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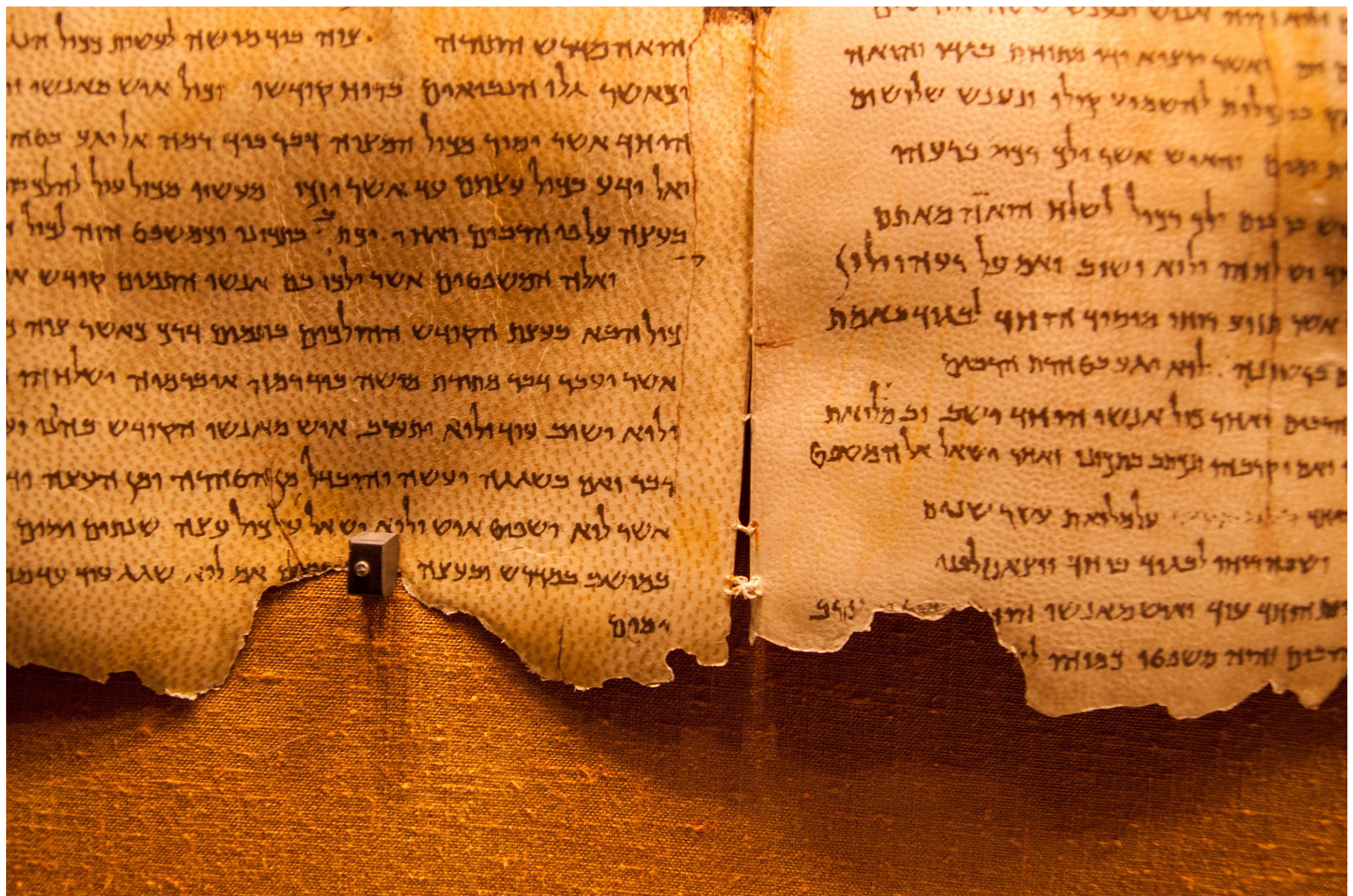
# THE BIBLE

