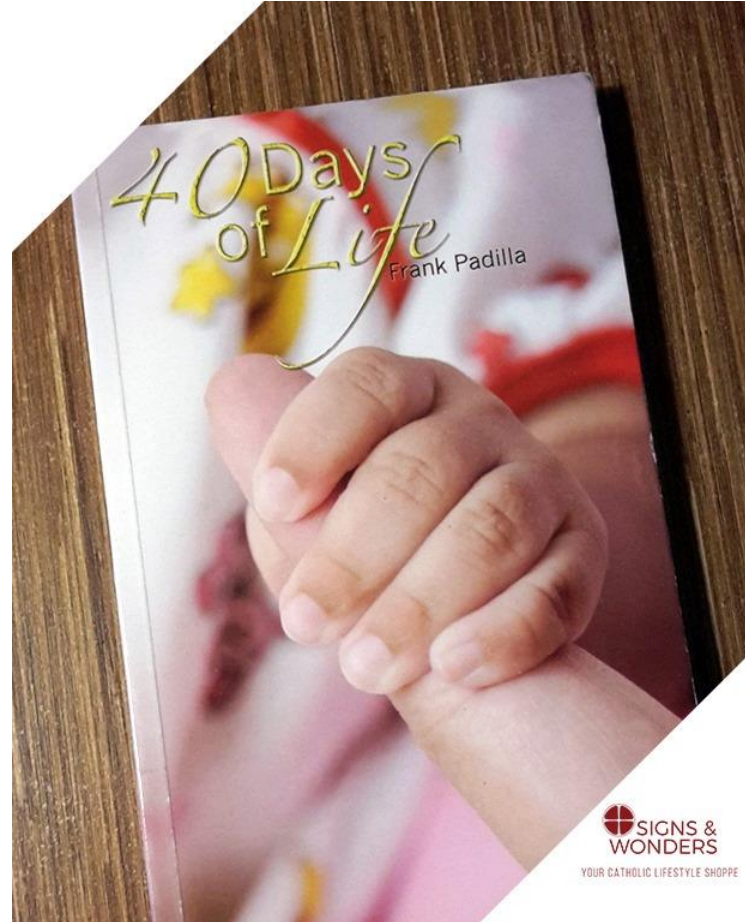


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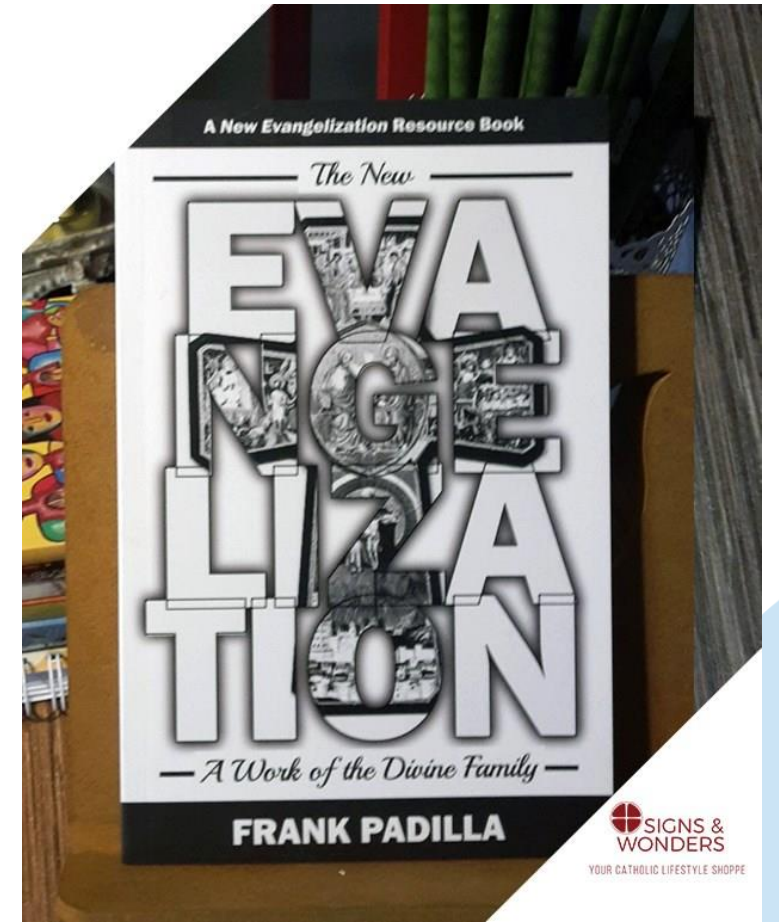
Familiarizing Ourselves with the Bible



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*Dei Verbum*  
(Dogmatic Constitution  
on Divine Revelation)

