

# How we got our Bible | Lesson #1 | January 2014

## What is so special about your Bible?

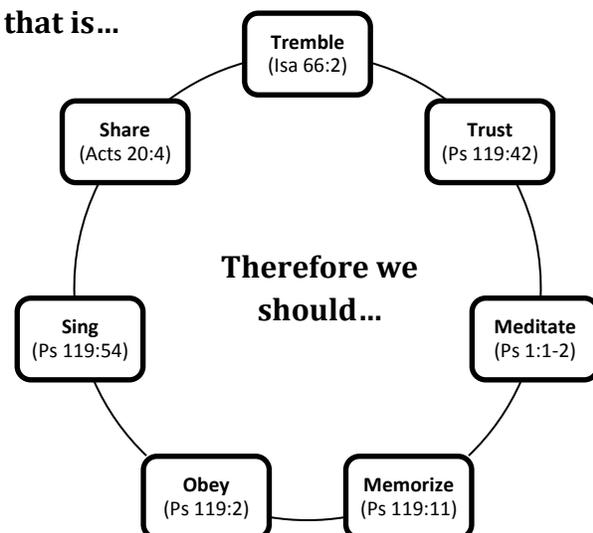
It is an amazingly **unique** book. Webster defines unique as “one and only; single; sole. Different from all others; having no like or equal.” That is what the Bible is. It is the Book of books.

1. **It is unique in its continuity** - Written over centuries by scores of authors from various walks of life, while presenting a single unfolding story of God’s redemption through Jesus.
2. **Unique in its circulation** – The bible is the bestseller of all time. No other book has known anything approaching the degree of constant circulation as the Bible.
3. **Unique in its translation** – No other book in history has been translated, retranslated, and paraphrased more than the bible.
4. **Unique in its survival** - It survived through time, persecution, and criticism
5. **The Bible is Unique in its Teachings** -It includes prophecy, history, and character
6. **The Bible is Unique in its influence on literature and civilization**

The uniqueness of the Bible doesn’t prove that it is the Word of God, but it seems to clearly indicate that it is superior to any and all other books.

## The Bible – where you can find something that is...

**True and Reliable** – (Psalm 19:9)  
**Powerful** – (Jeremiah 23:29)  
**Pure** – (Psalm 12:6).  
**Eternal** – (1 Peter 1:25)  
**Reviving** – (Psalm 19:7)  
**Delightful** –(Psalm 119:143)  
**Strengthening** – (Psalm 119:28)  
**Hopeful** – (Psalm 119:147)  
**Comforting** – (Psalm 119:50)  
**Guiding** – (Psalm 119:105)  
**Saving** – (Psalm 119:155)



## Quiz – General Bible Knowledge (Circle the best answer for each question below)

- 1. The Bible is comprised of how many books?**
  - a. 2
  - b. 56
  - c. 66
  - d. 39
- 2. The Bible is considered to be...**
  - a. General revelation
  - b. Sporadic revelation
  - c. Special revelation
  - d. Germaine revelation
- 3. Out of the 6,800 living languages today how many have at least a portion of the Bible translated into their tongue?**
  - a. 902
  - b. 960
  - c. 371
  - d. 2,233
  - e. 6,733
- 4. The first complete English Bible was known as?**
  - a. The Wycliffe Bible
  - b. The King James Bible
  - c. The Tyndale Bible
  - d. The Coverdale Bible
- 5. In this last week, how many days did you read your Bible?**
  - a. 0
  - b. 1-2 days
  - c. 3-4 days
  - d. 5-7 days
- 6. Which of the following contained the Apocrypha?**
  - a. The Septuagint
  - b. The 1611 King James Version
  - c. Jerome's Latin Vulgate
  - d. The Jerusalem Bible
  - e. All of the above
- 7. The Bible was originally written in what languages?**
  - a. Italian and Aramaic
  - b. Russian and Latin
  - c. Greek, Latin, and Aramaic
  - d. Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic
  - e. None of the above
- 8. The Scriptures were written on three continents, over a period of 1,500 years, by more than 40 authors.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 9. The longest chapter, smallest verse, and shortest book in the Bible are?**
  - a. Psalm 119, John 11:35, and 2 John
  - b. John 17, Mark 2:2, and Obadiah
  - c. Revelation 21, Psalm 127:1, and Philemon
  - d. Luke 2, John 10:14, and 3 John
- 10. The Hebrew Old Testament at the time of Christ was divided into how many sections and had how many books?**
  - a. Four sections with a total of 22 books
  - b. Three sections with a total of 3 books
  - c. Three sections with a total of 24 books
  - d. Five sections with a total of 27 books