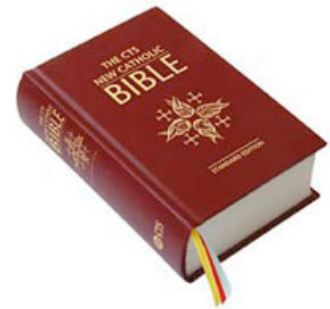


The Catholics Their Special book “The Bible”



The Bible is the name of the special book that the Catholics believe in. It is divided into 2 parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament.



The Old Testament contains the 39 books of Hebrew Scripture, and the New Testament contains a set of 27 books.

The Catholics believe that the Bible is God's Word. They also believe that

- every word written in the Bible is inspired by God.
- God used 40 different authors to write his words, so everyone anywhere could hear God's message.



•God used many different kinds of people to write the Bible.

The Bible started out being written on clay tablets. Clay tablets were used to write on before paper was even invented. Later, animal skins called *parchment* and sheets of *papyrus* (made from grass-like plants) were used to write the Bible. In the beginning, the Bible had to be written by hand!

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and Aramaic. The New Testament was written in Greek, with a few Aramaic words. The Bible is written in thousands of different languages today.

The two parts tell the Catholics what happened before Jesus came to earth as man (Old Testament) and what happened

while Jesus was here on earth, and what happened after he left to be with God in heaven (New Testament). The Catholics believe that Jesus read the Old Testament while he was on earth and he did not see the New Testament while he was still alive.

The Catholics believe that the Bible is the word of God and that they should read the stories and rules and learn how to be a better Christian. It is very important to them.

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