LESSON 2



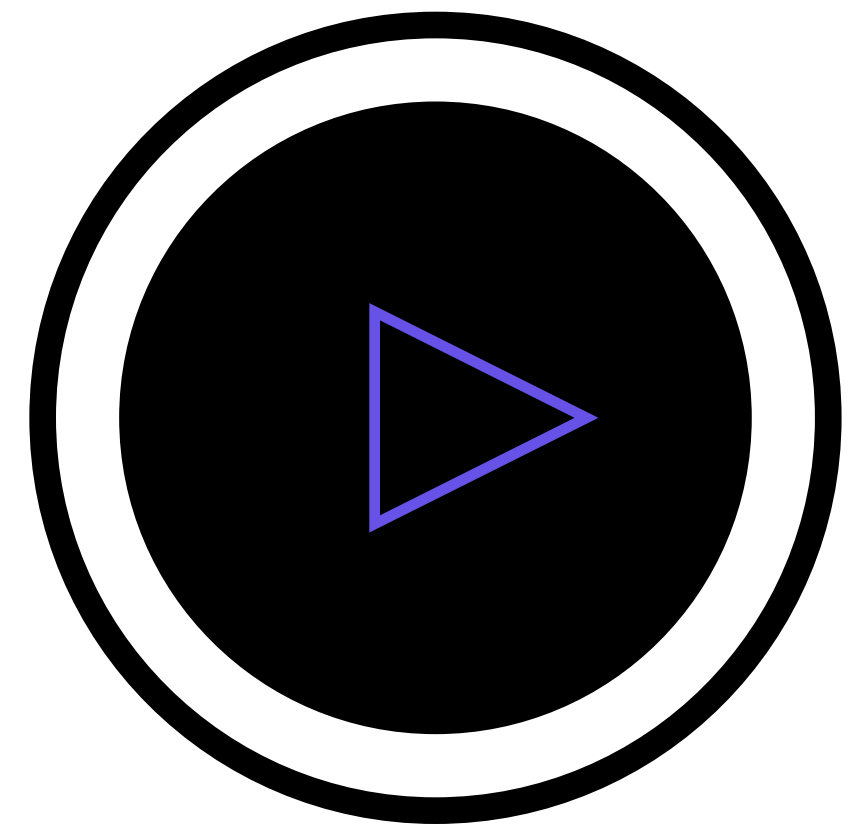


# WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD?





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**01**

Does learning that the Bible's overarching theme is God's desire to bring order and beauty out of chaos and evil help you to understand how the books relate? Why or why not?

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**02**

The Bible tells one unified story of mankind being offered a choice between good and evil from the garden until today. Why was it necessary for God to come himself in the form of Jesus to help us to choose good and not evil?

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**03**

Choosing their own definition of good and evil introduced death into the garden. Do you see this same process in today's headlines?

