Look at this picture.
Who is this in the picture?
What is the book that he is reading?

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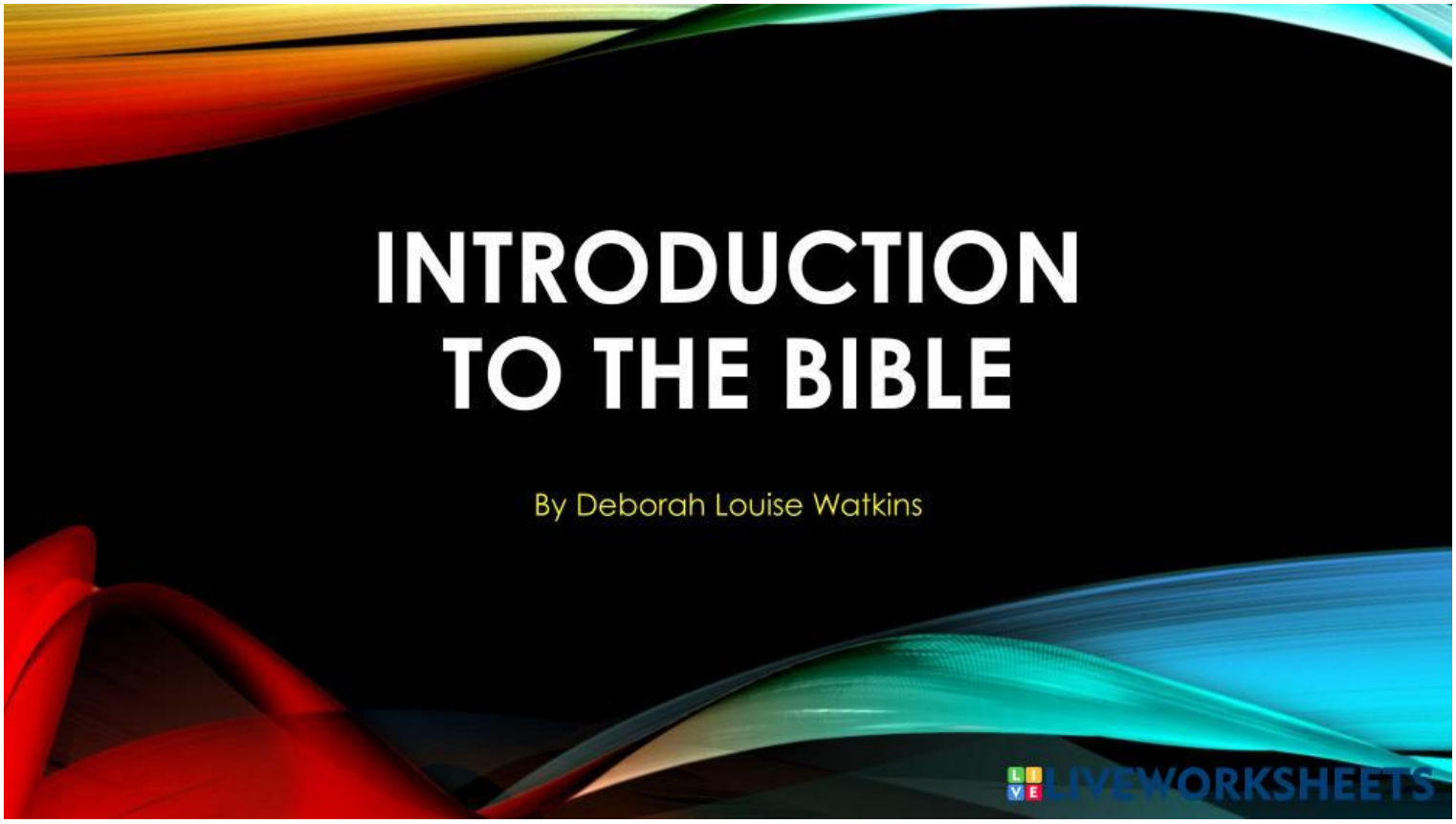
INTRODUCTION
TO THE BIBLE
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WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

- The Bible is the Word of God. It is made up of 66 books.
- The Bible has two parts called the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- Each testament has different books in it. Each book has different chapters. Each chapter is made up of verses.

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WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?

- The Bible was written by many people for thousands of years.
- Some of the people who wrote the Bible were a poet, king, prophet, tentmaker, fisherman, doctor, ruler, etc.
- God had inspired these people on what to write. That is, the Holy Spirit helped the writers, who used their own words and ideas but were guided to tell God's message. That is why it is holy and is called the Word of God.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther
18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon
23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel
28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi

- The Bible has two parts. The first part is The **Old Testament**. It is made up of **39** different books.
- The books of the Old Testament tell of the promises of Jesus coming to the earth.
- The Old Testament was written before Jesus came into the world.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John
5. Acts (Acts of the Apostles)
6. Romans
7. 1 Corinthians
8. 2 Corinthians
9. Galatians
10. Ephesians
11. Philippians
12. Colossians
13. 1 Thessalonians
14. 2 Thessalonians
15. 1 Timothy
16. 2 Timothy
17. Titus
18. Philemon
19. Hebrews
20. James
21. 1 Peter
22. 2 Peter
23. 1 John
24. 2 John
25. 3 John
26. Jude
27. Revelation

- The second part of the Bible is called the **New Testament**. It has **27** books.
- The New Testament tells of Jesus' life on earth and about His return to earth. It also tells about the final judgment of the people when Jesus returns.
- The New Testament was written by persons after Jesus came into the world.

