw a line from the name of the book to the correct Division.

I & II SAMUEL



OBADIAH

PSALMS

RUTH

NAHUM

EZEKIEL

ESTHER

HOSEA

ISAIAH

JONAH

LEVITICUS



NEHEMIAH

JEREMIAH



DEUTERONOMY

MICAH

EXODUS

DANIEL

JOEL

HAGGAI

I & II CHRONICLES

NUMBERS

PROVERBS

AMOS



JUDGES

ZECHARIAH



JOSHUA

MALACHI

ECCLESIASTES

SONG OF SOLOMON

ZEPHANIAH

I & II KINGS

LAMENTATIONS

JOB

EZRA

GENESIS

HABBAKUK

# What's in your Bible?

Lesson 11: New Testament Instructions-Epistles

THE EPISTLES - - - - 21 IN ALL!

Paul wrote 13, but only 10 names to remember.

The Letter to the R \_\_\_\_\_

I & II C \_\_\_\_\_

A set of 4 very similar letters to churches in Asia

G \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

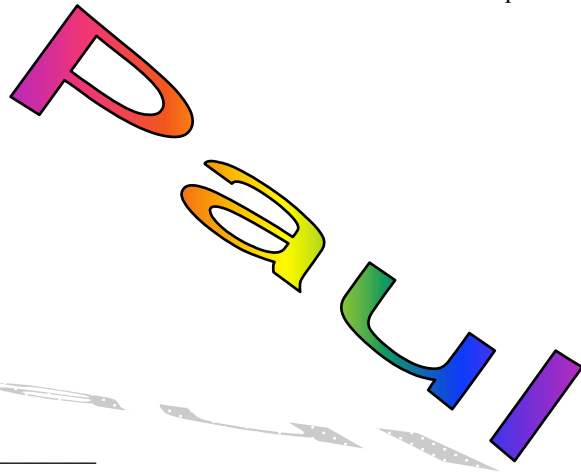
2 sets of twin letters

I & II Th \_\_\_\_\_

I & II T \_\_\_\_\_

Another T; T \_\_\_\_\_

And, "phinally", Ph \_\_\_\_\_ at the end



The remaining 8 epistles are called general epistles, with only 5 names to remember.

H \_\_\_\_\_, writer unknown, but most think Paul also wrote this to the Jewish Christians.

J \_\_\_\_\_, written by a brother of Jesus

A set of twin letters, I & II P \_\_\_\_\_, written by an apostle

A set of triplet letters, I, II & III J \_\_\_\_\_, written by an apostle

Finally, J \_\_\_\_\_, also written by a brother of Jesus

Why \_\_\_\_\_ Write?????

The early church and Christians had a lot to learn about a new way to worship the Lord. Jesus was head of the church and only what He taught was acceptable to God. The epistles helped the early churches know what to do and teach. They also helped them identify problems, false teachers and how to deal with them. On the following page, fill in the missing words to find some very important teachings from the epistles. Can you see how each one helped the church to learn?

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**Romans 6:23** “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but the gift of God is eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus our \_\_\_\_\_.”

**I Corinthians 3:16** “Do you not know that you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God dwells in you?”

**II Corinthians 7:10** “For godly sorrow produces \_\_\_\_\_ leading to \_\_\_\_\_, not to be regretted, but the sorrow of the world produces \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Galatians 1:8** “But even if we, or an \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven preach any other \_\_\_\_\_ to you than what we have preached to you, let him be \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Ephesians 6:11** “Put on the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Philippians 4:13** “I can do all things through \_\_\_\_\_ who strengthens me.”

**Colossians 3:17** “And whatever you do in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, do all in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus...”

**I Thessalonians 5:17** “\_\_\_\_\_ without ceasing.”

**II Thessalonians 3:15** “Yet, do not count him as an \_\_\_\_\_, but admonish him as a \_\_\_\_\_.”

**I Timothy 3:1** “This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a \_\_\_\_\_, he desires a good work.”

**II Timothy 4:3** “For the time will come when they will not endure sound \_\_\_\_\_...”

**Titus 2:1** “But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound \_\_\_\_\_”

**Philemon 7** “For we have great joy and consolation in your \_\_\_\_\_, because the hearts of the saints have been \_\_\_\_\_ by you, brother.”

**Hebrews 10:25** “Not forsaking the \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves together as is the manner of some, but \_\_\_\_\_ one another, ad so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

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**James 1:2** “My brethren, count it all \_\_\_\_\_ when you fall into various trials.”

**I Peter 3:21** “There is also an antitype which now saves us - \_\_\_\_\_ (not the removal of filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good \_\_\_\_\_ toward God). . . .”

**II Peter 3:10** “But the day of the Lord will come as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great \_\_\_\_\_ . . . .”

**I John 1:7** “But if we walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ as He is in the light, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with one another, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all \_\_\_\_\_ .”

**II John 10** “If anyone comes to you and does not bring this \_\_\_\_\_, do not receive him into your \_\_\_\_\_ nor greet him.”

**III John 11** “Beloved, do not imitate what is \_\_\_\_\_, but what is \_\_\_\_\_ . . . .”

**Jude 3b** “I found it necessary to write to you exhorting your to contend earnestly for the \_\_\_\_\_ which was once for all delivered to the \_\_\_\_\_ .”

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## Prophecy

The last book of the New Testament, is a book of prophecy, written by the apostle John while he was in exile on the island of Patmos. It revealed from God the future of the church, the city of Jerusalem and the presence of Jesus in Heaven. Because it revealed these things, it is called R\_\_\_\_\_.

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### New Testament Review:

4 Gospels

1 Book of History

13 Epistles by Paul

8 General Epistles

1 Book of Prophecy

Can you name all 27???????