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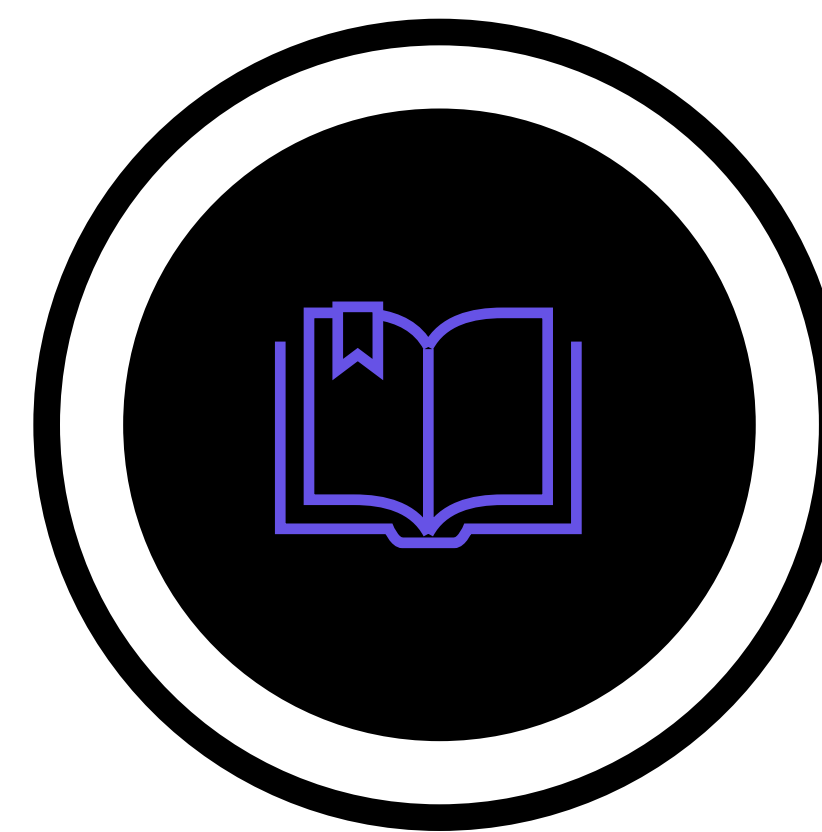
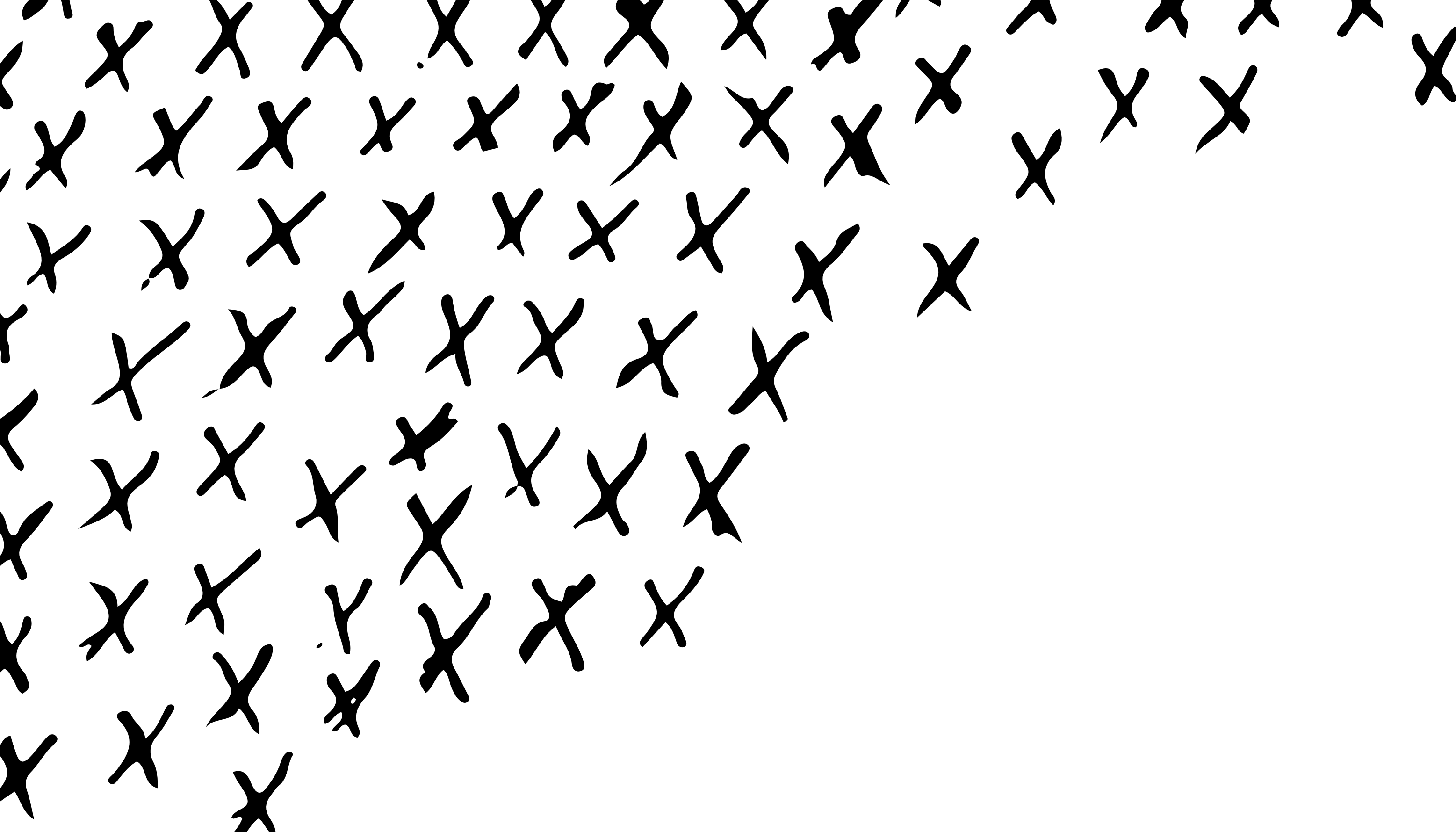
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In the early days of the church, believers faced persecution from the outside and confusion and compromise from the inside. Do you think that's still true today? Why or Why not?

