

The Bible

What kind of book is this?

How did we get it?

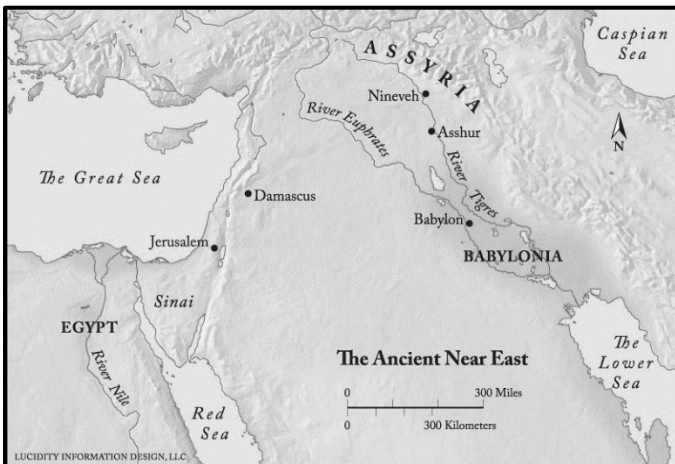
What do we do with it?

This book...

Timeline

1400	Moses
1000	David
582	Southern kingdom's exile
48	Paul's first letter
85	Revelation

Geography



Languages

Hebrew

Aramaic

Greek

Genres

How did we get the Bible?

Internal evidence

Exodus 34:27

Deuteronomy 17:18

Jeremiah 30:2

2 Peter 3:16

Revelation 1:11

Also: Luke 1:3; John 20:31; Colossians 4:16

The collection

Product more than process

The Old Testament

Law, Prophets, Writings

132 BC

Matthew 7:12; Mark 1:44

Luke 24:27, 44

“as it is written...”

Order varied

The Septuagint (Hebrew to Greek)

Alexandria

The OT

Other books (recognized for their ‘inspirational and edifying quality’)

The New Testament

Circulating documents (and collections)

Athanasius’ list (367AD)

Why not earlier?

Evidence

Mission/time

Heresy

Criteria

Apostolic connection

Widely known

1st century

Orthodox

What about more/new books?

Translations