A Completely Revised Translation  
in Inclusive Language

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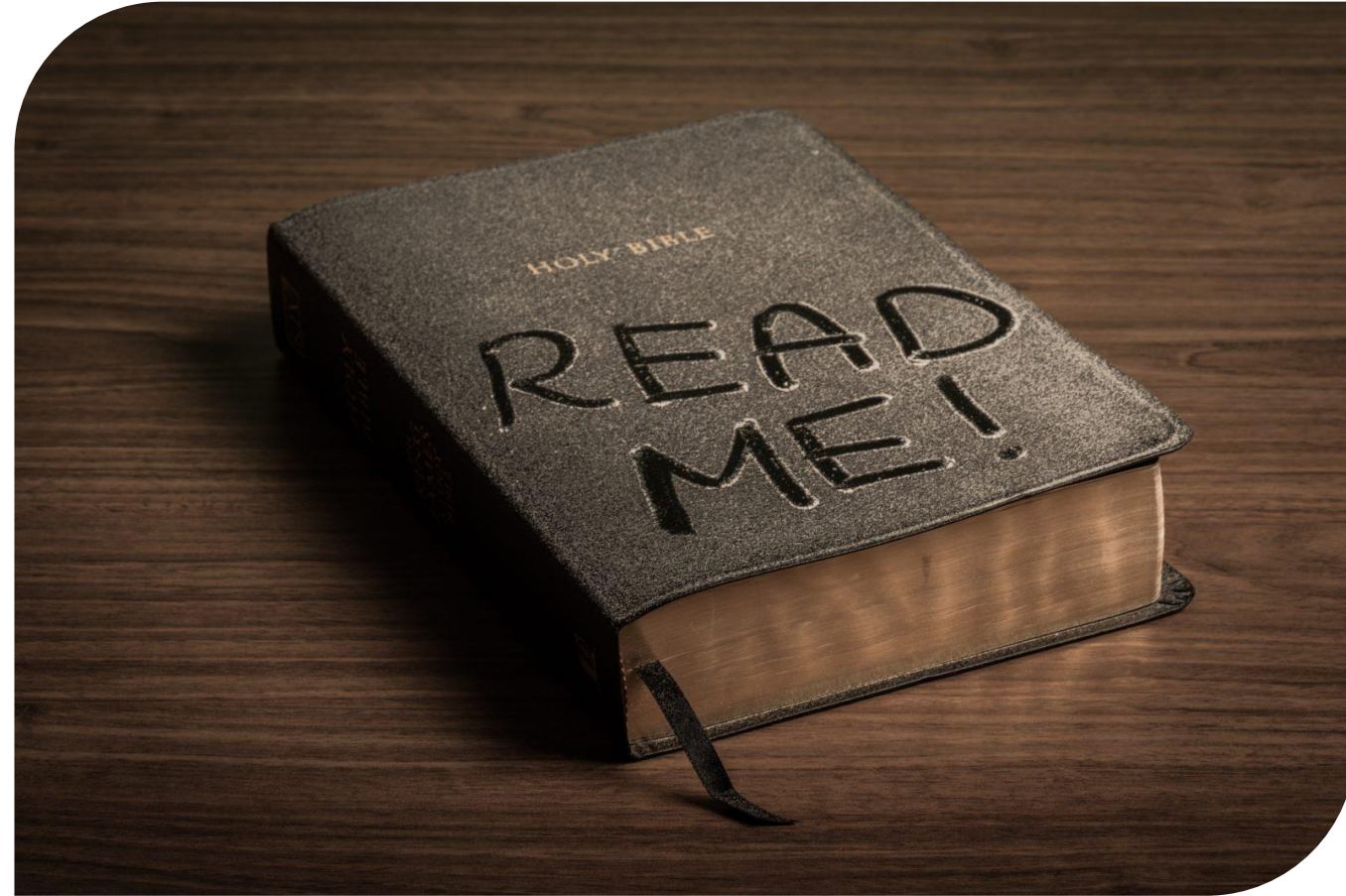
In Sacred Scripture, therefore, while the truth and holiness of God always remains intact, the marvelous "condescension" of eternal wisdom is clearly shown, "that we may learn the gentle kindness of God, which words cannot express, and how far He has gone in adapting His language with thoughtful concern for our weak human nature." For the words of God, expressed in human language, have been made like human discourse, just as the word of the eternal Father, when He took to Himself the flesh of human weakness, was in every way made like men.

## DEI VERBUM 13

**The Sacred Scripture is the words of  
God, expressed in human language.**

**St. John Chrysostom**

**The Bible is God's  
love letter for you!**



**Sadly, most Catholics are not familiar with the Bible and realize its power in our lives.**

**Workshop**

# How well do you know your Bible?



LEAF THROUGH THE PAGES OF YOUR BIBLE AND  
LOOK FOR ANSWERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Number of Books: Old Testament, New Testament & Entire Bible
- How many chapters do you have in Baruch, Ester & Daniel?
- In Daniel 3, how many verses do you have?
- What is the version of the Bible?



## 1. How many books?

- Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_
- New Testament \_\_\_\_\_
- Entire Bible \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. How many chapters in the books:

- Baruch \_\_\_\_\_
- Daniel \_\_\_\_\_
- Esther \_\_\_\_\_

3. In Daniel 3, how many verses? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the version of your Bible? \_\_\_\_\_



## What did we discover about the Bible?

- Collection of inspired writings
- A library or a collection of books – the literature of the chosen people
- “Biblia” – Latin or Greek meaning the books
- Names: Bible, Sacred Scriptures, Sacred or Holy Book, the Word of God, the Old & New Testaments

# Answers

<u>OT</u>	<u>NT</u>	<u>Total</u>	
46	27	73	Catholic
39	27	66	Protestant
51	27	78	Ecumenical