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**05**

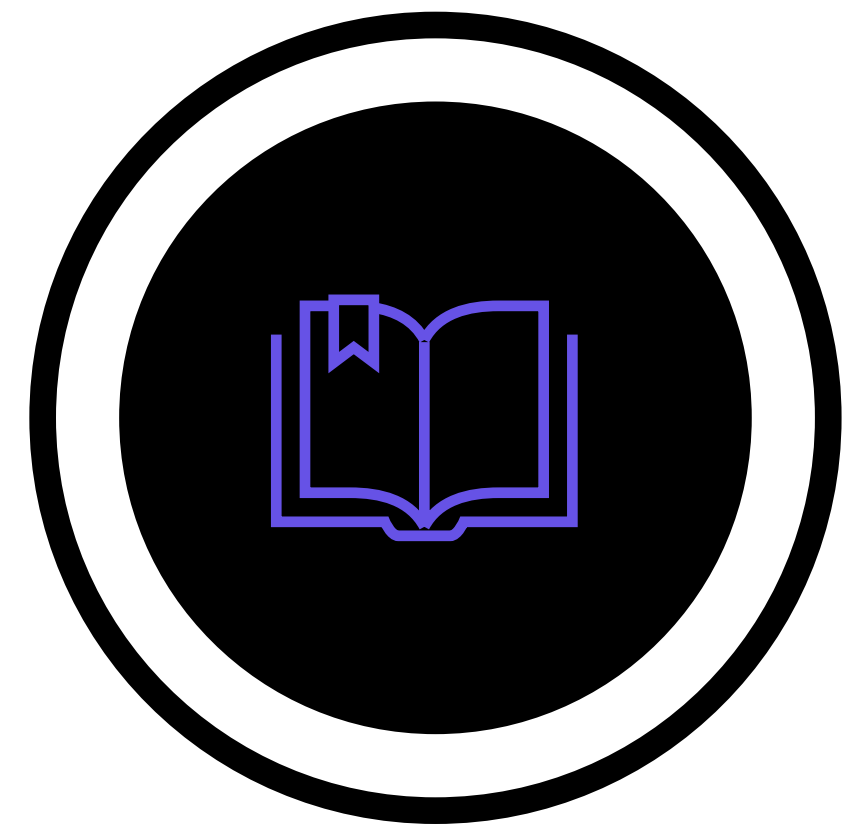
The Bible records our past, impacts our present but it also speaks of a future day when evil will be defeated and heaven and earth united. Which do you think is most important?



This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. God **promised this Good News** long ago through his **prophets in the holy Scriptures**. The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was **born into King David's family line**, and he was **shown to be the Son of God** when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Romans 1:1-4)*

