

# Next Steps with the Bible

*Going Deeper and Growing Stronger*

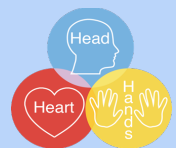
## Week Two: Understanding the Big Story

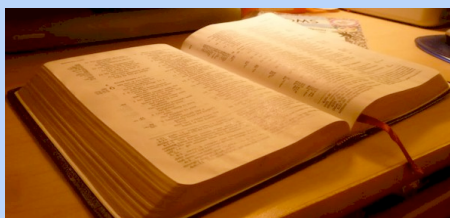


# **Understanding the Big Story**

## **1. Review of Week 1**

- **Questions or comments about Bible translation theory?**
- **What did you notice when you compared the three translations?**
- **Which translation do you like best? Why?**





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## 2. Comparing three popular translations of Jude 3-4:

ESV 2001-16 (72 words)	NIV 2011 (80 words)	NLT 2015 (91 words)
<p>Beloved,  <u>although</u> I was very eager to <u>write</u> to you about our common salvation,</p> <p>I found it necessary to write <u>appealing</u> to you to contend <u>for</u> the faith that was once <u>for</u> all delivered to the saints.</p> <p>For certain people have crept <u>in</u> unnoticed who long ago <u>were</u> designated for this <u>condemnation</u>, ungodly people, <u>who</u> pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our <u>only</u> Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>Dear friends,  <u>although</u> I was very eager to <u>write</u> to you about the salvation <u>we</u> share,</p> <p>I felt compelled to write and <u>urge</u> you to contend for the <u>faith</u> that was once for all <u>entrusted</u> to God's holy people.</p> <p>For certain individuals whose condemnation was written <u>about</u> long ago have <u>secretly</u> <u>slipped</u> in among you. They are ungodly people, who <u>pervert</u> the grace of our God <u>into</u> a license for immorality and <u>deny</u> Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.</p>	<p>Dear friends,  I had been eagerly planning to <u>write</u> to you about the salvation <u>we</u> all share.</p> <p>But now I find that I must write <u>about</u> something else, urging you <u>to</u> defend the faith that God <u>has</u> entrusted once for all time <u>to</u> his holy people.</p> <p>I say this because some ungodly <u>people</u> have wormed their way <u>into</u> your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us <u>to</u> live immoral lives. The <u>condemnation</u> of such people was recorded long ago, for they have <u>denied</u> our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.</p>



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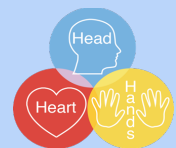
- Ἀγαπητοί, πᾶσαν σπουδὴν ποιούμενος γράφειν ὑμῖν περὶ τῆς κοινῆς ἡμῶν σωτηρίας (Ancient Greek New Testament)
  - *Agapetoī pasan spouden poioumenos graphein humin peri tes koines hemon soterias* (Greek "transliterated" into English letters)
  - Beloved every effort making to write to you about the common of us salvation (interlinear match-up "translation")
  - Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, (ESV)
  - Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, (NIV)
  - Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. (NLT)
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- ἀνάγκην ἔσχον γράψαι ὑμῖν παρακαλῶν ἐπαγωνίζεσθαι τῇ ἅπαξ παραδοθείσῃ τοῖς ἁγίοις πίστει. (Ancient Greek New Testament)
  - *Anangken eschon grapsai humin parakalwn epagonizesthai te hapax paradotheisei tois hagiois pistei* (Greek "transliterated" into English letters)
  - necessity I had to write to you appealing to contend the once delivered to the saints faith (interlinear) (interlinear match-up "translation")
  - I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. (ESV)
  - I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. (NIV)
  - But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. (NLT)
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- παρεῖσεδυσαν γάρ τινες ἄνθρωποι, οἱ πάλαι προγεγραμμένοι εἰς τοῦτο τὸ κρίμα, ἄσεβεῖς, (Ancient Greek New Testament)
  - *pareisedusan gar tines anthropoi oi palai progegrammenoi eis touto to krima, asebeis*, (Greek "transliterated" into English letters)
  - crept in for some men the long ago written about for this the judgment, ungodly (interlinear match-up "translation")
  - For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, (ESV)
  - For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, (NIV)
  - I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, . . . The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago,
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- τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν χάριτα μετατιθέντες εἰς ἀσέλγειαν καὶ τὸν μόνον δεσπότην καὶ κύριον ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἀρνούμενοι. (Ancient Greek NT)
  - *ten tou theou hemon charita metatithentes eis aselgeian kai ton monon despoten kai kurion hemon iesoun Christon amoumenoi* ("transliteration")
  - the of the God of us grace turning into sensuality and the only master and lord of us Jesus Christ denying (interlinear "translation")
  - who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (ESV)
  - who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. (NIV)
  - . . . saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives . . . for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (NLT)





