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The Old Testament includes the story of Noah.

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The Composition of the Bible

I. Overview.

The Bible is a large book. It is actually composed of sixty-six parts which we call the "books of the Bible". It is like sixty-six little books put together to form one big book. As we have seen in earlier lessons, the Bible was written by many different men. These men were inspired and directed by God to speak and write down the Word of God. This week we will look at how the Bible is put together, how it is composed.



The Bible is composed of two testaments.

The Bible contains two testaments, the Old Testament and the New Testament. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are very important and the Bible would not be complete without either of them. Actually, like a jigsaw puzzle, the Bible would not be complete without any one peice. It takes all sixty-six books for the Bible to be complete.

II. Memory Verse.

“...the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures.”

(Rom. 1:2)

III. Lesson.

The composition of the Bible can be viewed in different ways. Firstly, it is one large book. As we have mentioned, it is also a collection of sixty-six books. Just like a collection of jigsaw pieces make up a puzzle, every piece is important. The Bible is also composed of two testaments, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament contains the first thirty-nine books of the Bible. The New Testament contains the last twenty-seven books of the Bible. This week's lesson is the first of two lessons on the Old Testament.

The Old Testament

The Old Testament was written first. The Old Testament describes many things, but focuses on how God came to gain a people for Himself, through whom He would bring a Savior into the world. This Savior is Jesus Christ, who is actually God Himself having become a man.

The Old Testament describes the creation of man in the Garden of Eden. It tells us of the fall of man and God's promise to send a Savior. The Old Testament shows how man fell further and further away from God. It tells us that, at one point, God had to send a flood to destroy every living thing on the earth because it had become so bad. God saved the human race by preserving one family for Himself with which He would have a new start. This family was the family of Noah.



The Bible is the unfolding revelation of God.

Abraham and The Called Race

Even after God began again with Noah, the earth became corrupted again and even rebelled directly against God at

the Tower of Babel. The race of Adam had failed completely. Therefore, God had to come in to call a man named Abraham out of the negative situation. God called Abraham to Himself so that He could have another new start with man. God told Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation.

The Nation of Israel

It was through Abraham's faith and obedience that God was able to gain a people for Himself, the nation of Israel. Next week we will look at how the Old Testament tells us about Israel.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How many books are in the Bible?

2. The Bible has two testaments. Which one of the testaments was written first?

3. What is the main focus of the Old Testament?"

4. What two men did God use to have "new starts"?"

