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. ___ Prophetic books
      a. ______ Prophets (the first five)
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. ___ Prophetic 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;
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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