



Why should we believe the Bible?

The 66 books that make up our current Bible have been put together by a strict list of criteria:

1. The book had to have been written by a CONFIRMED prophet, apostle, or someone closely associated with them.
2. The material of the Bible had to be true and could not contain anything that contradicted the rest of Scripture.
3. The book had to have been confirmed by Christ, a prophet, or an apostle.
4. Was the book widely used, circulated, and recognized throughout the church?
5. When was the book written? The closer the book was written to the actual events stated within the book, the more accurate it can be assumed to be.

Ancient Documents We Have Today

	COPIES	DATE WRITTEN
Homer's Illiad	643	500 years after
Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars	10	1,000 years after
Herodotos's History	8	1300 years after
New Testament	5000	25 years after