**Bring Your Own Bible** (graphic)

**Bible 101**

**What is the Bible?**

The Scriptures of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

* The Bible is a collection of 60 books.
* The books of the Bible are not in complete chronological order.
* Each book was later organized by chapter and verse.
* There are two sections: Old Testament and New Testament

**Is the Bible reliable?**

**Reliability of Ancient Manuscripts:**

1. How many available manuscripts are there?
2. Who wrote them and why?
3. What’s the date of the earliest copy compared to the original?
4. How many available manuscripts? *(\*\*build a list)*

**Gallic Wars:** 10

**Tacitus:** 2

1. Who wrote them and why?

**Gallic Wars:** written by one man, hired by Caesar to write about Caesar.

**Tacitus:** Written by one man, under the dictatorship of Rome.

1. What’s the date of the earliest copy compared to the original?

**Gallic Wars:** earliest manuscript is 900 years after the original.

 **Tacitus:** earliest manuscript is 900 years after the original.

1. How many available manuscripts? *(\*\*build a list)*

**Bible:** 25,000+

1. Who wrote them and why?

**Bible:** many authors. The four writers of the gospels gave their lives for what they said they saw.

1. What’s the date of the earliest copy compared to the original?

**Bible:** NT earliest copies date 135 AD

The Dead Sea Scrolls 1947

**Psalm 119** *(pg. 420)*