

# TOPIC OF THE WEEK

## ISSUE WHO WROTE THE BIBLE

Who wrote the Bible?

ChatGPT said:

The Bible was not written by a single person. It is a collection of many books written by multiple authors over roughly 1,000–1,500 years (about 1200 BCE to 100 CE, depending on the book and tradition).



The Old Testament / Hebrew Bible

Traditionally attributed to figures such as:

Moses – traditionally credited with the first five books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), though modern scholarship sees them as compiled from several sources.

Various prophets and historians – including Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and others.

Poets and sages – Psalms are traditionally linked to King David (though likely written by many authors), Proverbs partly linked to Solomon, etc.

Modern historical scholarship generally concludes these books were written and edited by multiple unknown authors, priests, and scribes over centuries.



The New Testament

Written roughly 50–100 CE by early followers of Jesus:

The Gospels

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

(Traditionally linked to these individuals, though scholars debate exact authorship.)

Letters (Epistles)

Many attributed to Paul the Apostle (Romans, Corinthians, etc.)

Others attributed to Peter, James, John, and Jude.

Revelation

Traditionally attributed to John of Patmos.



### Religious vs Historical Views

Religious traditions often hold that the Bible is divinely inspired, though written through human authors.

Academic scholarship studies the texts as historical documents shaped by communities, oral traditions, and editors over time.

If you want, I can also explain:

How the books were chosen (canon formation),

Differences between Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Bibles,

Or what we know about the earliest manuscripts.