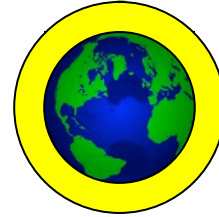
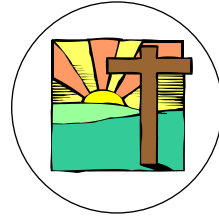


What is the Bible?

Session 2

What's in the Bible?



The early chapters of **Genesis** tell how God created the world perfect, and how he created human beings to lovingly rule it, and to know him.

But we rebelled against God's law – bringing misery and death upon us and the world. We remain at war with God, and facing his judgment.

The rest of the **Old Testament** tells the history of *Israel*, the people whom God chose to be the first step in his unfolding plan of Salvation.

Israel too rebelled and was judged, but God promised to rescue and transform his people, and to set over them a king whom he would send.

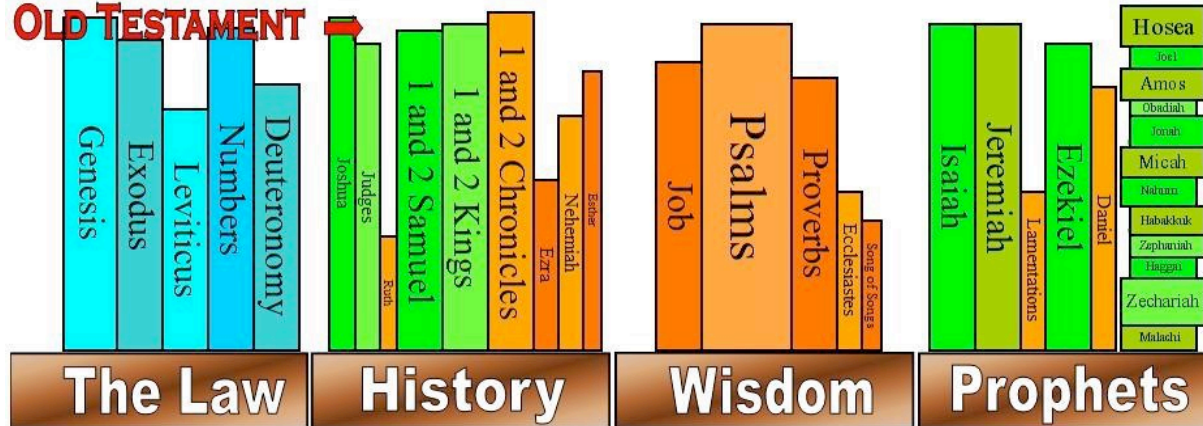
The **New Testament** tells how God kept this promise, by sending *his Son*, born into our world of misery and death.

The **Gospels** tell the history of *Jesus' life* of faithful, loving obedience, his death for his people (willingly bearing God's judgment in their place), and his resurrection to be king of the world.

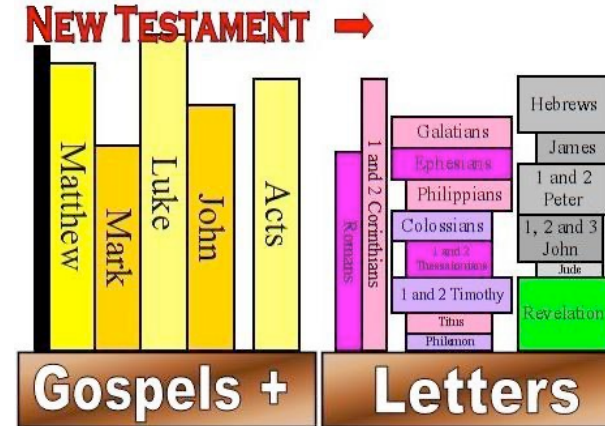
The rest of the **New Testament** tells the early history of God's people, *the church*. Forgiven, and transformed by God's Holy Spirit, they are called to live lives of faithful, loving obedience to Jesus as Lord.

The final chapters of **Revelation** describe how Jesus will return to triumph over evil, to rescue his people, to transform the world, and to judge and exclude all those who have remained in rebellion against God.

OLD TESTAMENT →



NEW TESTAMENT →



The Bible – God’s word

- “The Lord spoke”

The Old Testament claims about itself

- Micah 3vs8
- Zechariah 7vs12
- 2 Samuel 23vs2
- Jeremiah 1vs9
- Isaiah 51vs16
- Amos 3vs7-8
- Deuteronomy 4vs2
- Psalm 119vs160
- Proverbs 30vs5-6

The Bible – God's word

The New Testament claims about the OT

- 2 Timothy 3vs16
- 2 Peter 1vs21

The New Testament claims about itself

- 1 Corinthians 2vs12-13
- 2 Peter 3vs1-2
- 1 Peter 1vs10-12
- Revelation 22vs6
- 1 Corinthians 14vs37
- 1 Thessalonians 4vs2
- 1 Thessalonians 1vs13
- Galatians 1vs6-12
- 2 Thessalonians 3vs6 & 14

The Bible – God’s word

- Its unity
- Its detailed foretelling of what came to pass
- Its authority and power
- Its historicity
- The testimony of its authors
- Its indestructability

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”