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Who Wrote The Bible?

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No one knows for absolutely sure who wrote the bible.

Since every person that wrote the Bible and every person that may have witnessed it being written died hundreds of years ago, no one can be completely sure who the authors were.

From years of theological research and study, it is believed there were about 40 main contributors, 30 in the Old Testament and 10 in the New Testament.

Referenced below is a list of those contributors:

Old Testament

Book	Author	Date Written (B.C.)
Genesis	Moses	? - 1445 B.C.
Exodus	Moses	1445 - 1405 B.C.
Leviticus	Moses	1405 B.C.
Numbers	Moses	1444 - 1405 B.C.
Deuteronomy	Moses	1405 B.C.
Joshua	Joshua	1404-1390 B.C.
Judges	Samuel	1374-1129 B.C.
Ruth	Samuel	1150? B.C.
First Samuel	Samuel	1043-1011 B.C.
Second Samuel	Ezra	1011-1004 B.C.
First Kings	Jeremiah	971-852 B.C.
Second Kings	Jeremiah	852-587 B.C.
First Chronicles	Ezra	450 - 425 B.C.
Second Chronicles	Ezra	450 - 425 B.C.
Ezra	Ezra	538-520 B.C.
Nehemiah	Nehemiah	445 - 425 B.C.

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Esther	Mordecai	465 B.C.
Book	Author	Date Written (B.C.)
Job	Job	??
Psalms	Sons of Korah wrote Psalms 42, 44-49, 84-85, 87	1000? B.C.
Psalms	Asaph wrote Psalms 50, 73-83;	1000? B.C.
Psalms	Heman wrote Psalm 88	1000? B.C.
Psalms	Ethan wrote Psalm 89	1000? B.C.
Psalms	Hezekiah wrote Psalms 120-123, 128-130, 132, 134-136	1000? B.C.
Psalms	Solomon wrote Psalms 72, 127	1000? B.C.
Proverbs	Solomon wrote 1-29 Agur wrote 30 Lemuel wrote 31	950 - 700 B.C.
Ecclesiastes	Solomon	935 B.C.
Song of Solomon	Solomon	965 B.C.
Isaiah	Isaiah	740 - 680 B.C.
Jeremiah	Jeremiah	627 - 585 B.C.
Lamentations	Jeremiah	586 B.C.
Ezekiel	Ezekiel	593-560 B.C.
Daniel	Daniel	605-536 B.C.
Hosea	Hosea	710 B.C.
Joel	Joel	835 B.C.
Amos	Amos	755 B.C.
Obadiah	Obadiah	840 or 586 B.C.
Jonah	Jonah	760 B.C.
Micah	Micah	700 B.C.

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Nahum	Nahum	663 - 612 B.C.
Habakkuk	Habakkuk	607 B.C.
Book	Author	Date Written (B.C.)
Zephaniah	Zephaniah	625 B.C.
Haggai	Haggai	520 B.C.
Zechariah	Zechariah	520 - 518 B.C.
Malachi	Malachi	450 - 600 B.C.

New Testament

Book	Author	Date Written (A.D.)
Matthew	Matthew	60's
Mark	John Mark	late 50's early 60's
Luke	Luke	60
John	John	late 80's early 90's
Acts	Luke	61
Romans	Paul	55
1 Corinthians	Paul	54
2 Corinthians	Paul	55
Galatians	Paul	49
Ephesians	Paul	60
Philippians	Paul	61
Colossians	Paul	60
1 Thessalonians	Paul	50 - 51
2 Thessalonians	Paul	50 - 51
1 Timothy	Paul	62
2 Timothy	Paul	63
Titus	Paul	62

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Book	Author	Date Written (A.D.)
Philemon	Paul	60
Hebrews	(Paul, Apollos, Barnabas . . . ?)	60's
James	James, half brother of Jesus	40's or 50's
1 Peter	Peter	63
2 Peter	Peter	63 - 64
1 John	John	late 80's early 90's
2 John	John	late 80's early 90's
3 John	John	late 80's early 90's
Jude	Jude, half brother of Jesus	60's or 70's
Revelation	John	late 80's early 90's

Old Testament Authors

The accounts preserved in the Old Testament—also known as the First Testament or Hebrew Scriptures—go back thousands of years. They were written down and communicated orally.

Many regard Moses as the primary human author of the first five books of the Bible, known as the Torah.

Regardless of the role others may have played in compiling the Torah, its thought that Moses ensured the narratives, genealogies;

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And law codes were collected and retold faithfully in these five books (which are, after all, known by many Jewish people as the “five books of Moses”).

As already stated, David is considered the main human author of the Psalms, though others contributed too. David’s son, King Solomon, is credited with writing or inspiring much of Bible’s wisdom literature (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, etc.).

The First Testament also contains oracles from prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, and others. Many of these messages were delivered in person—shouted from street corners, spoken in front of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem, or pronounced in the royal courts of Israel and Judah. Only later were these oracles written down, often by the prophets themselves or by their scribes.

As time passed, all these writings were collected together into the First Testament. The Jewish people received them as divinely inspired Scripture.

New Testament Authors

The New Testament consists of stories, teachings, and letters that circulated among the first Christian churches. Letters from apostles like Paul and Peter are among the earliest writings in the New Testament.

These letters were meant to be read aloud by communities of believers in specific locations. After the recipients heard the message intended for them, they often memorized it and shared it with neighboring Christian communities.

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Luke and Acts, a two-volume series on the life of Jesus and the early church, was penned by a physician named Luke, who was also a traveling companion to the apostle Paul.

The gospel of Matthew is popularly attributed to a tax collector variously known as Levi or Matthew—though given its content; some think it was written by someone with more training in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Mark's gospel is thought to record the memoirs of Peter, as told through the pen of John Mark. The gospel of John was written by one of Jesus' closest disciples, giving us an eyewitness account of the Messiah's life.

Not Just Any Book, Not Just Any Author

Of course, for Christians, the Bible is more than just a human book. It is the authoritative, written Word of God.

Through this ancient collection of books, God speaks into our world, revealing who He is and how He's at work—then and now—repairing all that is broken. God did not simply give dictation to the human authors of Scripture; their contribution is real.

Their personalities, perspectives, and writing styles are all discernable in the text - as are the unique situations and circumstances of those to whom they were writing. Yet God's universal message is present from Genesis to Revelation.

It is truly amazing that God used so many people to tell his big story, one that transcends language, culture, and time.

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The Bible is a diverse collection of literature, yet it contains a unified message of redemption and renewal. God has given us a Bible that's fully human and fully divine—fully inspired by his Spirit and fully a product of the world in which it was written.

A Video Documentary

In-Depth Analysis On Who Wrote The Bible And Its History
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May the grace of God be with you always --- Amen.

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