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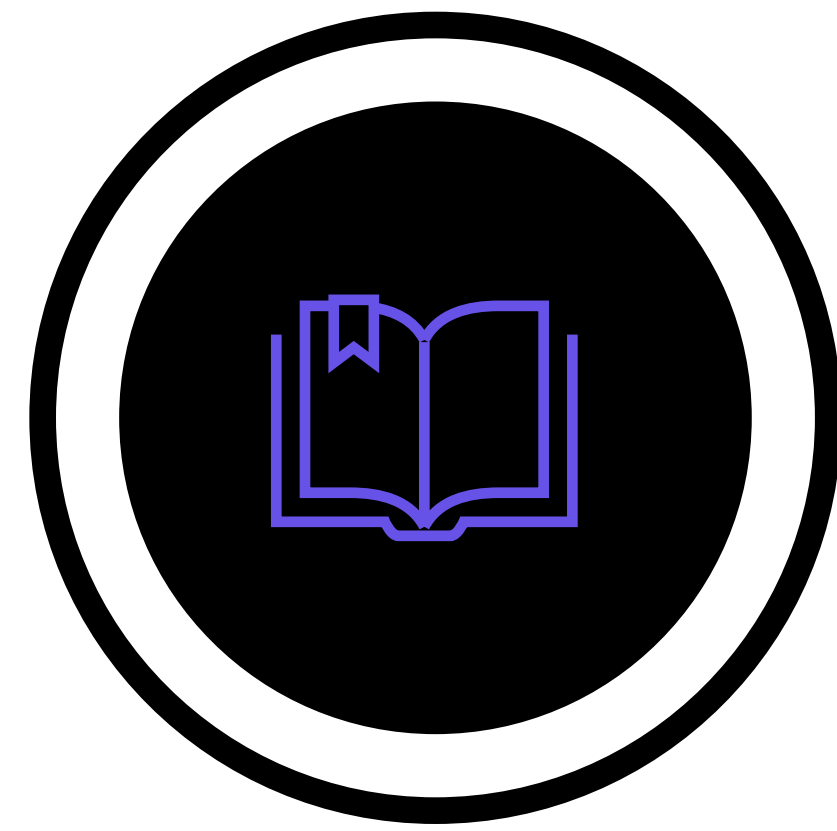
Remember that **Christ came** as a servant to the Jews **to show that God is true to the promises he made** to their ancestors. He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote:

“For this, I will praise you among the Gentiles;  
I will sing praises to your name.”

***(Romans 15:8-9)***

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“You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That’s what your ancestors did, and so do you! Name one prophet your ancestors didn’t persecute! They even **killed the ones who predicted the coming of the Righteous One**—the Messiah whom you betrayed and murdered. You deliberately **disobeyed God’s law**, even though you received it from the hands of angels.”

The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen’s accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand. And he told them, “**Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand!**”

Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul.

As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” He fell to his knees, shouting, “Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!” And with that, he died.

**(Acts 7:51-60)**

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01

Are you familiar with any of the prophecies about the coming of the Messiah? How do you know whether Jesus' birth, life or death fulfilled any of these prophecies?

02

How important was it to the people of Jesus' day to have a written record of God's promises? How important is it to us today?

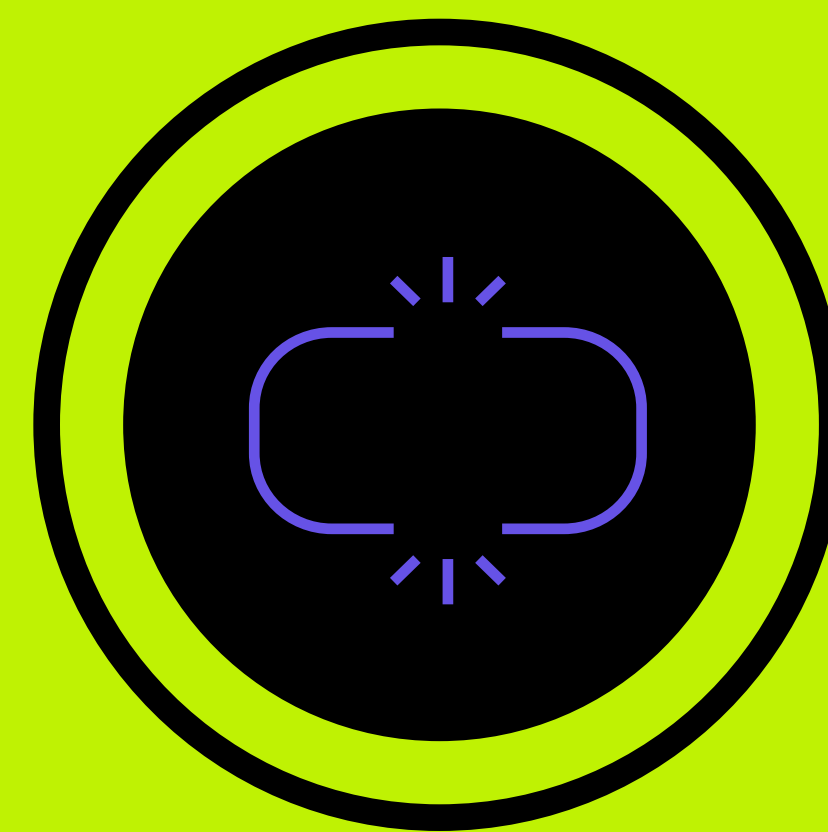
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How did knowing God's Word allow Stephen to forgive those who stoned him?

