







Some ideas on
HOW TO READ
 The Bible...
 (the WORLD'S "BEST-SELLING" BOOK)

<p>1 Set aside TIME for Bible reading</p> 	<p>2 try to read a "BOOK AT A TIME"</p> 	<p>3 Try to understand the WRITERS PURPOSES</p> 
<p>Make Bible reading a habit ... every day of the year</p>	<p>Many books of the Bible can be read in 20 minutes ... some in an hour, others require more.</p>	<p>Who was he? What was his "world"? Why did he write?</p>
<p>4 and WHO The message was for</p> 	<p>5 Keep a NOTEBOOK as you read</p> 	<p>6 LOOK UP THINGS You don't understand</p> 
<p>Who was the audience for this message... what did it mean to them? What does it mean to you?</p>	<p> jot down words to look up... and questions for which to find answers</p>	<p>use a Bible concordance, dictionary, atlas and commentary to help you.</p>

TWO YEAR DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN


The following plan allows you to read through the entire Bible in two years.

Take the Bible Reading Challenge in

2020 & 2021.

BIBLE READING

Challenge







The word **"BIBLE"** comes from the Greek **"BIBLIA"** meaning **"BOOKS"**

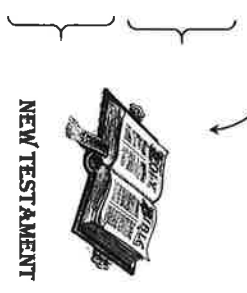
It is a collection of ancient writings about **GOD** (Yahweh)

IN 2 PARTS



OLD TESTAMENT

"TESTAMENT" means **"AGREEMENT"**
"SCRIPTURE" means **"SACRED WRITINGS"**



NEW TESTAMENT

... these are stories about an old agreement between God (Yahweh) and man (the Hebrews) when the Hebrews came out of Egypt... and how it worked out.

... these are stories and teachings about a new agreement between God and man based on the teachings and life of Jesus... who opened up relationship with God to all men who believed in Him and accepted God's forgiveness of their sins.

NOTES:

Lined area for taking notes, consisting of approximately 20 horizontal lines.

Wk	Mn	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
53	December	Acts 21-22	Acts 23	Acts 24-25	Acts 26-27	Acts 28	Acts 17-18	Acts 19-20
52	November	Acts 10-11	Acts 12	Acts 13-14	Acts 15	Acts 16	Acts 17	Acts 18
51	October	2 Kgs 25	Acts 1-2	Acts 3-4	Acts 5-6	Acts 7	Acts 8	Acts 9
50	September	2 Kgs 16-17	2 Kgs 18	2 Kgs 19	2 Kgs 20	2 Kgs 21-22	2 Kgs 23	2 Kgs 24
49	August	2 Kgs 7	2 Kgs 8	2 Kgs 9	2 Kgs 10	2 Kgs 11-12	2 Kgs 13-14	2 Kgs 15
48	July	1 Kgs 21	1 Kgs 22	2 Kgs 1-2	2 Kgs 3	2 Kgs 4	2 Kgs 5	2 Kgs 6
47	June	1 Kgs 14	1 Kgs 15	1 Kgs 16	1 Kgs 17	1 Kgs 18	1 Kgs 19	1 Kgs 20
46	May	1 Kgs 7	1 Kgs 8	1 Kgs 9	1 Kgs 10	1 Kgs 11	1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 13
45	April	2 Sam 23	2 Sam 24	1 Kgs 1	1 Kgs 2	1 Kgs 3	1 Kgs 4	1 Kgs 5-6
44	March	2 Sam 14	2 Sam 15	2 Sam 16-17	2 Sam 18	2 Sam 19	2 Sam 20-21	2 Sam 22
43	February	2 Sam 3	2 Sam 4-5	2 Sam 6	2 Sam 7-8	2 Sam 9-10	2 Sam 11-12	2 Sam 13
42	January	1 Sam 23-24	1 Sam 25	1 Sam 26-27	1 Sam 28-29	1 Sam 30-31	2 Sam 1	2 Sam 2
41	December	1 Sam 15	1 Sam 16	1 Sam 17	1 Sam 18	1 Sam 19	1 Sam 20	1 Sam 21-22
40	November	1 Sam 4	1 Sam 5-6	1 Sam 7-8	1 Sam 9-10	1 Sam 11-12	1 Sam 13	1 Sam 14
39	October	Judg 17-18	Judg 19	Judg 20	Judg 21	1 Sam 1	1 Sam 2	1 Sam 3-4:18
38	September	Judg 9	Judg 10	Judg 11	Judg 12	Judg 13	Judg 14-15	Judg 16
37	August	Judg 2	Judg 3	Judg 4	Judg 5	Judg 6	Judg 7	Judg 8
36	July	Josh 16-17	Josh 18	Josh 19	Josh 20-21	Josh 22	Josh 23-24	Judg 15
35	June	Josh 9	Josh 10	Josh 11	Josh 12	Josh 13	Josh 14	Josh 15
34	May	Rev 21-22	Josh 1	Josh 2-3	Josh 4-5:12	Josh 5:13-6	Josh 7	Josh 8
33	April	Rev 4-7	Rev 8-10	Rev 11-12	Rev 13-14	Rev 15-16	Rev 17-18	Rev 19-20
32	March	Ecdl 8-9	Ecdl 10-12	Ecdl 1-2	Ecdl 3-5	Ecdl 6-8	Ecdl 9-10	Rev 1-3
31	February	Lam 1	Lam 2	Lam 3	Lam 4-5	Ecdl 1-2	Ecdl 3-5:7	Ecdl 5:8-7
30	January	Songs 3-4	Songs 5-6	Songs 7-8	Ruth 1	Ruth 2	Ruth 3	Ruth 4
29	December	2 Chr 31	2 Chr 32	2 Chr 33	2 Chr 34	2 Chr 35	2 Chr 36	Songs 1-2
28	November	2 Chr 19-20	2 Chr 21-22	2 Chr 23-24	2 Chr 25-26	2 Chr 27-28	2 Chr 29	2 Chr 30
27	October	2 Chr 7	2 Chr 8	2 Chr 9	2 Chr 10-11	2 Chr 12-13	2 Chr 14-16	2 Chr 17-18
26	September	2 Chr 7	2 Chr 8	2 Chr 9	2 Chr 10-11	2 Chr 12-13	2 Chr 14-16	2 Chr 17-18