## Differences

7 books – Protestant to Catholic  
12 writings – Protestant to Ecumenical



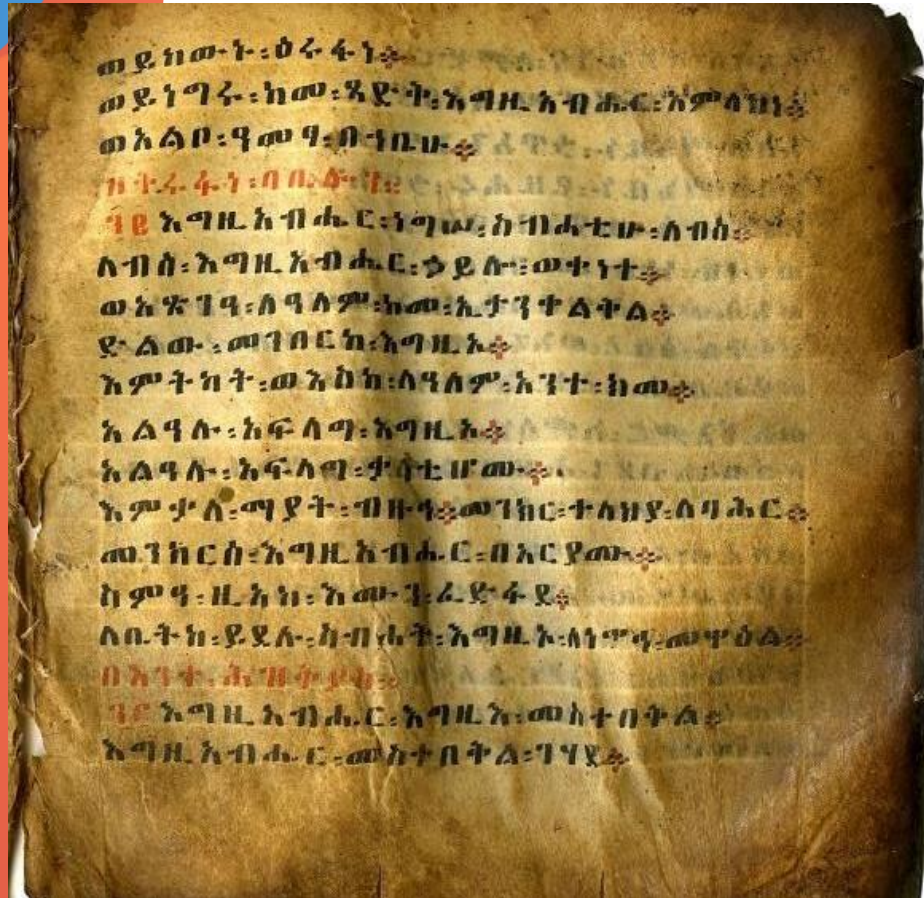
## 7 books NOT in the Protestant canon

1. Tobit
2. Judith
3. Sirach
4. Wisdom of Solomon
5. Baruch
6. 1 Maccabees
7. 2 Maccabees

We call these books **DEUTEROCANONICALS**.

## What is a 'canon'?

A general law, rule, principle, or criterion by which something is judged.



## 5 additional writings in the Lutheran and Episcopalian canon:

1. Esther (Greek)
2. Letter of Jeremiah
3. Songs of the 3 Young Men
4. Susanna
5. Bel and the Dragon

## Catholic Bible

OT - 46  
NT - 27  
Bible - 73

Less

## 7 Books

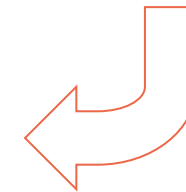
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## Protestant Bible

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Bible - 66

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## Other Denomination Bible (Lutherans & Episcopalians)

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## 5 Writings

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## Ecumenical Bible



## 5 Writings

- Esther (Greek)
- Letter of Jeremiah
- Songs of the 3 Young Men
- Susanna



## Catholic Bible

OT - 46  
NT - 27  
Bible - 73





## Questions

1. In the books of Baruch, Daniel and Ester, what differences have you found?
2. What have you discovered in Daniel 3?
3. How have you resolved the discrepancies?

