

**WE
BELIEVE**



**BEREA
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Canadian Baptists of Western Canada accept wholeheartedly the revelation of God given in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and confess the faith therein set forth. We here explicitly assert the doctrines which we regard as crucial to the understanding and proclamation of the Gospel and to practical Christian living

WE BELIEVE IN



The divine inspiration of Holy Scripture and its entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

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2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow cleverly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses.

2 Peter 1:17–18

For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And we ourselves heard this voice from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

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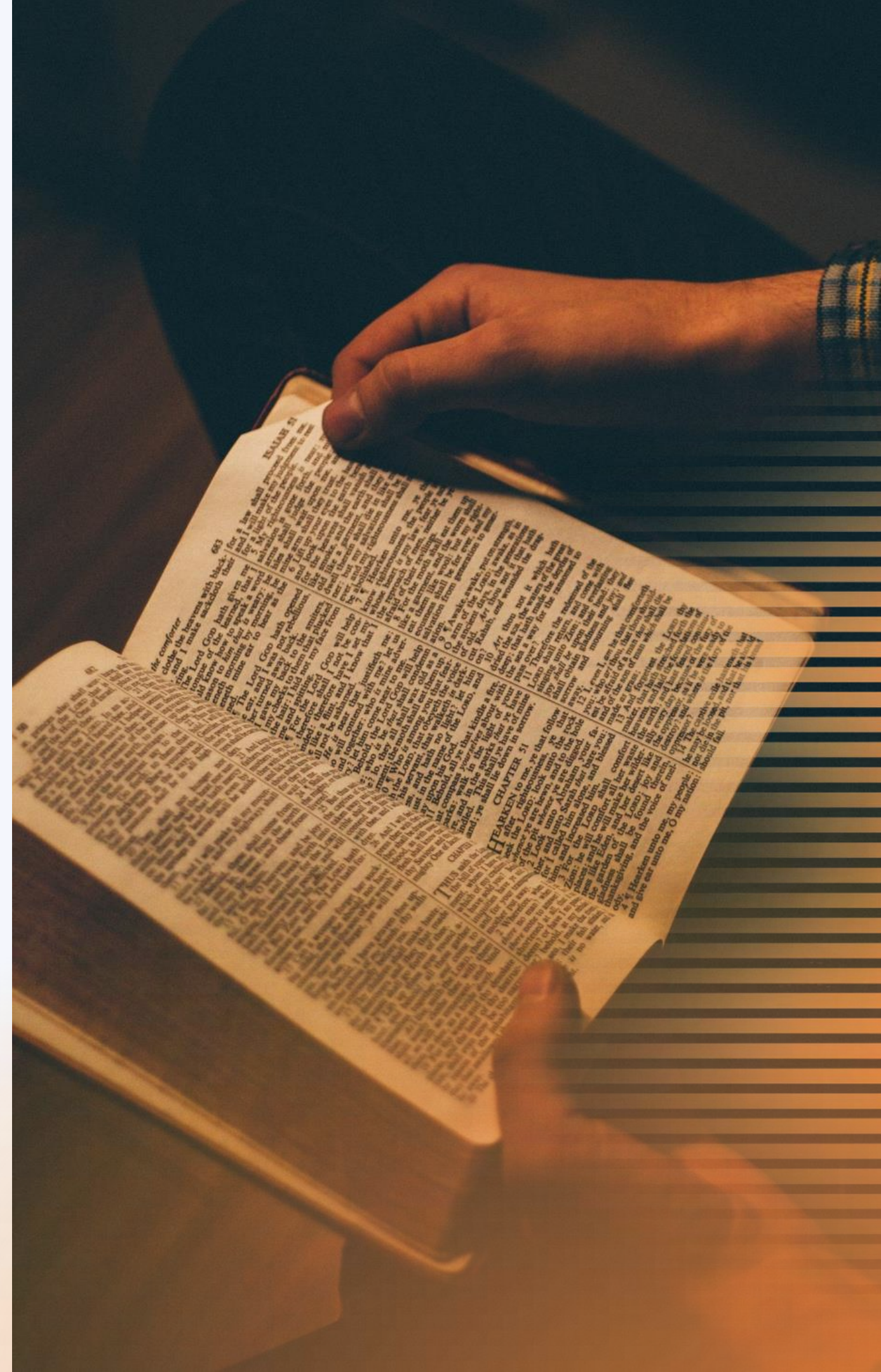
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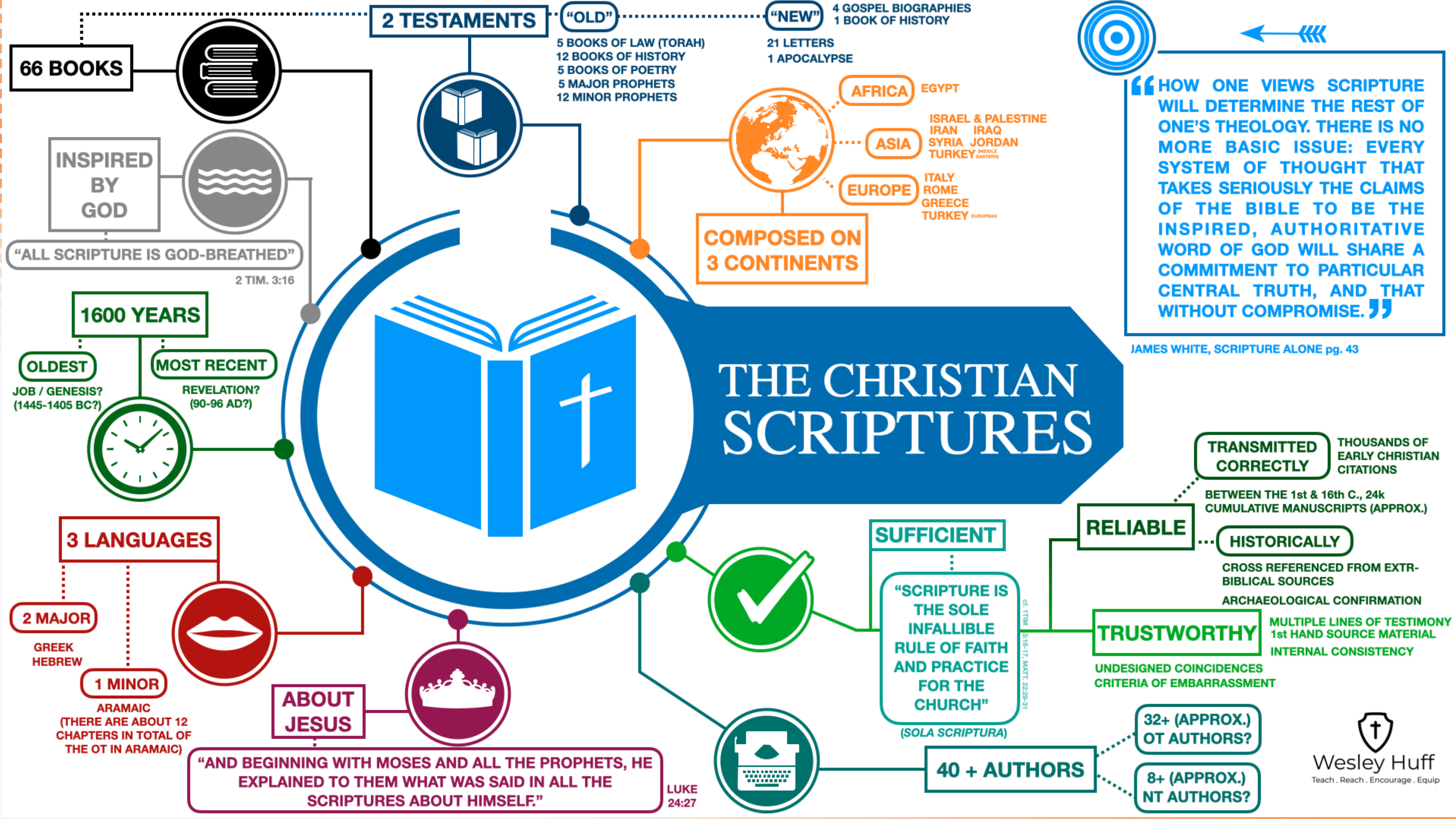
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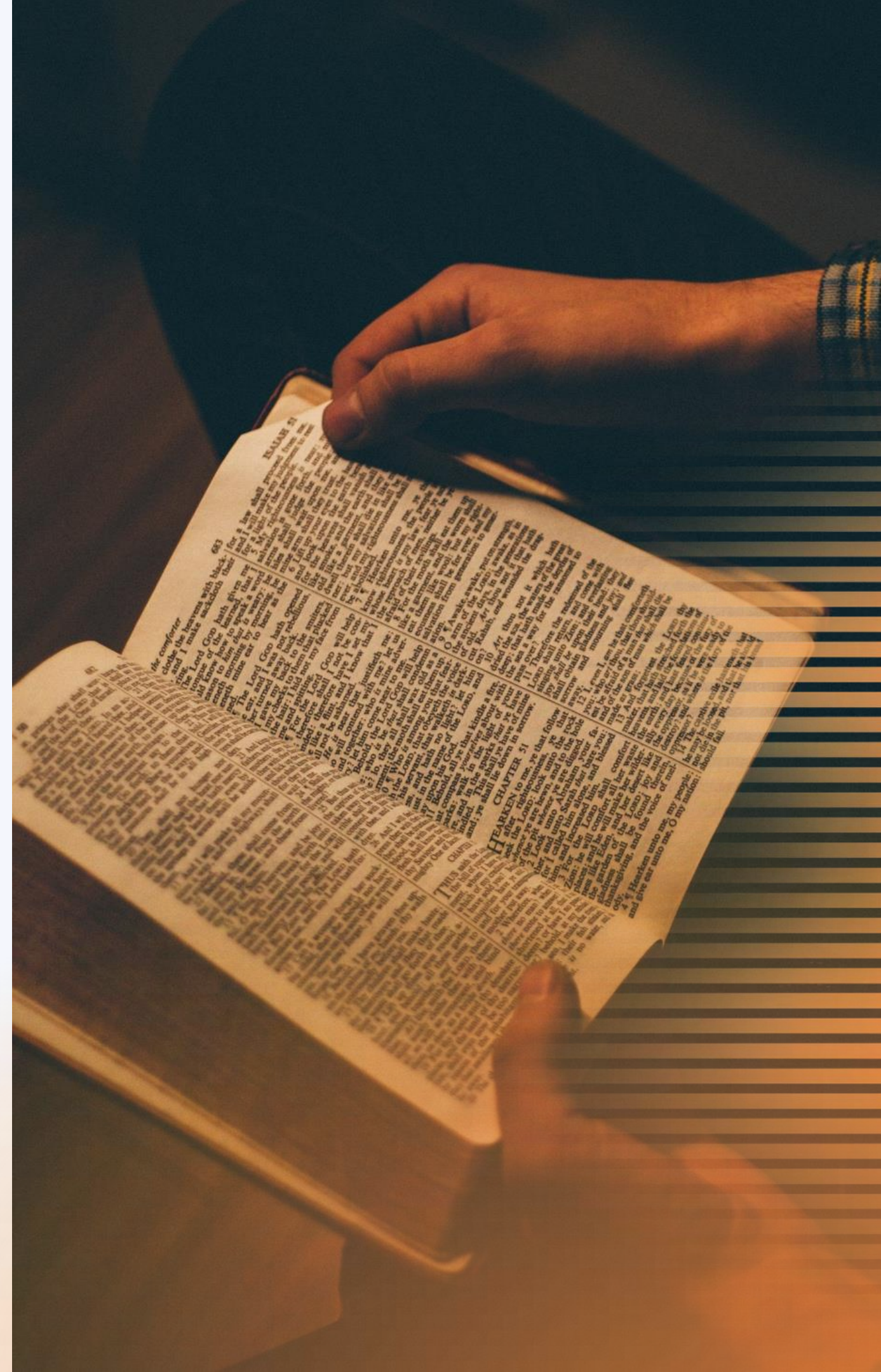


