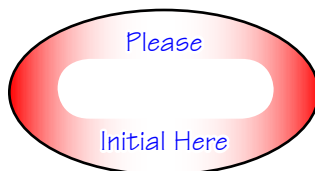


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The New Testament tells us about them.
They both wrote parts of the New Testament.

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The Bible

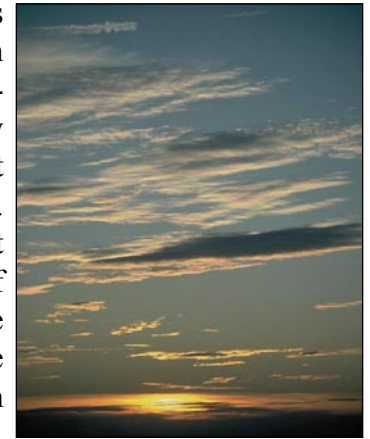
- Lesson Five -

The Bible

The Composition of the Bible (3)

I. Overview.

With this week's lesson, we begin a brief introduction to the New Testament. The New Testament contains twenty-seven books. Many places in the Old Testament speak promises of the coming of the Savior of mankind. It is in the New Testament that we see the fulfillment of these promises with the coming of Jesus Christ.



The New Testament
is like a
fresh new day.

The New Testament begins by introducing Jesus Christ. The first four books are called the "four gospels" and all describe important aspects of our wonderful Savior. After the gospels is a book called The Acts which describes the beginning of the church life. Following The Acts are twenty-two books which are actually letters, called "epistles." Finally the last book is the book of Revelation which is the conclusion of the whole Bible.

II. Memory Verse.

"God, having spoken of old... in the prophets, has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son... through whom also He made the universe."

(Heb. 1:1-2)

III. Lesson.

The New Testament is the second major section of the Bible, and follows the Old Testament. The Old Testament contains many prophecies and promises concerning the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ. All of these prophecies and promises have been fulfilled in the New Testament with the coming of the Lord Jesus. The New Testament describes this wonderful Person to us in many ways. The New Testament also presents to us many wonderful promises that are being fulfilled today and will be fulfilled in the future related to the Lord Jesus.

The Four Gospels



The New Testament

The New Testament begins with four books called “gospels”. The names of the gospels are “The Gospel of Matthew”, “The Gospel of Mark”, “The Gospel of Luke” and “The Gospel of John”. Many times these books are simply referred to by using the writer’s name, such as “the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.”

The gospels tell us many things about the life of the Lord Jesus. His birth, living, ministry, death on the cross, resurrection and ascension are all described. The gospels tell us about the many marvelous things that the Lord Jesus did during His ministry.

The Bible teaches us that the Lord Jesus Christ is God Himself become a man. In the Old Testament, God nearly always spoke through men called prophets. But in the New Testament, God Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, speaks many wonderful things. The gospels contain much of God’s speaking and teaching in the words of Jesus Christ.

The Acts

Following the four Gospels, the fifth book of the New Testament is called “The Acts”. This somewhat strange sounding name is actually a shortened form of “The Acts of the Apostles”. This unique book does indeed describe the acts or “actions” of the apostles. It tells us how the church began after the Lord Jesus’ death and resurrection. It describes in particular the ministries of two very important apostles, Peter who did much to help the Jews in the early church, and Paul who did the same for the Gentiles. Next week we will look at the “epistles” or the “letters” written by these and other apostles.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How many books are in the New Testament?

2. How is God’s speaking in the New Testament different compared to the Old Testament?

3. What are the first four books of the New Testament?

4. What does the book of The Acts describe?