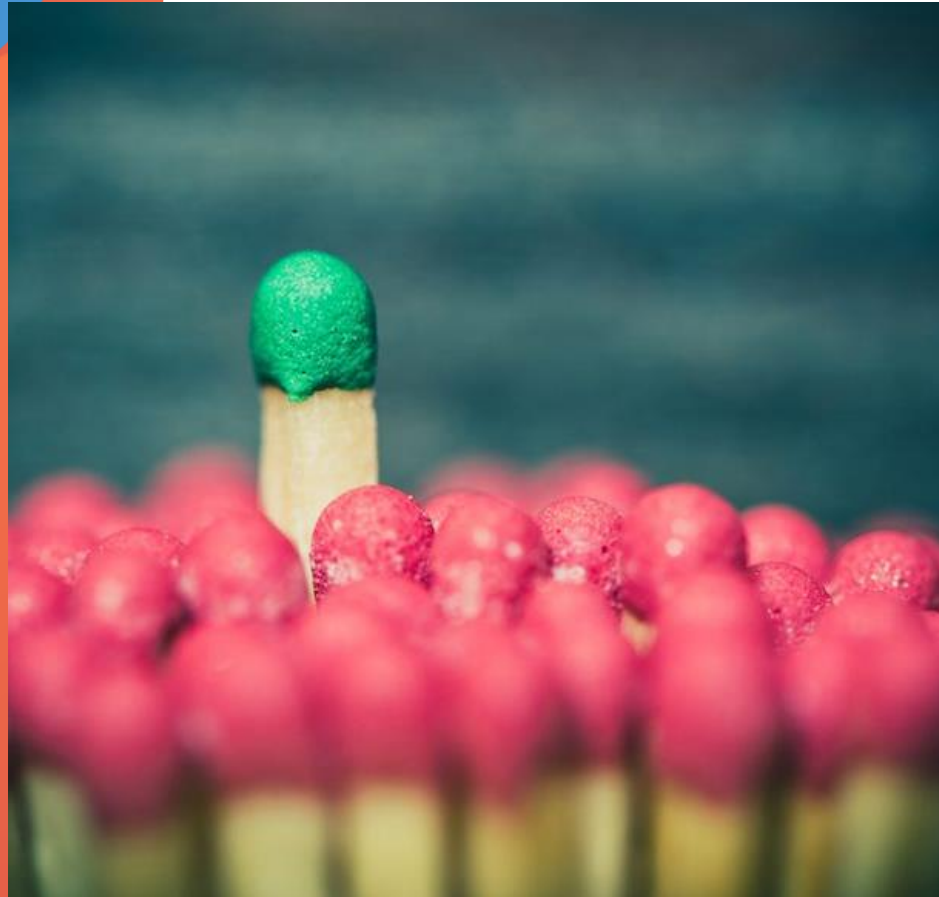
## How do we resolve the difference?

Book	Catholic	Protestant
Chapters in Baruch	6	5
Chapters in Daniel	14	12
Verses in Daniel 3	100	30
Esther (Greek)	Included	Excluded



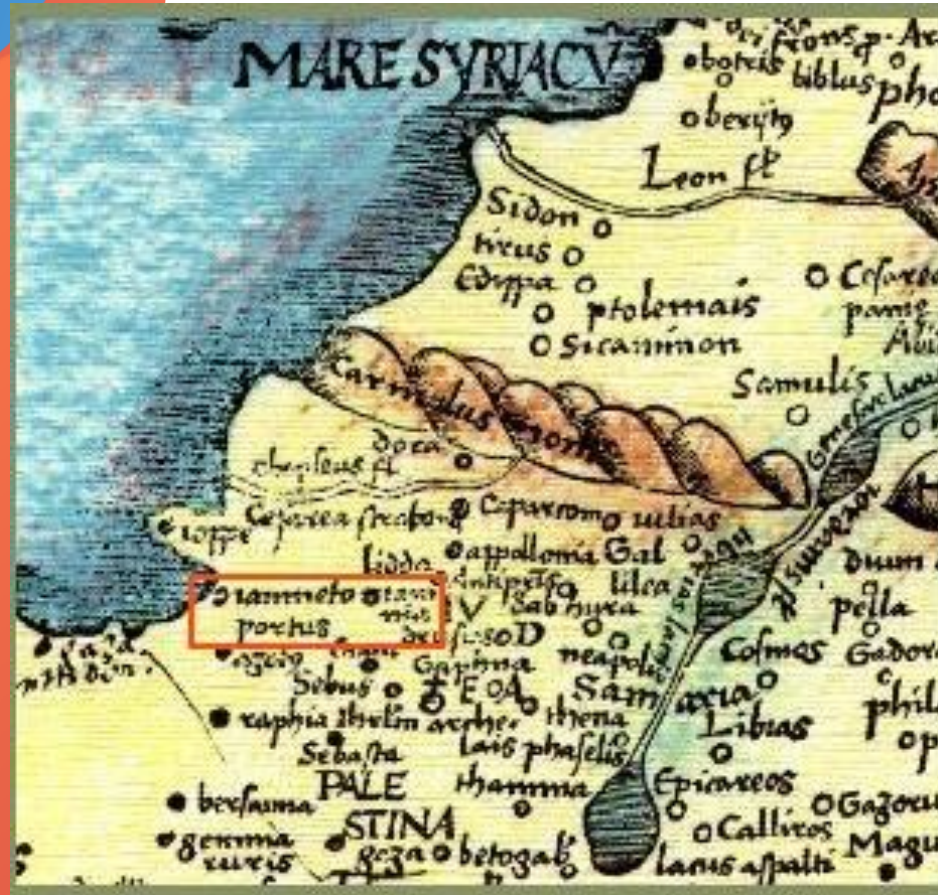
## 5 Writings in the Catholic Bible

- **Baruch 6:** Letter of Jeremiah
- **Daniel 3:31-100:** Song of the 3 Men and Prayer of Azariah
- **Daniel 13:** Susanna
- **Daniel 14:** Bel and The Dragon
- **Esther (Greek):** Sections added to Esther



## Differences

- Deuterocanonicals
  - The 7 books not in the Protestant canon
  - Second listing
  - Accepted by Catholics as inspired
  - Included in the Septuagint



## Explanation for Differences by non-Catholics:

- Council of Jamnia (90-95 A.D)
  - After destruction of Jerusalem & the temple
  - Discussion concerned how can the Jewish people restructure completely their religious lives.
- Council of Trent held in three parts from 1545 to 1563.
  - added 7 books