2 Timothy 3:15–16

From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness.



Entire Trustworthiness



Trustworthiness

- Old Testament
 - Cannon set before 1st century
- New Testament

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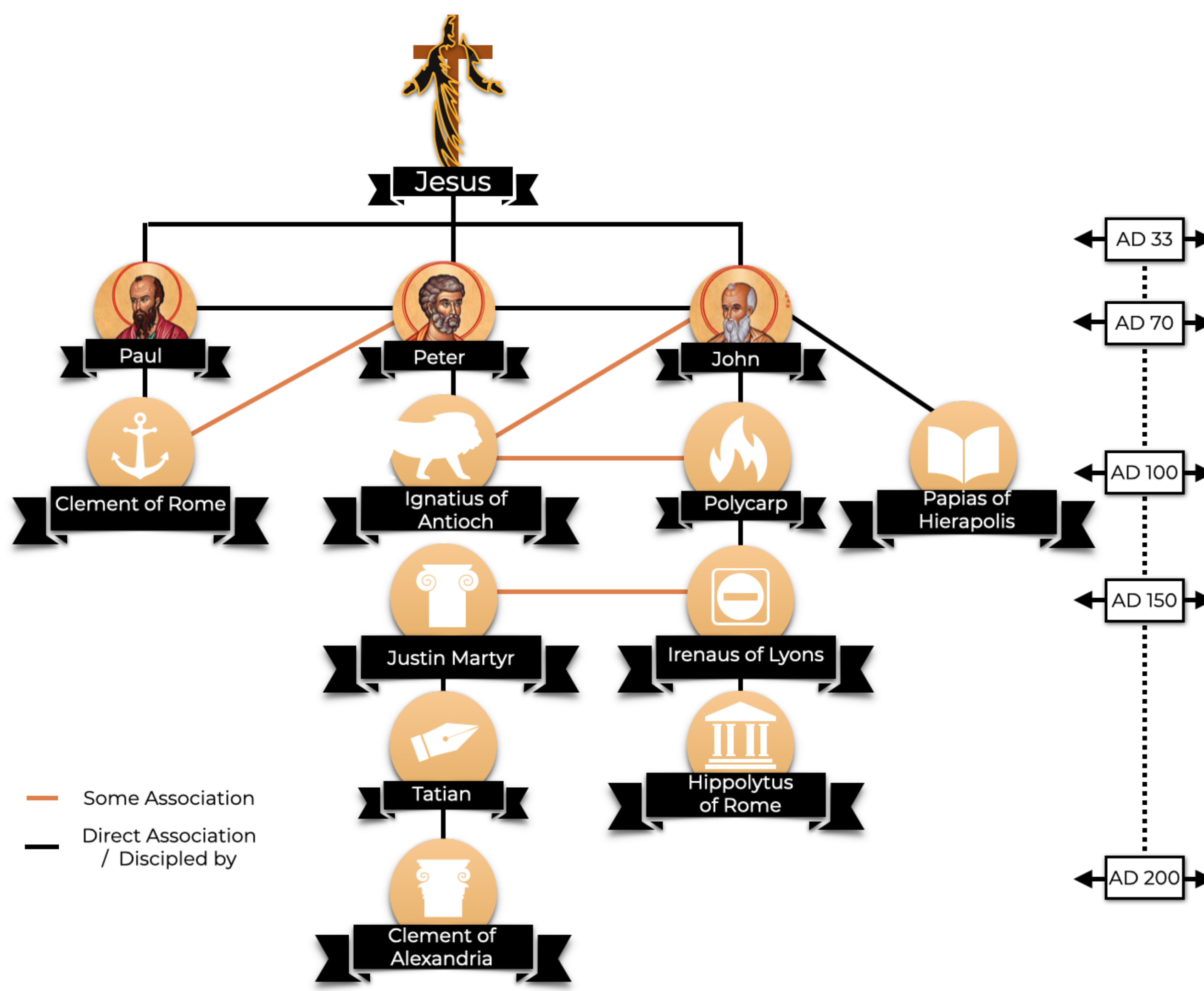
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 - Most books recognized by early 2nd century

