

Getting the Big Picture

Survey of the Bible

I. The Languages of the Bible

- A. The Old Testament Originally Written in Hebrew
 - 1. Hebrew was the language of the Jews
 - 2. Hebrew is a pictorial language
- B. Parts of the O.T. Written in the international language of Aramaic
 - 1. Daniel 2-7
 - 2. Portions of the book of Ezra
- C. The New Testament Originally Written in Greek
 - 1. Greek was the international language
 - 2. Greek is a very precise language - Matthew 1:16

II. The Divisions of the Bible

- A. Within the Old Testament - Matthew 5:18 , Luke 24:44
 - 1. Genesis - Deuteronomy (pentateuch or law)
 - 2. Joshua - Esther (history)
 - 3. Job - Song of Solomon (poetry)
 - 4. Isaiah - Daniel (major prophets because of size)
 - 5. Hosea - Malachi (minor prophets because of size)
- B. Within the New Testament
 - 1. Matthew - John (gospels)
 - 2. Acts (historical transition)
 - 3. Romans - Philemon (church epistles)
 - 4. Hebrews - Jude (general epistles)
 - 5. Revelation (apocalyptic)
- C. Chapter and Verse Divisions
 - 1. Chapter divisions - Stephen Langton in 1227
 - 2. Verse divisions - Robert Stephanus in 1555

III. The Accuracy of the Bible - Matthew 5:17-18

- A. Matthew 22:23-33
- B. Galatians 3:16
- C. John 10:35 , Matthew 24:35

IV. The Value of the Bible - Psalm 19:7-11