



# THE BIBLE

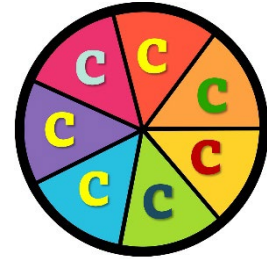
## A Snapshot of the Whole Bible

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## Seven C's of the Bible

Although the Bible contains 66 books written over many centuries, it tells one unified story, God's plan to create, redeem, and restore humanity and the world. The **7 C's** provide a simple framework that helps us understand how every part of Scripture fits together.



### 1. **CREATION** (Genesis 1–2)

God brought the universe into existence by His powerful word, creating everything out of nothing. His work was intentional, structured, and repeatedly declared good, revealing His wisdom and authority. Humanity was uniquely made in God's image to represent Him, relate to Him, and steward His creation. The first man and woman enjoyed unhindered fellowship with God and lived in a world without sin or death. From the beginning, God alone stood as rightful Creator, King, and source of life.

### 2. **CORRUPTION** (Genesis 3–11)

Sin entered history when humanity chose independence from God rather than trusting His command. This rebellion produced immediate spiritual separation, inner shame, relational conflict, suffering, and death. The poison of sin spread rapidly from Adam and Eve to their children and into every culture. God judged wickedness through events such as the Flood and the confusion of languages at Babel. Yet even in judgment, He showed mercy by preserving life and maintaining His promise of future redemption.

### 3. **COVENANT** (Genesis 12 – Malachi)

God initiated a rescue plan by choosing Abraham and promising land, descendants, and worldwide blessing through him. Through Israel, God revealed His character, His law, and the seriousness of sin. The sacrificial system demonstrated that forgiveness requires the shedding of blood and pointed beyond itself to a greater solution. Kings and prophets reminded the people of both accountability and hope, repeatedly calling them back to

covenant faithfulness. Despite human failure, God promised a coming Messiah who would bring ultimate salvation and restoration.

#### **4. CHRIST (Matthew–John)**

Jesus arrived as the long-awaited Messiah, fully God and fully man, sent to make the Father known. He proclaimed the kingdom of God, performed signs and wonders, and demonstrated perfect righteousness. Through His teaching, He exposed sin while offering grace, forgiveness, and new birth. His death on the cross satisfied divine justice, and His resurrection proved His victory over sin and the grave. Everyone is now confronted with the life-changing decision of whether to believe in Him.

#### **5. CHURCH (Acts – Jude)**

After Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit empowered believers to become His witnesses throughout the world. The gospel spread across ethnic and geographic boundaries, forming communities centered on worship, truth, and love. Though often persecuted, the Church grew because God continued to save and transform lives. The New Testament letters instructed Christians in doctrine, unity, holiness, and perseverance. Believers live in expectation, serving faithfully while waiting for Christ to return.

#### **6. CONSUMMATION (Revelation 1–20)**

The risen Jesus is revealed as sovereign over history, walking among His churches and directing events toward their appointed end. Conflict intensifies between God's purposes and human rebellion, leading to global judgment. Evil powers, including Satan, are ultimately confronted and defeated by Christ. A final judgment establishes perfect justice as unbelief and wickedness are removed. God's redemptive plan reaches its climax as His rightful rule is openly displayed.

#### **7. CELESTIAL (Revelation 21–22)**

God creates a new heaven and a new earth, replacing the old order marked by sin and curse. The holy city descends, and God dwells personally with His redeemed people. Tears, pain, and death disappear forever as perfect righteousness fills creation. The river of life and the tree of life picture unending provision and restored blessing. God's servants see His face and reign with Him in everlasting joy.