

A TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE

1. The Bible is a library of 66 different books – some are long and some are short.
2. The Bible, in the original languages, was written in three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek).
3. The Bible was written in various countries—Judea, Babylon, Asia Minor, Greece, and Italy. It was written at various times; stretching over a period of about roughly 2000 years.
4. God recorded His word via the hands of many different men.
 - a. These men all had highly different upbringings:
 - b. Some of these men had an Egyptian background...
 - c. Some had a Jewish background...
 - d. Some were the bi-products of the Greek and Roman cultures...
 - e. Some of these men arose out of obscurity with no real culture to speak of.
5. What's more is that these men were very diverse in terms of their educational and social levels.
 - a. These men, whom God used to pen the Bible, are made up of: priests, prophets, peasants, warriors, statesmen, herdsman, poets, publicans, physicians, fishermen, historians, lawyers, scribes, orators, kings, and apostles.
6. They wrote to Jews and to Gentiles, to Greeks and to barbarians, to slaves and to the free, to men, to women, to the young and to the old, to individuals at times, and to entire congregations of Christians at other times.
7. The Bible was written amid many a backdrop.
 - a. It was written in the hustle and bustle of the city and also in the hush of the country.
 - b. It was written in both palaces and prisons.
 - c. It was written during times of prosperity and in times of adversity.
 - d. The Bible was written amid the pomp and pageantry of war and on the tilled field amid the fruits of peace.
8. The 66 books of the Bible collectively contain all sorts of styles of writing: prose, poetry, prophecy, history, signs and symbols, etc.
9. Thinking on these **facts**, we would expect chaos to be the outcome.
 - a. It must be that parts of this vast and varied library oppose and contradict other of its portions, right!?
 - b. But do we find such to be the case? By no means!
 - c. On the contrary, we find a marvelous unity and a lovely harmony of statements.