

READING THE BIBLE

The Importance Reading the Bible Daily

About The Bible

The Bible is no ordinary book. Though it was written down by men who were chosen by God for this purpose, God Himself is the author. He dictated the words to be written and it was preserved with amazing accuracy to this day as verified by modern archeology. www.christiananswers.net/archeology

The Bible says:

"Above all you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture (the Bible) ever came from prophets themselves or because they wanted to prophesy. It was the Holy Spirit who moved the prophets to speak from God.." (2 Peter 1:20) and "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do." (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Bible was written over a span of 1,500 years (40 generations) by over 40 "authors" from every walk of life. This includes kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, poets, statesmen, etc. It was written in a variety of places (a wilderness, dungeon, palace, while travelling, and at war. It was written during wartime and peacetime, during moods of joy and despair, on three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe), and was written in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek). Still, the Bible has amazing unity and conformity and although all "writers" were not educated people, it is written as if by a brilliant linguist (God Himself). No one would ever doubt the authenticity of the Greek classic Homer (Iliad) which has 643 surviving manuscripts. The Bible (New Testament) has 24,633 surviving manuscripts. The number of Bibles printed could circle the earth well over 1000 times. It has been translated into over 1600 languages and is available in 95 percent of the world's languages and dialects and growing.

By reading and studying the Bible you will get to know and understand God better and learn of the inheritance you have now and in the ages to come. You will learn of the thousands of promises of God that are yours and how to appropriate them. God will "speak" to you through His Word (the Bible) and You will learn the will of God for your own life. You will grow in practical and spiritual wisdom and understanding. It will revolutionize your thinking and be your manual for living. It will encourage you during hard times and inspire you to go on. It has God's thoughts on a multitude of subjects which are relevant to our lives today. It speaks of the beginning of human history through our time and the future ahead as well as the future ages to come. It contains information about science (such as the true shape of the earth (unknown to science until 1492 AD), the First Law of Thermodynamics, and the genetic code), that scientists did not discover until many centuries after the Bible was written.

We recommend the following websites for help in reading and studying the Bible:

www.gospelcom.net

www.dianedew.com

www.khouse.org

<http://biblos.com>