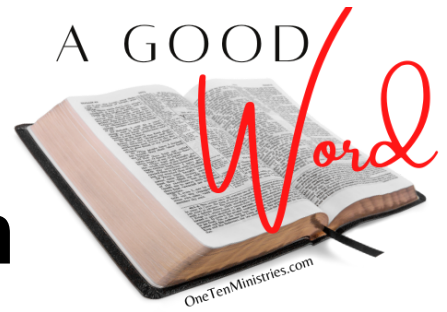


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Starting Scripture Bible Reading Plan



New to the Bible and not sure where to begin?

The Bible is a beautiful and amazingly cohesive story intended for everyone to read and understand. God longs to reveal Himself to all through the pages of this incredible book. This Bible Reading Plan will guide you into an appreciation of the Scriptures and greater knowledge of God.



Keys to Understanding the Bible

The Protestant Bible is a compilation of 66 smaller books. Humans penned the words under divine inspiration and revelation of the holy Spirit, the true author.

Each book is organized by chapters and verses, notated as Book Chapter:Verse. For example, the citation Psalm 1:1 refers to the book of Psalms, chapter 1, verse 1.

The first 39 books are called the Old Testament (OT). The Old Testament is the historical record of creation and the history of the people of Israel prior to the birth of Jesus.

The last 29 books, referred to as the New Testament (NT), records Jesus' birth, death, resurrection, and the subsequent establishment of the Christian church through the first century A.D.

The Bible is not organized chronologically but rather is organized by genre, such as poetry, prophecy, and history.

Old Testament time is often marked by comparison to the leaders of neighboring kingdoms rather than years.

The nation of Israel was divided after the death of the famous king Solomon. It was split into the larger northern kingdom named Israel, and the southern kingdom named Judah.

The patriarchs of the Jewish and Christian faith are Abraham, Isaac (Abraham's son), and Jacob (Isaac's son).



Additional Resources

Check out the Bible Basics for Busy Believers section of the Resources page on our website at OneTenMinistries.com for additional resources, such as an outline of each book of the Bible, key information about Jesus' disciples, and a much more. Subscribe to our newsletter and receive a free download of **The Great 8: The Bible Explained in 8 Chronological Concepts**. This will jump start your Bible reading!

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Suggested Bible Reading Plan

The following is a plan for reading the books of the Bible to gain clarity and context over time. If you feel like departing from this plan to read in a different order, please feel free to do so. Do not put pressure on yourself to read a specific amount each day. Just dive in and read what you can. We also recommend that you say a short prayer and ask God to help you understand as you read.

Begin by reading a Psalm or Proverb each day. There are 150 chapters of Psalms and 30 chapters of Proverbs. We recommend reading a Psalm or Proverb each day plus a chapter of another book. We recommend reading in the following order your first time through the Bible, so you get good context and understand the big ideas.

- **Ephesians** (NT) This book is first because it provides a great synopsis of the entire Bible.
- **Genesis** chapters 1-28 (OT) This book is an historical account of creation through the establishment of the patriarchs of the faith.
- **Luke** (NT) This book is a detailed account of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- **John** (NT) John was one of Jesus' closest disciples.
- **Acts** (NT) This book highlights Jesus' activity for the 40 days following His resurrection and the birth of the church.
- **Romans** through **Revelation** (NT)
- Refresh on Genesis 21-28, then continue through **Genesis**. (OT)
- **Exodus** (OT)
- **Deuteronomy** (OT)
- **Joshua** (OT)
- **Judges** (OT)
- **1 and 2 Samuel** (OT)
- **1 Kings 1-12** (OT)
- **Ecclesiastes** (OT)
- **Esther** (OT)
- The rest of **I Kings** through **II Chronicles** (OT)
- **Isaiah** through **Malachi** (OT) These are the writings of the prophets who warned Israel of the dangers of not following God's instructions.

Then, we recommend reading the Bible through chronologically, in the order in which it occurred, including books not read in this plan. Chronological reading plans and Bibles organized chronologically are readily available through an internet search or wherever Bibles are sold. Once you have a sense of the key themes and people, it will make much more sense when you later read through the Bible as traditionally organized.