

## OLD TESTAMENT Rooted in History

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## LESSON ONE The Long & Short Overview

**Share and care question:** Who is the oldest person that you know?

### Prayer

**+1. Read 2 Tim 3:16-17.**

**a. Who is all Scripture inspired by?**

**b. What is Scripture profitable for?**

**c. What is the man of God equipped for?**

Look at the beginning of your Bible for a list of the books. Include abbreviations.

**+2. Write the first five books below. These are called the Law. They are also known as the Law of Moses, Pentateuch or Torah. (Written by Moses)**

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

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## FOCUS ON THE FACTS

All Scripture is inspired by God. It is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. The people of God are equipped for every good work.

The Old Testament was written about 1450 BC to 400 BC by different people in different writing styles. The Bible is the Word of God for the people of God. It is the living Word that tells the meaning of life and death for all generations.

The Dead Sea scrolls were found in 1946 in a cave in the Judean desert. The scrolls were in clay jars and contain the oldest copies of the Bible. More caves have been discovered containing more manuscripts that further prove that the Bible was written long ago.

The Bible was not written in chronological order. Scholars debate the exact timing and dates of some events. You will get the general idea of when and where things happened if you study the Bible in order as they happened. You can buy chronological Bibles if you want to study that way. This study is written following the Bible order.

There are 39 books in the Old Testament. You can memorize the order or put tabs in your Bible to help you find the books. The beginning of the Bible will also have a list with page numbers. Psalms is the longest book with the longest and shortest chapters. The middle of the Bible is found in Psalms. As a child in Sunday school, I learned that you could find Psalms by

opening the Bible and finding the middle. If your Bible does not have lots of footnotes it should work. The shortest book is Obadiah with only one chapter and 21 verses. The longest verse is found in Esther. The oldest man in the Bible is Methuselah at 969 years old.

Why is the Bible important to you? It is God's communication with us. We can read it and find things to help us in all situations in life and what we need to know about death. God speaks to everyone differently as we grow. Our needs change and the Bible will help us during anytime of our lives. We can count on God because He does not change but remains the same. We will be learning the basic facts about the Old Testament. Check out our website for other studies to learn about the books of the Bible more in depth.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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This excerpt shows only a few pages of lesson 1.  
Each lesson is approximately 15-30 questions.