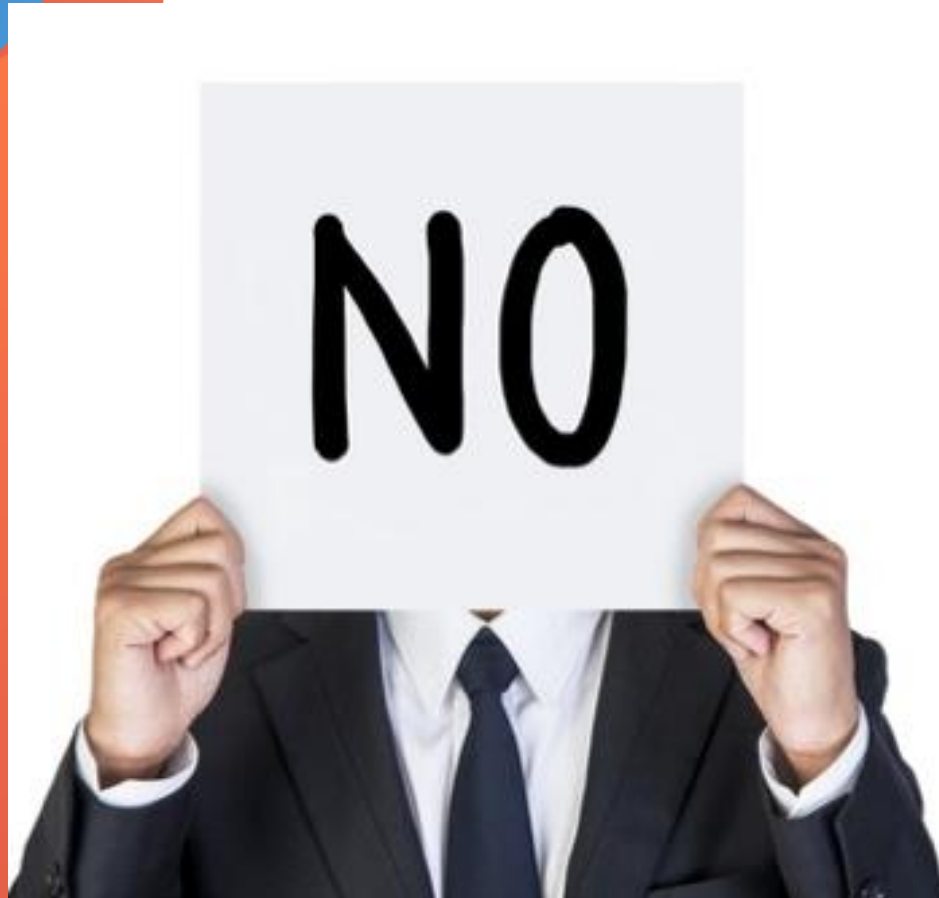
## What is the Council of Jamnia?

- Meeting of Jewish leaders in 90AD
  - Reset the Jewish canon of Scripture
  - Included only Hebrew written books
  - Trying to get away from Jewish-Christian views
- Martin Luther, when he broke away from the Catholic Church (1517), followed this canon with 39 books.



## Jamnia Criteria

- Conformity with the Pentateuch (first 5 books)
- Written in Hebrew
- Written in Palestine - Israel
- Written before 400 B.C



## Jamnia Criteria

- Baruch: not written in Palestine;
- Sirach & 1 Maccabees: written after 400 BC
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- Judith: Aramaic
- Wisdom: Greek
- 2 Maccabees: written after 400B.C & in Greek