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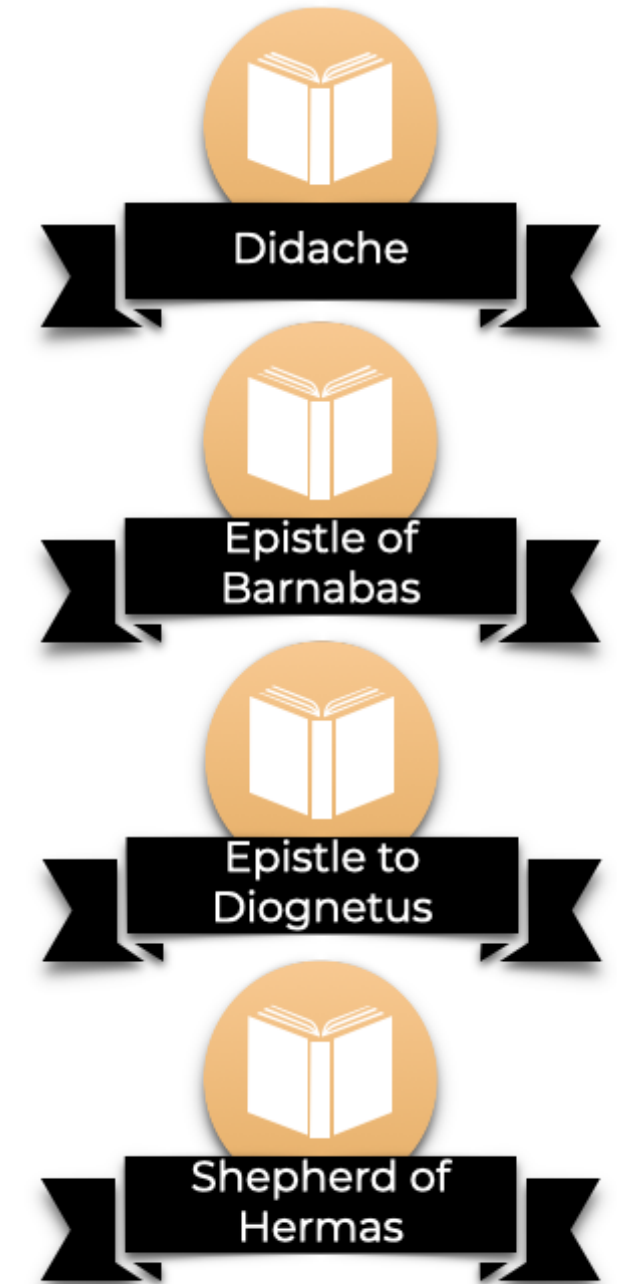
APOSTOLIC CHURCH FATHERS

IN RELATION TO THE APOSTLES THEMSELVES



HONOURABLE MENTIONS

OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITHIN THE APOSTOLIC FATHERS COLLECTIONS BUT WHOSE AUTHORS ARE NOT CLEARLY KNOWN OR IDENTIFIED

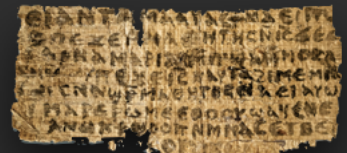


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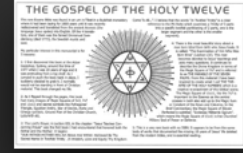
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NON-CANONICAL GOSPELS, DUE TO THEIR LATE DATE OF COMPOSITION, DISQUALIFY THEMSELVES AS ACCURATE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS. IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THE NAMES ATTACHED TO THEIR AUTHORSHIP ("PETER," "THOMAS," "JUDAS," ETC.) WERE DECEASED, (IN SOME CASES FOR CENTURIES) PRIOR TO THE INCEPTION/COMPOSITION OF THESE DOCUMENTS.



GOSPEL OF JESUS' WIFE
21st C. FORGERY

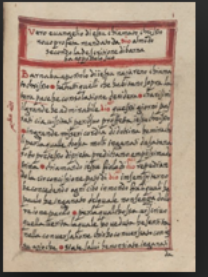


GOSPEL OF THE HOLY 12
20th C. FORGERY



SECRET GOSPEL OF MARK
20th C. FORGERY

GOSPEL OF BARNABAS
1500s



JESUS BORN

6-4 BC



GOSPEL OF JOHN
60-95 AD

GOSPEL OF JUDAS
180-350 AD

GOSPEL OF PETER
150-250 AD

GOSPEL OF PHILIP 300 AD

INFANCY GOSPEL OF THOMAS
200-500 AD

GOSPEL OF TRUTH
140-180 AD

GOSPEL OF HEBREWS
140 AD

GOSPEL OF MARY
200- 300 AD

PAUL'S LETTERS
40s-60s AD

GOSPEL OF THOMAS
130-330 AD

GOSPEL OF EBIONITES
120 AD

GOSPEL OF THE EGYPTIANS
120 AD

ACTS
60-65 AD

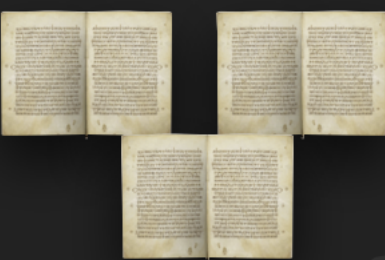
HEBREWS
50-70 AD

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS
40s-70s AD

NAG HAMMADI LIBRARY
300-400 AD

THE HISTORY OF
GOSPELS
FROM CANONICAL
TO APOCRYPHAL

All dates are approximate estimation spans based on early to late ranges. Very few documents from antiquity come with a date attached which makes dating of composition for ancient documents less of an exact science. Instead the process requires both skill and the candid admission that all dates are based on likelihood and probability and not on 100% certainty of a finalized time.