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- **2. Getting a Handle on the Books of the Bible (Analysis)**
  - In one sense the Bible is a book, but more accurately this “book” is an ***anthology*** of books collected by Israel and the church over a period of roughly 1500 years.
  - **Two** Testaments, **one** Bible (39+27=66 books)
  - **Old** and **New** Testaments (but “old” may imply worn out or antiquated)
  - How about **First** and **Second**, **Former** and **Latter**, or **Promise** and **Fulfillment** Testaments?





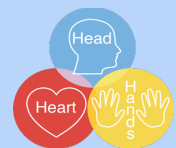
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- **2. Getting a Handle on the Books of the Bible (Analysis)**
  - **Chronology:** a timeline of the writing of the Bible may be found in the *NLTISB* A18-A27
  - the books of the **OT** were written over a period of around **1000 years**, from roughly 1400-400 BCE.
  - the books of the **NT** were written over a period of only **50 years**, from roughly 50-100 CE.



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- **2. Getting a Handle on the Books of the Bible (Analysis)**
  - Christians commonly think of the books of the Bible under the following categories:
    - **Historical Books (narratives)**
    - **Poetry**
    - **Wisdom**
    - **Letters**
    - **Prophecy**
  - These categories frequently overlap.





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	Narrative ( <u>history</u> , <u>biography</u> )	Prophecy ( <u>preaching</u> and <u>promises</u> )	Poetry	Wisdom	Letter
Old Testament	Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy  Joshua Judges Ruth 1-2 Samuel 1-2 Kings 1-2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel Daniel  Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Psalms Lamentations	Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs	





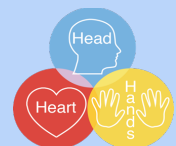
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New Testament	Matthew Mark Luke John  Acts	Revelation			Romans 1-2 Corinthians Galatians  <u>Epesians</u> Philippians Colossians Philemon  1-2 Thessalonian  1-2 Timothy Titus  Hebrews James 1-2 Peter 1-2-3 John Jude
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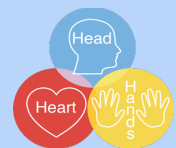
- **2. Getting a Handle on the Books of the Bible (Analysis)**
  - The 66 books above constitute the protestant **canon**.
    - **Criteria** for selection: **content**, **authorship**, and early **attestation** by the churches.
  - The Roman Catholic and Orthodox canons include several additional ancient books regarded by protestants as non-canonical, although worthy of study and respect.
    - The **Apocrypha** (“hidden”).
    - The **Pseudepigrapha** (“falsely attributed”).
    - See further *ESVSB* 2577-83).





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- **3. Getting a Handle on the Message of the Bible (Synthesis)**
  - God's plan to redeem a people for himself is central to the Bible.
  - The **messiah** and the **cross** are at the heart of the biblical message, **promised** in the Old Testament and **fulfilled** in the New.
  - **The Jewish people** are central to this plan according to Genesis 12; John 4, Romans 11, and Ephesians 2.
  - **Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation** are the keys to the plan.





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Creation (Gen 1-2; Ps 8; Heb 11:3)

Anticipation

Consummation

Fall in the first Adam (Gen 3)

Redemption in the second Adam (Rom 5:12-21)

New Creation (John 1:1-5; 2 Cor 4:3-6; 5:17; Rev 21-22)

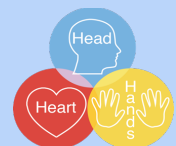


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- 4. So What? How does all this impact us?



- We are graciously **called to participate with God** in a plan to renew his fallen creation through the Lord Messiah Jesus.
- Our feeble, frustrating, personal stories take on meaning as they are integrated into God's mega-story. ***We need something bigger than us***, a redemptive vista that transcends our myopia, to empower us to take on life's complexities.
- Will this information transform our **minds** so that it can transform our **families**, our **careers**, our **church**, and our **world**?







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## Luke 24

<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, **he explained to them** what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. . . . <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “**Were not our hearts burning within us while he . . . opened the Scriptures to us?**” . . .

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “. . . **Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me** in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> **Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.** <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> **You are witnesses of these things.**



James Tissot (1836-1902)