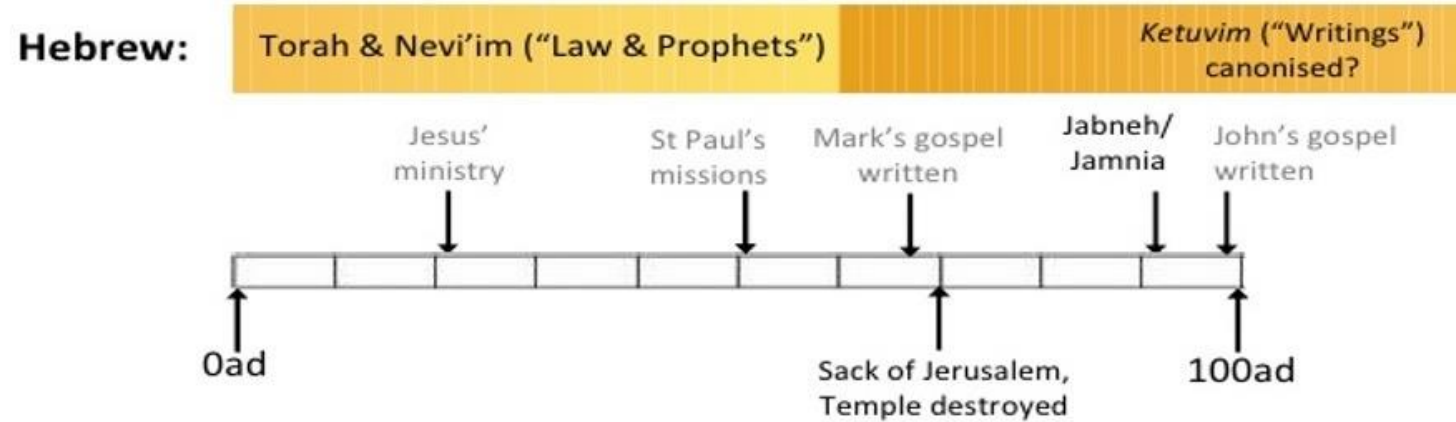


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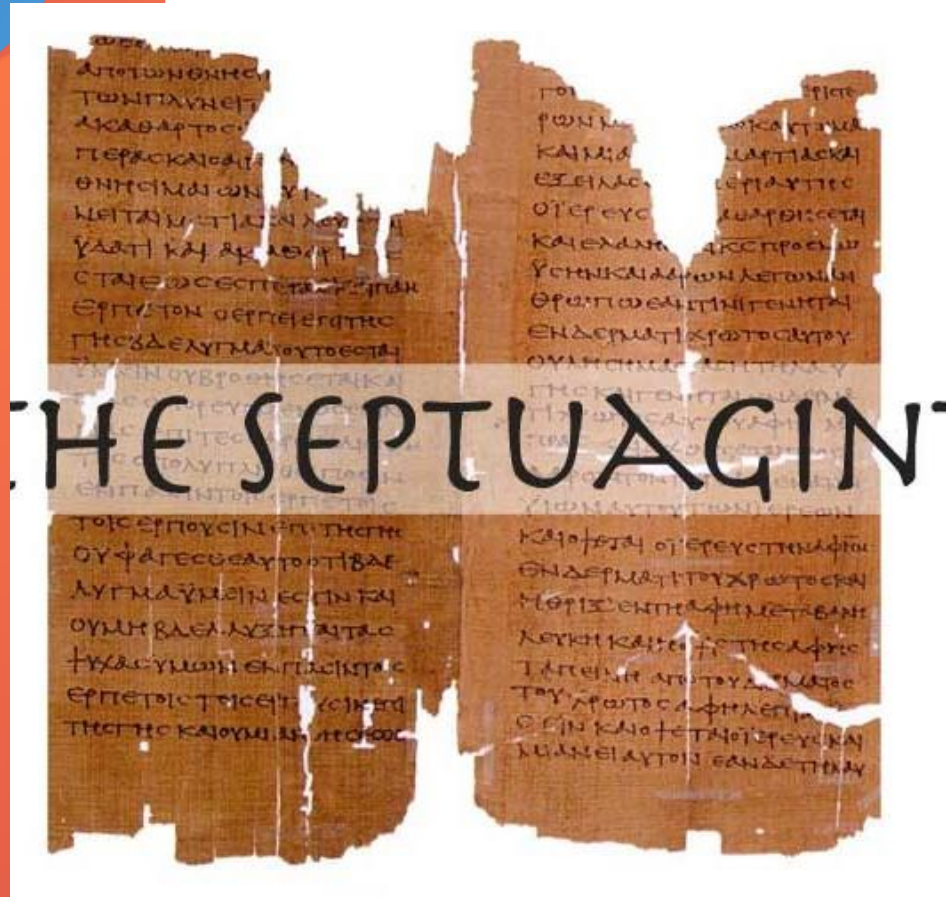
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**What is the Catholic side of the story?**

# The 'Council' of Jamnia



- The school at Jamnia became a "substitute" Sanhedrin after the sack of Jerusalem
- There was no 'council' as such. Councils in this sense were a Christian concept.
- Jamnia declared that only Hebrew scrolls should be used in synagogues, and rejected the LXX.
- Jamnia also introduced a curse on the Christians into the Jewish liturgy
- Jamnia is popularly thought to have produced a closed "Palestinian canon"



## The Septuagint

- From the word 'septa' meaning 70
- Also known as the LXX
- 70 scholars translated the Hebrew Bible to Greek, the common language at that time
- It is the Hebrew Scripture in the time of Jesus
- There are 300 quotes of the NT from the Septuagint
- It contains the 46 books.



## The Councils of the Church

- It was the councils of the Catholic Church that determined the canon of Scripture
  - Council of Rome (382)
  - Synod of Hippo (393)
  - Council of Carthage (397)
- The main purpose of canonization of Scripture is to determine what the Church will read in the liturgy

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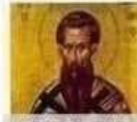
## THE COMPILATION PROCESS OF THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE

### COLLECTION / SELECTION

150 AD – 340 AD



St. Irenaeus



Bishop Eusebius



Out of more than 300 books collected only 27 were selected as part of the New Testament. Books that were rejected are: Gospel of Thomas, Acts of Paul, Gospel of James, Gospel of Peter, Gospel of Philip, Gospel of Mary, Gospel of Judas, Acts of Peter, Acts of Andrew, etc.

### CANONIZATION

393 AD – 397 AD



Council at Hippo



Council at Carthage



Church Councils of Hippo and Carthage finally declared 73-books to composed the Bible. It consists of 27 books New Testament and 46 books Old Testament. The Old Testament canon was based to the Greek Septuagint version that contained Deuterocanonical books.

### TRANSLATION

405 AD



Pope Damasus



St. Jerome



St. Jerome through the order of Pope Damasus translated the first complete Christian Bible into Latin Dialect. The Latina Vulgata Bible was the source of God's Word for more than 1,000 years before some English Versions were released for English speaking Christians.