15-60 YEARS

1st CENTURY BC

1st CENTURY AD

2nd CENTURY AD

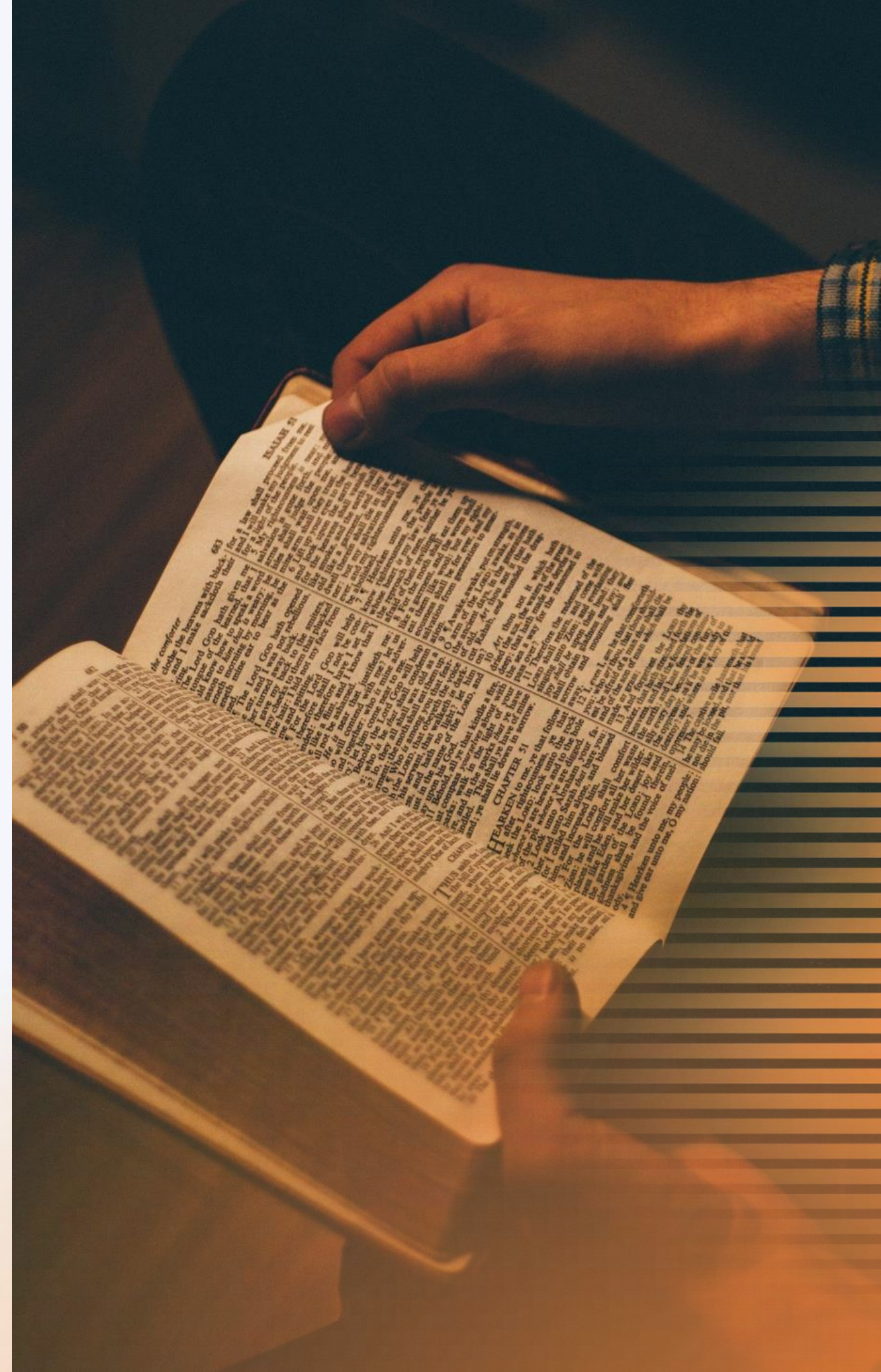
3rd CENTURY AD

4th CENTURY AD

5th CENTURY AD AND ONWARD

JESUS DIES
30/33 AD

Supreme Authority





Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.



Luke 24:26-27

“Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then to enter His glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was written in all the Scriptures about Himself.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.



The Bible

- Pentateuch
 - Creation, God's plan enacted, Covenant & Law
- History
- Wisdom
- Psalms
- Prophets
- Gospels
- Acts
- Epistles



The Bible

- Pentateuch
- History
 - The covenant successes and failures of Israel
- Wisdom
- Psalms
- Prophets
- Gospels
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The Bible

- Pentateuch
- History
- Wisdom
 - Practical righteousness
- Psalms
- Prophets
- Gospels
- Acts
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The Bible

- Pentateuch
- History
- Wisdom
- Psalms
 - Prayer & worship for us
- Prophets
- Gospels
- Acts
- Epistles



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- History
- Wisdom
- Psalms
- Prophets
 - Justice, Mercy, Messiah
- Gospels
- Acts
- Epistles

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- Prophets
- Gospels
 - Incarnation, Jesus' life, death, resurrection, O.T. fulfillment
- Acts
- Epistles