YEAR 2
Jul to Dec

and 12 "MINOR" PROPHETS...
called minor because books are smaller

10 HOSEA ...first of 12 minor prophets ...preached that Yahweh was a God of love and would forgive those who repented	11 JOEL ...call to repentance through fasting and prayer ...promise of the outpouring of the Spirit	12 AMOS ...earliest recorded sermons of a prophet ...preached to northern Kingdom that Yahweh would destroy Israel for its sins
13 OBADIAH ...sermons denouncing Edom for joining Judah's enemies	14 JONAH ...a parable of mercy showed God loves all, not just Jews	15 MICAH ...judgment of Judah for infidelity ...predictions of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem
16 NAHUM ...sermons against Nineveh (Assyria) ...soon after Nineveh had terrorized Judah late 7 th century B. C.	17 HABAKKUK ...prophet in Judah shortly after Nahum ...God's use of Babylon as a rod of chastisement for Judah	18 ZEPHANIAH ...sermons against idolatry and foreign ways. He prophesied during reign of Josiah
19 HAGGAI ...preached to Jews returning to Jerusalem after exile in Babylonia ...message was to rebuild Temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem	20 ZECHARIAH ...partner of Haggai in effort to rebuild the Temple ...messianic vision of Prince of Peace	21 MALACHI ...means "My Messenger" ...preaches against abuses and indifference

13 books make up

"THE WRITINGS"

(HAGIAOGRAPHA)

history, poetry, philosophy

1	PSALMS ...150 songs of prayer and praise ...mainly traditionally ascribed to King David, but authorship of most is unknown
2	PROVERBS ...a collection of maxims and sayings ...religious and worldly ...by Solomon and others
3	JOB ...narrative drama ...story of troubles that afflict a good man ...why evil should happen to the righteous
4	DANIEL ...story of a young Jew, taken captive to Babylon, who rose to become governor ...gives an interpretation of history and hope for a "new order" on earth
5	EZAR ...story of the return of exiles from Babylon to Judea in 536 B.C. ...starts with proclamation of Cyrus King of Persia
6	NEHEMIAH ...story of how a great leader left Persian Court to help returned exiles rebuild Jerusalem and their lives
7	I CHRONICLES ...history from Adam to Jacob
8	II CHRONICLES ...history of Israelites from David through the Babylonian exile
9	SONG OF SONG <i>(or)</i> <i>Song Of Solomon</i> ...a love lyric which many feel is a parable showing God's love for Israel and Christ's love for the Church
10	RUTH ...a pastoral story ...how a Moabite became a daughter of Israel and the ancestress of King David and of Jesus Christ
11	LAMENTATIONS ...a book of dirges on the fall of Jerusalem with its consequent chaos and oppression, it reflects the spirit and style of Jeremiah
12	ECCLESIASTES ...an account of divine wisdom reflected in nature, sovereign and independent of man
13	ESTHER ...story of a Jewish girl who became Queen of Persia and saved her people from destruction ...no mention of God in the Hebrew text of the entire work

