

Introduction to the Bible

Psalm 19:7-11

Introduction

I The Uniqueness of the Bible

- A. The Bible is unique in its _____
1. It was written over a 1,600-year period
 2. It was written by more than ___ writers
 3. It was written in different places
 4. It was written at different times
 5. It was written during authors' different moods
 6. It was written on _____ continents
 7. It was written in three different languages
 8. It was written concerning _____ issues
- B. The Bible is unique in its _____
1. Through its _____
 2. Through its honesty
 3. Through its moral and ethical values
 4. Through its _____ of God
- C. The Bible is unique in its _____
1. Read by more people than any other book
 2. _____ into more languages than any other book
 3. It remains the #__ best selling book of all time
- D. The Bible is unique in its _____
1. Through efforts to _____ it
 2. Through efforts to marginalize it
- E. The Bible is unique in its _____

II The Structure Of The Bible

- A. It is made up of 66 individual books
1. ___ Old Testament books
 2. ___ New Testament books
- B. The Old Testament is an account of a nation: _____
1. ___ Historical books
 2. 5 Poetical books
 3. ___ Prophetical books
 - a. _____ Prophets (the first five)
 - b. _____ Prophets (the last 12)

- C. The New Testament is an account of a man: _____
1. ___ Historical books
 - a. The four Gospels
 1. Matthew: Jesus the _____
 2. Mark: Jesus the Servant
 3. Luke: Jesus the Son of _____
 4. John: Jesus the Son of God
 - b. The book of Acts
 2. ___ Epistles (letters)
 3. ___ Prophetical book
- B. Interesting facts about the Bible
1. It gets its name from the papyrus plant, "Biblos"
 2. It is organized by genre rather than chronology
 3. Paul's letters are organized according to length
 4. Chapter divisions: Cardinal Hugo in 1250
 5. NT Verse divisions: Sir Robert Stephens in 1551
 6. Chapter & verse divisions in OT & NT: In 1560 in the "Geneva Bible."
 7. The longest chapter of the Bible? Psalm 119
 8. The shortest chapter of the Bible? 2 John
 9. The shortest verse in the NT: John 11:35
 10. The center verse of the Bible is Psalm 118:8

III The Benefits Of Reading The Bible

- A. _____ and eternal life - Jn 5:24; 6:63, 68; 20:31; Rom 1:16-17; 10:17; 16:25-27; 2 Tim 3:15; 1 Pet 1:23
- B. Wisdom and knowledge - Prov 1:1-6; Eph 1:17
- C. _____ - Ps 119:105, 133; 2 Peter 1:19
- D. Success and prosperity - Joshua 1:8; Ps 1:1-3
- E. _____ and hope - Rom 15:4
- F. Protection from sin - Ps 119:9, 11
- G. A _____ of God - Titus 1:1-3
- H. A knowledge of the _____ - Is 44:7-8; 46:9-10

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