04

Would you agree with the statement that the Old Testament is full of Jesus even though he is never mentioned by name? Explain your answer.





01

Are there ways in which you struggle with what the Bible says? Which verses or topics? Does your confusion push you away from the Bible or pull you towards it?

02

A majority of Americans incorrectly think that the Bible teaches, “money is the root of all evil” when what 1 Timothy 6:10 really says is that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. What is the difference between the assumption and the real verse?

03

How does your trust or lack of trust in the Bible affect your daily decisions? What would change in your life if you believed the Bible was the infallible and inspired word of God?

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How would you categorize your knowledge of the Bible?

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How would you respond if someone asked you a question about what the Bible says about a topic and you didn’t know the answer? Where would you go to discover the answer?



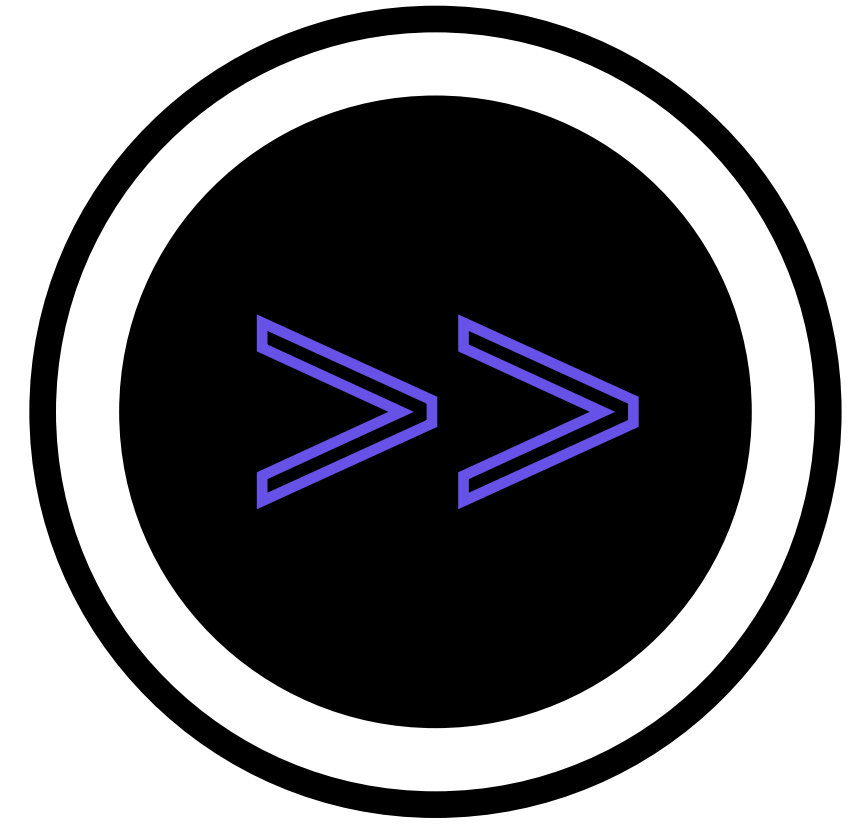


# Q: WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD?

A: The Word of God is the Bible. God inspired people to write the books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is the trustworthy and authoritative rule for what we believe and do.







- 1. Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? What's the next step you want to take?*
- 2. The Bible talks about presenting yourself to God as one who is approved, one who is not ashamed and correctly handles the word of truth. Is this a description of you? If so, how did you learn to handle the truth? If not, how can you learn?*
- 3. Will you commit to reading an entire book of the Bible in one sitting? What book are you interested in reading?*







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