### VERSE & CHAPTER

1230 AD - 1490 AD



Cardinal Langton & Cardinal Santo Caro



Santes Pagnino



Catholic Bishops Langton & Santo Caro divided the Books by Chapters. While Santes Pagnino divided the Chapters into verses. This numbering is for convenience in memorizing biblical passages.

THE BIBLE IS A CATHOLIC BOOK & AND IT ONLY EXISTED UNTIL 4<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

# Council of Carthage (397)

- 16 It was also determined that besides the Canonical Scriptures nothing be read in the Church under the title of divine Scriptures. The Canonical Scriptures are these: **Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua the son of Nun, Judges, Ruth, four books of Kings, two books of Paraleipomena, Job, the Psalter, five books of Solomon, the books of the twelve prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezechiel, Daniel, Tobit, Judith, Esther, two books of Esdras, two Books of the Maccabees.**
- 17 Of the New Testament: four books of the **Gospels**, one book of the **Acts** of the Apostles, **thirteen Epistles of the Apostle Paul**, one epistle of the same [writer] to the **Hebrews**, two Epistles of the Apostle **Peter**, three of **John**, one of **James**, one of **Jude**, one book of the **Apocalypse** of John.
- 18 So let the church over the sea be consulted to confirm this canon. Let it also be allowed that the Passions of Martyrs be read when their festivals are kept.
- 20 Let this be made known also to our brother and fellow-priest Boniface, or to other bishops of those parts, for the purpose of confirming that Canon. Because we have received from our fathers that those books must be read in the Church.
- 5 books of Solomon: **Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom of Solomon, and Ecclesiasticus (Sirach).**



## The Reformation

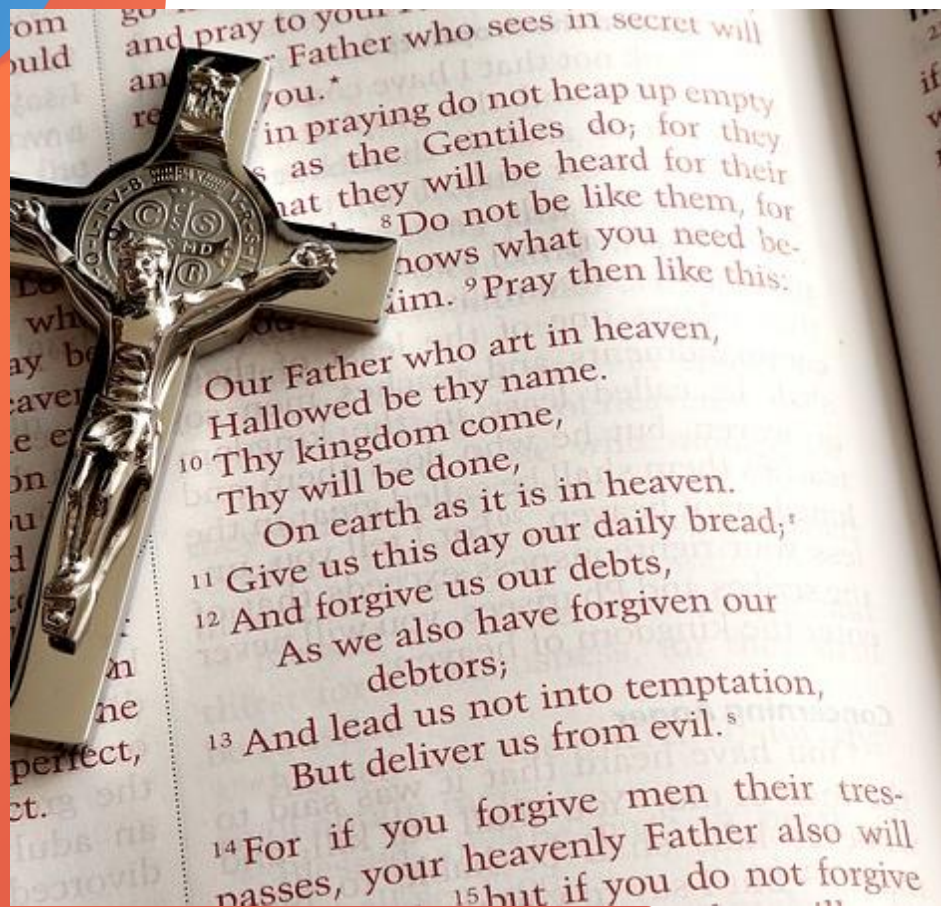
- In 1517, Martin Luther started the reformation with his 95 theses and started the Protestant movement
- The prevailing theology is Sola Fide and Sola Scriptura
- He changed the canon of scripture following the Jewish canon of 39 books of the OT
- He also tried to remove the NT books of Hebrews, James, Jude and Revelation





