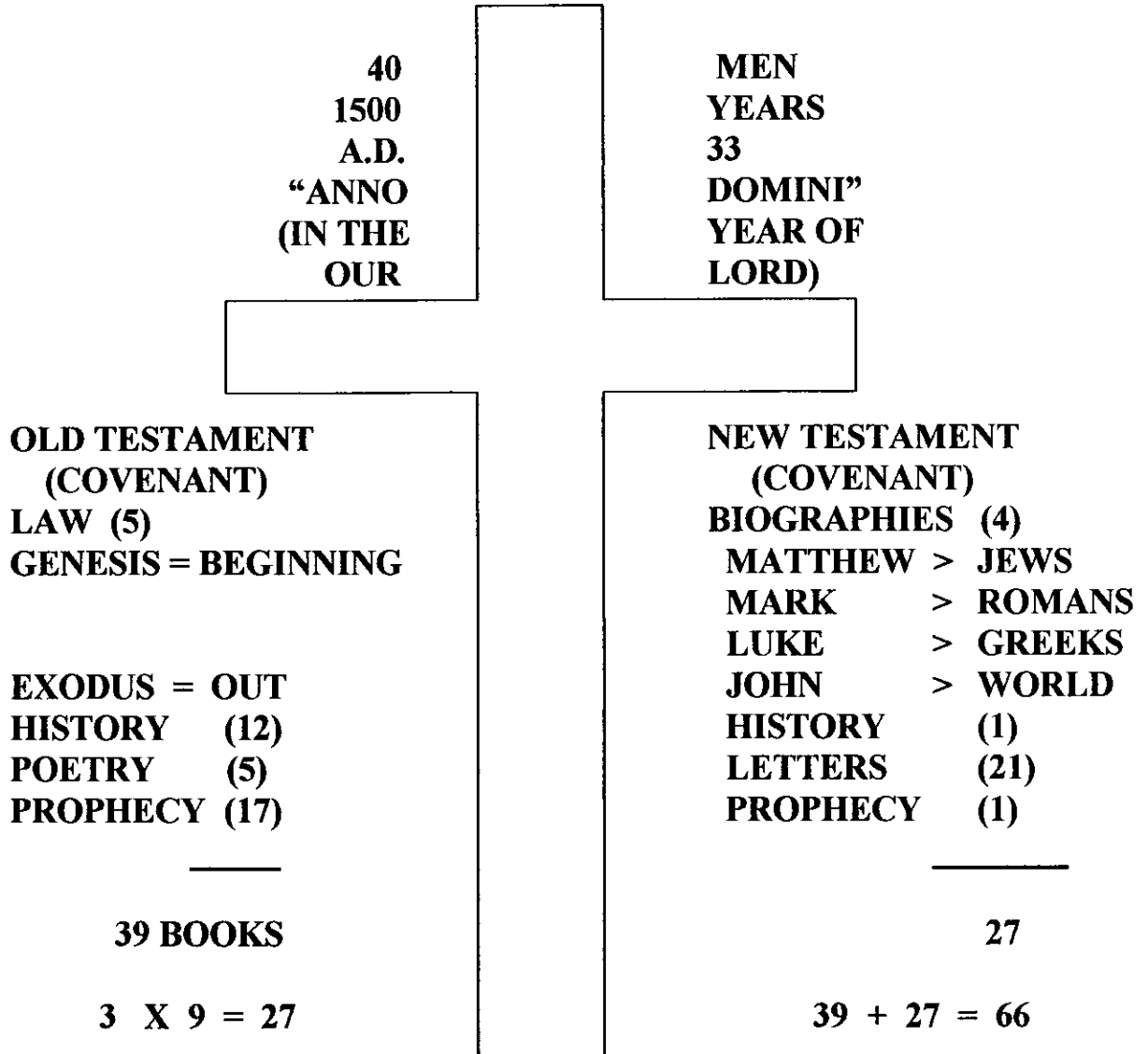


“BIRD’S EYE VIEW OF THE BIBLE”

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This chart can be easily memorized and used to share with people who need basic teachings concerning the Scriptures. When one wants to study the most important book on the face of the earth, it is the Bible that needs to be considered. It has been said by many in the past, "The Bible will keep one from sin, and sin will keep one from the Bible!" The Bible is spoken of to be the Sword of the Spirit and will set one free (John 8:32; Ephesians 6:17). Therefore, one desiring to be a disciple of the Lord should spend time in its study in order to be prepared to share it with others and to correct false teachings (II Tim. 2:15; 3:16).

The Bible holds the distinction of being the first book printed with movable type, in 1450 A.D. The first Bible printed in America was in the Indian language, by John Eliot. The King James Version was published in 1611. The American Standard Version was published in 1901, and the New International Version was completed in 1978. The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo in 1250. The New Testament was divided into verses by Sir Robert Stephens in 1551. The entire Bible was divided into chapters and verses in the "Geneva Bible", translated in 1560. The Red Letter Edition Bible was a product of Louis Klopsch. He printed the Red Letter Edition in 1901. He based it from Luke 22:20, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you". He reasoned that all blood is red, thus Christ's words should be in red, as a constant reminder to the reader.