

We are People of the Word Both Old and New

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- * What is the Bible?
 - " *Ta biblia*"
 - Word of God
 - Story of Faith
 - Religious Message
 - Revealed Religious Truth
- * The Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures)
- * The New Testament (Christian Scriptures)

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- * **The Books of the Old Testament** (950-550 BC)
 - The Pentateuch (Torah) - origins of Israel, the law and institutions
 - Historical Books - background to which prophets wrote
 - Prophetic Writings - God's message re: life of people in present
 - Poetry & Wisdom - timeless writings

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- * **Summary of the Pentateuch (Torah)**
 - Genesis
 - Exodus
 - Leviticus
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy

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- * The Law and the Covenant
- * Corporate Personality
- * Covenant & Ten Commandments
- * God's Covenant with Israel

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- * **New Testament/Christian Scriptures** (51-110 AD)
 - Epistles - Letters, especially from Saint Paul
 - Gospels - Mark (65-70 AD), Matthew & Luke (85 AD), John (90-110 AD)
 - Acts of the Apostles - Luke (85 AD)
 - The Book of Revelation - Written approx. 95 AD

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- * Theme common to both Testaments
 - Covenant
- * Old Testament - Covenant
 - Love of God and others
- * New Testament - New Covenant
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Matthew 5:17 - Sermon on the Mount

"Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to destroy, but to fulfill."

Matthew 22: 36-40

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

John 13: 34-35

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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- * Why both Testaments are important
 - We are "The People of God"
 - Jesus and the Hebrew Scriptures
 - Guide for living today
 - Ten Commandments
 - Beatitudes