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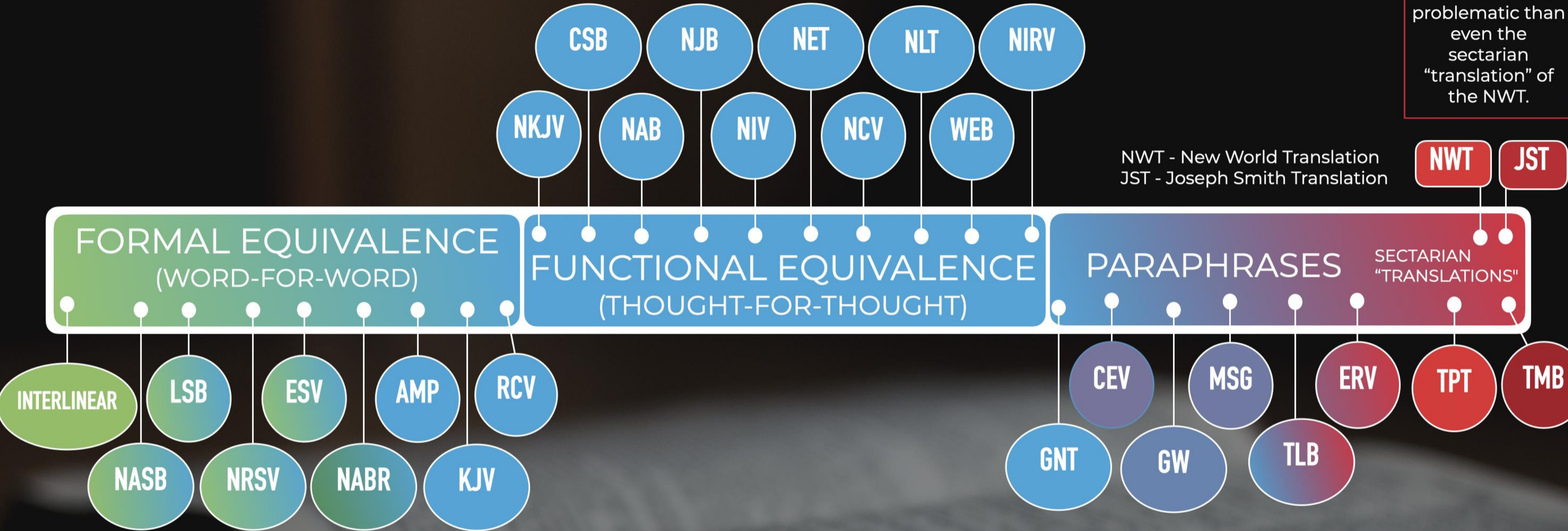
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- Gospels
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 - Life & ministry of the early church
- Epistles

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- O.T. interpreted and applied through the lens of Jesus

BIBLE TRANSLATION PHILOSOPHIES

 In many ways "translations" like TPT or the *Mirror Bible* are more problematic than even the sectarian "translation" of the NWT.



NASB - New American Standard Bible
AMP - Amplified Bible
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version
KJV - King James Version
NABR - New American Bible Revised Edition
LSB - Legacy Standard Bible
ESV - English Standard Version
RcV - Recovery Version

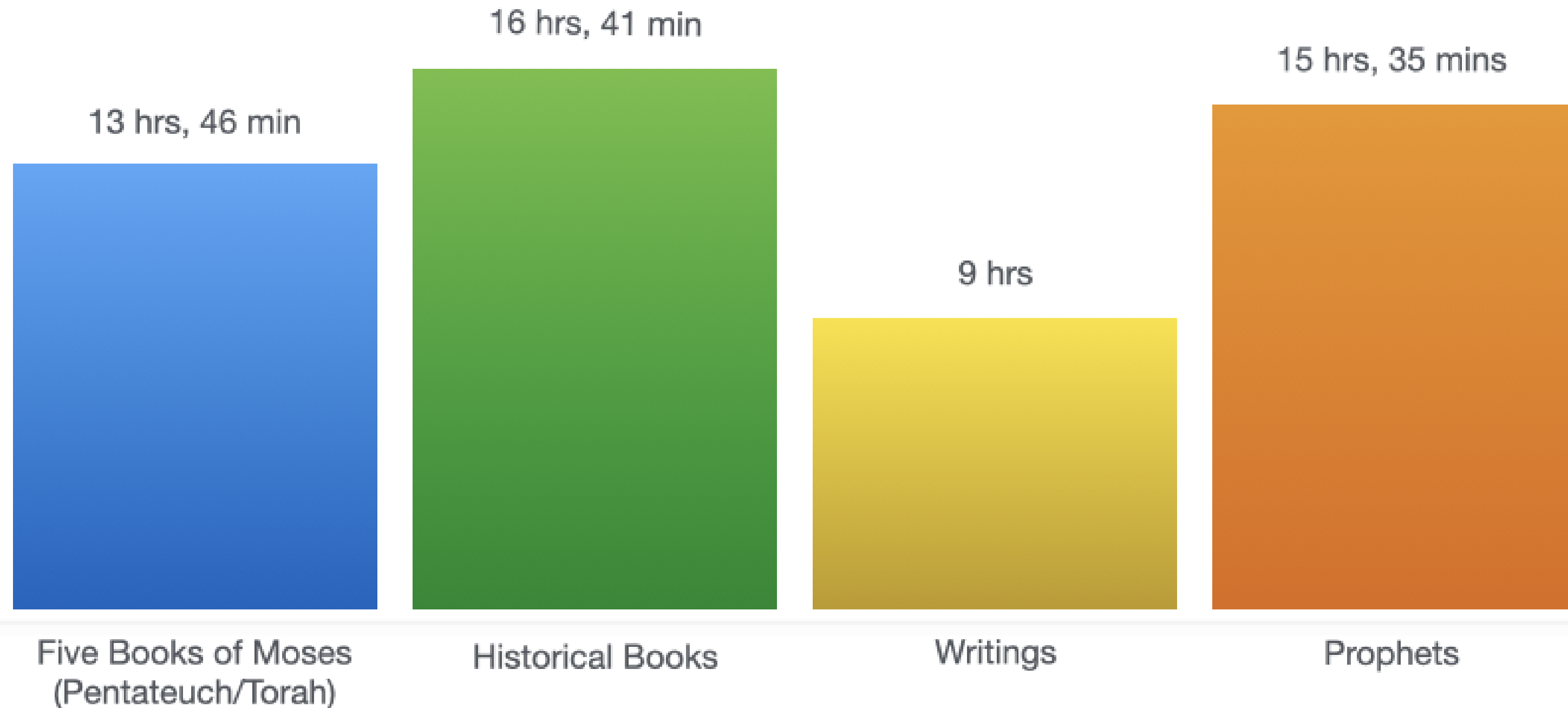
NKJV - New King James Version
HCSB/CSB - (Holeman)Christian Standard Bible
NAB - New American Bible
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible
NET- New English Translation
NIV - New International Version
NCV - New Century Version
NLT - New Living Translation
WEB- Word English Bible
NIRV - New International Reader's Version