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ARE THERE ARE OTHER BOOKS THAT ARE NOT IN THE BIBLE?

There are other books that were once in the Bible but are not in most of the Bibles today. These are the Apocrypha Books. The word "Apocrypha" means hidden or secret.

It was decided a long time ago that these books **may** not be true holy books.

Some of the books of the Apocrypha are in Catholic Bibles.

Books of the Apocrypha

Tobit

Judith

Wisdom of Solomon

Sirach

Baruch

Maccabees

Prayer of Manasseh

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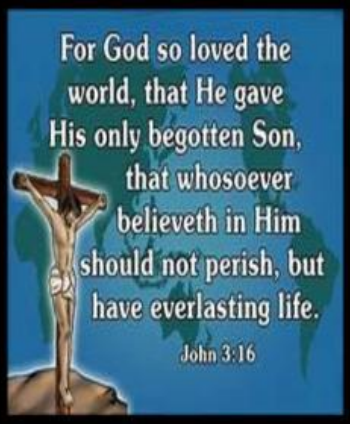
WHY THE BIBLE IS IMPORTANT (ESPECIALLY TO CHRISTIANS)



The Bible is very important. It tells us many important things:

1. It is the Word of God.
2. It tells us about God who created the world and what He is like (His character). It also tells how God was involved in the lives of people, and His plans for us.
3. It tells us about Jesus' birth, death, resurrection, and ascension.
4. It tells us what will happen to mankind and the earth in the future.
5. It gives great faith and comfort to people who believe in God.

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OTHER REASONS WHY THE BIBLE IS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE (CHRISTIANS AND NON-CHRISTIANS)

Nero, the Roman Emperor, Is mentioned in the New Testament's Book of Acts

6. It is a book about history and tells us facts about the people and events that really took place thousands of years ago. For example, it tells about the Roman government and their rulers.

7. It is a book of laws that tell people how to behave. Countries use the laws in the Bible to create laws for their own countries.

8. It is considered a great book of literature and is filled with stories, letters, songs, and poetry.

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WHY WE USE THE BIBLE

Here are some reasons why we use the Bible or why we study the Bible:

- When we want to learn about God and His plan of salvation for us.
- To help guide us and teach us what is right and wrong.
- The words in the Bible give us hope and comfort, especially when we go through difficult times in life.

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FAMOUS QUOTES ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible centers on living truthfully with compassion. It invites you to stand for what's real and to treat others with genuine care, even when it's hard.
By Mahatma Gandhi; Peacemaker

"Prayer and Scripture push us to serve with humility, because every person is a person of God."
By Saint Mother Teresa
Catholic Nun

"The Bible is a thermostat that keeps setting us toward justice and love for all people."
By Martin Luther King Jr.
Civil Rights Leader

"In this book [the Bible] there is a power which will keep you from fear and guide you to do what's right."
By Abraham Lincoln
The 16th American President

"The more I study science, the more I am drawn to the Bible because it teaches wonder, humility, and care for others."
By Albert Einstein; Scientist

To Satan when being tempted:
"Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
By Jesus in Matthew 4:4

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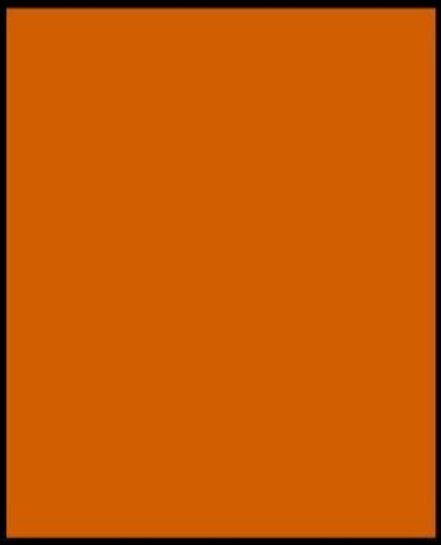
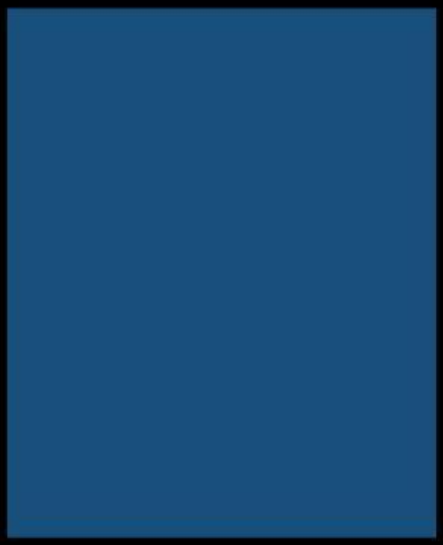
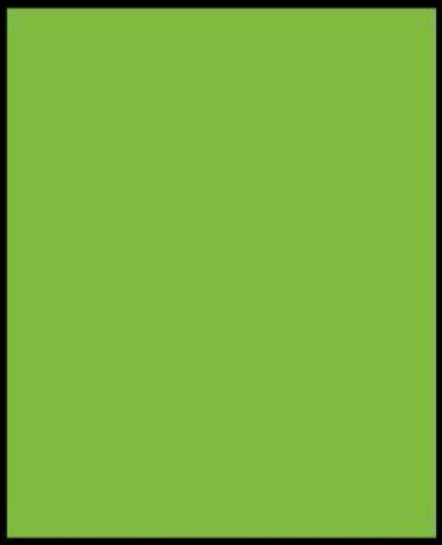
HERE ARE SOME SONGS ABOUT THE BIBLE







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