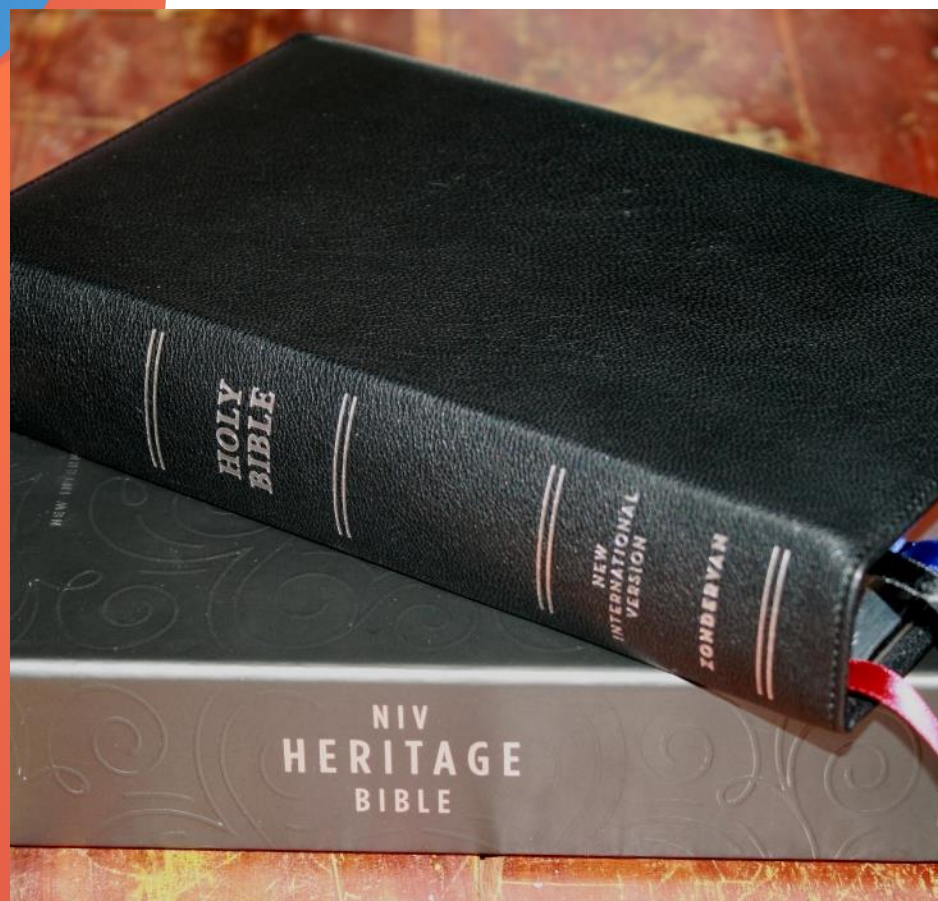
## Post-Reformation

- The Council of Trent (1545-1563) was called as a counter-reformation
- It affirmed the canon of scripture – 46 OT and 27 NT
- The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in Qumran in 1947
- The Hebrew version of some of the Deuterocanonical books were found



## Catholic Bible

- 46 Books (OT)
  - New American Bible (Revised Edition)
  - (New) Jerusalem Bible
  - Christian Community Bible
  - (New) Revised Standard Version
- Nihil Obstat: “nothing opposes”
- Imprimatur: “can be printed”



## Protestant Bible

- 39 Books
  - King James Version
  - New International Version
  - Gideon Bible

## Ecumenical Bible

- 51 Books
  - Good News Bible – Today's English Version (with Deuterocanonicals)
  - Its Filipino Version

**What are the 2 main divisions of the Bible?**

## 2 main Division of the Bible

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Testament means covenant
- The Bible is a story of God renewing the covenant to His people.

## Main Divisions of the Old Testament

Pentateuch  
5

Historical  
Books  
16

Wisdom  
Books  
7

Prophetic  
Books  
18

## Pentateuch

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

## Historical Books

- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 & 2 Samuel
- 1 & 2 Kings
- 1 & 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Tobit
- Judith
- Ester
- 1 & 2 Maccabees

## Wisdom Books

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Songs of Songs
- Wisdom
- Sirach

## Prophetic Books

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Baruch
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi



## Main Divisions of the New Testament

Gospels  
4

Acts of the  
Apostles

Paul's Letters  
& Other  
Letters

Book of  
Revelation

## **Gospels**

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

## **Acts of the Apostles**

## Wisdom Books

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Songs of Songs
- Wisdom
- Sirach

## Letters of St. Paul and Other Letters

- Romans
- 1 & 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- 1 & 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- 1 & 2 Peter
- 1, 2 & 3 John
- Jude

# We Catholics must reclaim the Bible!

- Some sects and denominations use the Bible to convert Catholics to their group.
- Some use the Bible to attack Catholic doctrines.
  - Calling priests 'father'
  - Rosary is repeated prayer
  - Purgatory is not in the Bible
  - The pope is not in the Bible
- With proper Biblical interpretation, we will discover that all Catholic doctrines are based in the Bible.
- We Catholics read more Bible than we know.

**Quiz Time!**

## Question 1

What do you call the compilation of the Hebrew Scripture that is in Greek language?

# Septuagint

## Question 2

What council of the Church in 397 determined the canon of the Bible?



# Carthage

## Question 3

What are the 7 deuterocanonical books?

**Tobit, Judith, Sirach, Wisdom  
of Solomon, Baruch, 1  
Maccabees, 2 Maccabees**

## **Bible is a Catholic Book**

It is the Catholic Church that canonized, compiled, preserved and protected it through the generations.



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KATOLIKONG  
PILIPINO,  
NAG-AALAB  
ANG PUSO  
PARA KAY  
KRISTO.**

