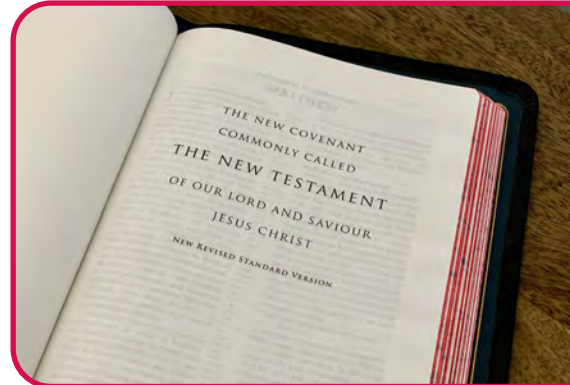


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<b>authority</b>	Having the power to make decisions, orders or rules.	<b>interpretation</b>	Explaining or understanding the meaning of something.
<b>canon</b>	A collection of texts that are considered to be the authoritative scriptures of a religion.	<b>relevant</b>	Closely connected or appropriate to something.
<b>culture</b>	The habits, beliefs or ways of life for a particular group of people.	<b>secular</b>	Relating to things that have no religious or spiritual basis.
<b>Gospels</b>	The accounts of Jesus' life and teachings found in the first four books of the New Testament in the Bible.	<b>significance</b>	How important or meaningful something is.
<b>impact</b>	The effect or influence that something has on a situation, person or place.	<b>translation</b>	Changing words so that people can understand them.



The Bible contains the history, key teachings and beliefs of the Christian religion. Many Christians believe its authors heard from or were inspired by God. It is often referred to as holy or sacred.



The Bible canon as it is today was standardised in the 4th century CE. Standard Bibles contain the New and Old Testament and have the same books in each. Some Christian denominations also include additional books.



Over time, people have translated, printed and shared the Bible, leading to its bestseller status.



For many Christians, reading and hearing about the Bible is an important part of their life. They interpret its meaning by praying, listening to sermons, reading and reflecting on the text.

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The Bible was written over a period of 1,500 years by many authors. Some were written before Jesus was born and some over 100 years after his birth.