GNT - Good News Translation
(Good News Bible)
CEV - Contemporary English Version
TLB - The Living Bible
TPT - The Passion Translation
ERV - Easy to Read Version
GW - God's Word
MSG - The Message
TMB - The Mirror Bible

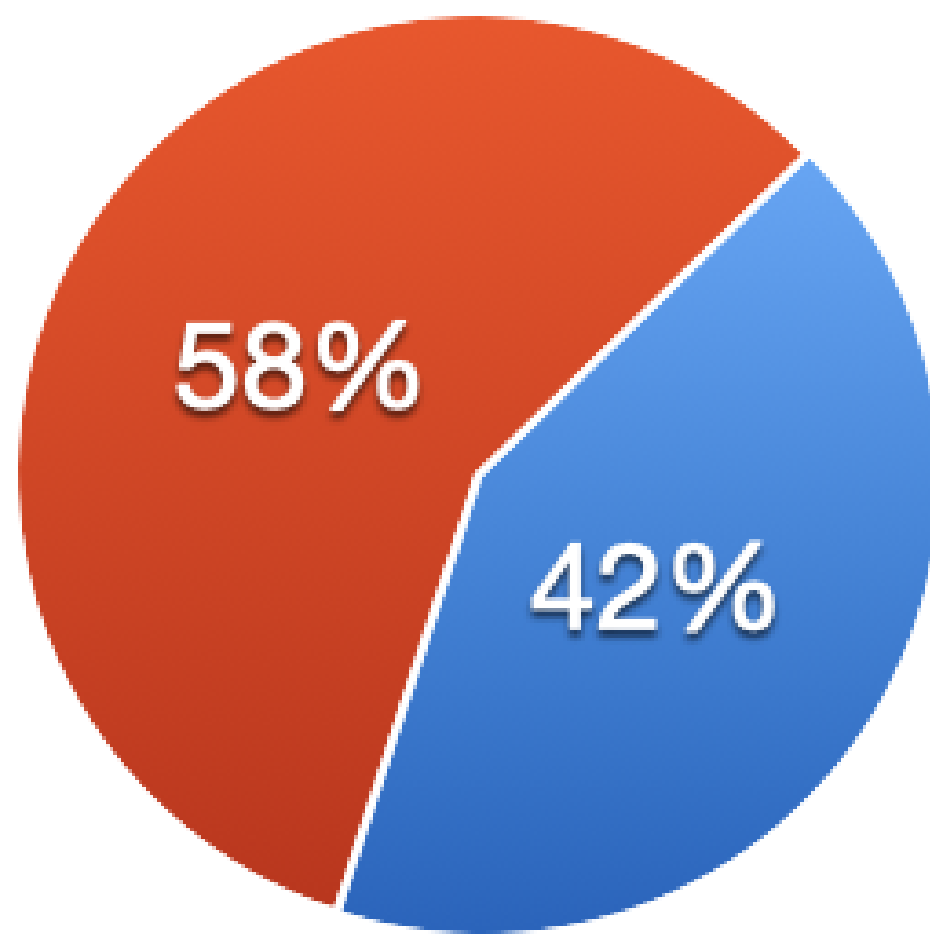
The Time it Takes to Read Your Bible

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The Old Testament



The New Testament



Gospels and Acts

10 hrs, 14 mins



Epistles and Revelation

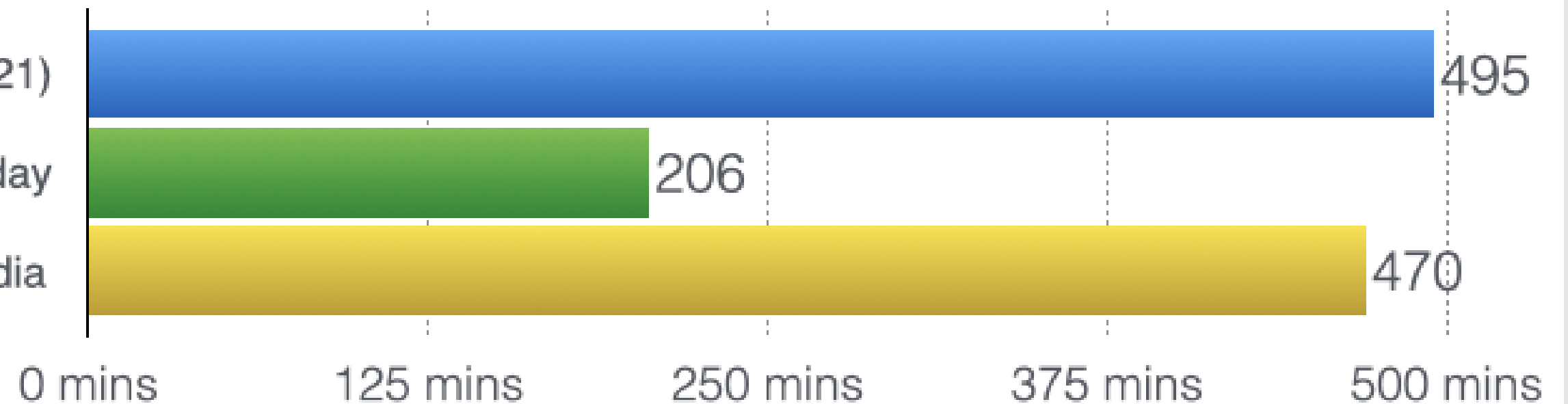
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Daily Time with Media Globally (2011-2021)

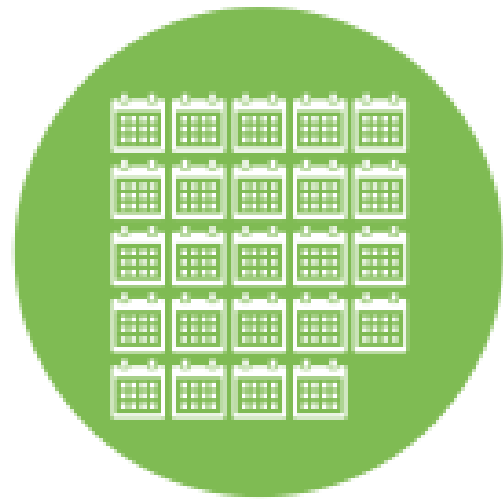
US Average of TV per day

Average Daily Time with Digital Media



Data from Statista: "Time Spent with digital vs. traditional media in the US 2011-2023," "Time spent with media worldwide," "US TV consumption: daily viewing"

Based on Average Reading Speed



2 YEARS



1 YEAR



6 MONTHS



3 MONTHS



1 MONTH



6 Minutes



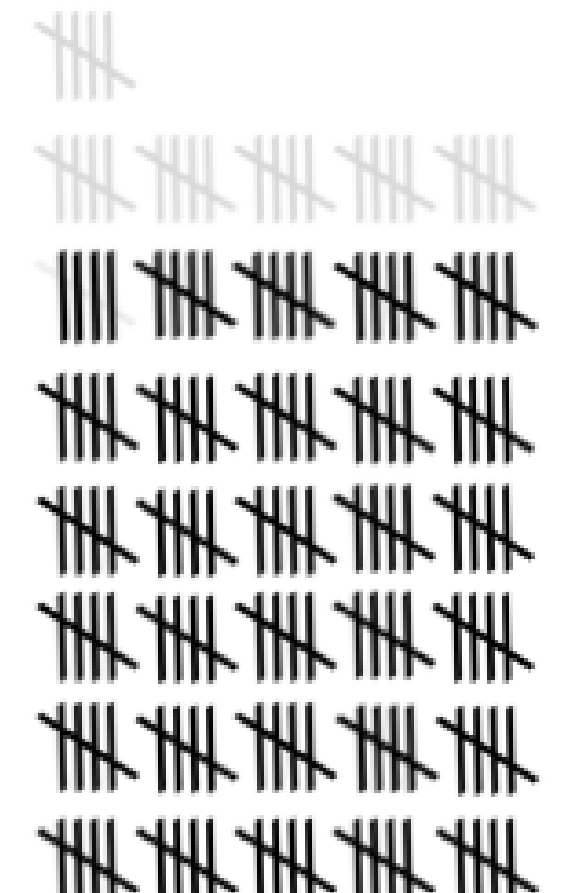
12 Minutes



25 Minutes



50 Minutes



2 Hours And
29 Minutes



THE BIBLE (KJV, 66 BOOKS)

783,137 [KJV]

57 HRS



HARRY POTTER SERIES

1,084,170

79 HRS



THE LORD OF THE RINGS

481,103

35 HRS



THE DAVINCI CODE

170,000

12 HRS



TWILIGHT SAGA

587,246

43 HRS

WORD COUNT

AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE

Calculations based on the low adult average reading speed (230 Words per minute) and word count. These are *estimations* and are rounded to the nearest hour. Furthermore, there is room for variance. For example: average completion of the Bible can range from 51 to 57 hours within the average adult reading speed of 230-250 words per minute. These calculations also do not account for reading level or genre of each book(s). For example, the Lord of the Rings would likely take longer than the time shown above while the Twilight saga would likely take less time.

SOME FAST FACTS ON THE BIBLE'S UNIQUENESS

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