

## STUDY ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE BIBLE

Due to the nature of this topic, The Structure of the Bible, it is not going to be possible to do a “study”. Instead, this “study” will seek to point out how the Bible is structured and the uniqueness of how the Bible is put together.

The Bible has 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. It was written over a period of 1600 years, by more than 30 different authors. Despite this diversity of books, authors, and time span, the Bible has one central message: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Rather than repeating much of what was in the video, I want to focus on the original languages the Bible was written in.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew. The New Testament was written mostly in Greek. Neither of those two languages used separate signs for numerals corresponding to our numerals of 1, 2, 3. etc. Instead, both languages made use of the letters of the alphabet, so the first letter of the Hebrew and Greek alphabet stood for 1, the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet stood for 2, etc. Each letter in these two languages has therefore its numeric value and each word in these languages stand not only for its thought but also for a number, the number being in every case the sum of the numeric values of the letters making up the word. For example, the three important nouns in Genesis 1:1 (God, heaven, earth) have a numeric value of 777 or 111 sevens and the one verb in this sentence, created, has 203 or 29 sevens. The numeric value of the first, middle and last letters of this verse is 1393 or 199 sevens. The number seven in the Bible is used over 300 times and always indicates “perfection” or “completion”. This elaborate design of sevens runs not only through the seven words of the first verse of the Bible, but it is to be found throughout the book of Genesis as well as every other book of the Old Testament.

The same thing is true in the Greek New Testament. For instance, the second chapter of Matthew tells the story of the childhood of Jesus. It has a vocabulary of 161 words (23 sevens). It contains 896 letters or exactly 128 sevens with a numeric value of 123,529 or 27,547 sevens. Every one of Matthews paragraphs in his gospel are constructed according to this same plan

We could go through the entire Bible and show illustration after illustration of the unique structure of the Bible. It truly is a miracle the way the Bible is constructed and there is no other document in history that even approaches it.

