

These are the answers to questions on the Unit 2-1 class worksheet / handout.

1. About what century was the earliest writing done on a book of the bible?
14th century B.C., Moses writing the Pentateuch 1400s
2. In what language was that early book written?
Ancient Hebrew
3. About what century was the final book of the Old Testament penned?
5th century B.C., Malachi between 400 and 430
4. Were there other languages used in writing Old Testament books?
YES – Aramaic was used in several books
5. Do we know with certainty the author of all books of the Bible?
NO – Many books do not have ‘signatures’
6. What verbal and written languages were in use by those writing the New Testament? (ALL)
Greek (used in N.T.), Aramaic (common spoken), Latin (legal docs and records)
7. What was the written language used for New Testament autographs / manuscripts?
Greek
8. True or False: The texts of the Old and New testaments were from the same language family?
NO – Hebrew from the Afro-Asiatic family, Greek from Indo-European family
9. What books are known to have 2 or more authors?
Psalms, Proverbs... possibly other books closed by other than primary author
10. Do we observe different styles in how ancient documents are recorded? Explain.
YES – in grammar, in written style both
11. Can you name at least 3 occupations held by Biblical authors?
Shepherd, soldier, prophet, priest, scribe, cupbearer, officer of court, king, tree dresser (Amos), Tax collector, fisherman, tent maker, carpenter?
12. Can you name two (earthly) kings who composed parts of the Bible?
David, Solomon, Lemuel (Proverbs)
13. If the New Testament had been written by lawyers, in what language would it likely have been?
Latin, the official language of the Roman Empire