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1							
2	1 Thess 4-5	1 Tim 1-2	1 Tim 1-2	1 Tim 3-4	1 Tim 5-6	Col 3-4	1 Thess 1-3
3	Philemon	Heb 1-2	Heb 1-2	Heb 3-4:13	Heb 4:14-6	Heb 7-8	Heb 9-10
4	Heb 11	Heb 12-13	Jas 1-3	Jas 4-5	1 Pet 1-2	1 Pet 3-5	2 Peter
5	1 Jn 1-2	1 Jn 3-5	2 & 3 John	Jude	Psa 4	Psa 5-7	Psa 8-10
6	Psa 11-14	Psa 15-17	Psa 18-19	Psa 20-22	Psa 23-26	Psa 27-30	Psa 31-32
7	Psa 33-34	Psa 35-36	Psa 37-38	Psa 39-40	Psa 41-43	Psa 44-46	Psa 47-49
8	Psa 50-52	Psa 53-56	Psa 57-59	Psa 60-64	Psa 65-67	Psa 68	Psa 69
9	Psa 70-71	Psa 72-73	Psa 74-75	Psa 76-77	Psa 78	Psa 79-81	Psa 82-85
10	Psa 86-88	Psa 89	Psa 90-92	Psa 93-96	Psa 97-101	Psa 102-103	Psa 104
11	Psa 105	Psa 106	Psa 107	Psa 108-110	Psa 111-115	Psa 116-118	Psa 119:1-64
12	Psa 119:65-120	Psa 119:121-176	Psa 120-128	Psa 129-134	Psa 135-137	Psa 138-140	Psa 141-144
13	Psa 145-147	Psa 148-150	Prov 1-2	Prov 3-4	Prov 5-6	Prov 7-8	Prov 9-10
14	Prov 11	Prov 12-13	Prov 14	Prov 15	Prov 16	Prov 17-18	Prov 19
15	Prov 20	Prov 21	Prov 22-23	Prov 24	Prov 25-26	Prov 27-28	Prov 29-31
16	Job 1-2:10	Job 2:11-13	Job 4-5	Job 6-7	Job 8-9	Job 10-11	Job 12-13
17	Job 14-15	Job 16-17	Job 18-19	Job 20-21	Job 22-23	Job 24-25	Job 26-28
18	Job 29-30	Job 31-32	Job 33-34	Job 35-37	Job 38-39	Job 40-42	Dan 1-2
19	Dan 3	Dan 4	Dan 5	Dan 6	Dan 7	Dan 8	Dan 9
20	Dan 10	Dan 11-12	Ezr 1-2	Ezr 3	Ezr 4-5	Ezr 6	Ezr 7
21	Ezr 8	Ezr 9-10	Neh 1-2	Neh 3-4	Neh 5-6	Neh 7	Neh 8
22	Neh 9	Neh 10	Neh 11	Neh 12	Neh 13	1 Chr 1-2	1 Chr 3
23	1 Chr 4	1 Chr 5	1 Chr 6	1 Chr 7	1 Chr 8	1 Chr 9	1 Chr 10-11:3
24	1 Chr 11:4-47	1 Chr 12	1 Chr 13	1 Chr 14	1 Chr 15	1 Chr 16	1 Chr 17
25	1 Chr 18	1 Chr 19-20	1 Chr 21	1 Chr 22-23	1 Chr 24	1 Chr 25	1 Chr 26
26	1 Chr 27	1 Chr 28	1 Chr 29	2 Chr 1-2	2 Chr 3-4	2 Chr 5	2 Chr 6

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27	○ Jn 1-2	○ Jn 1-2	○ Jn 3-4	○ Jn 5-6	○ Jn 7-8	○ Jn 9-10	○ Jn 11-12
28	○ Jn 15-16	○ Jn 8	○ Jn 17	○ Jn 18-19	○ Jn 1	○ Jn 2-3	○ Jn 4-5
29	○ Isa 6-7	○ Isa 9	○ Isa 10	○ Jn 20-21	○ Isa 11-12	○ Isa 13	○ Isa 14
30	○ Isa 15-16	○ Isa 17-18	○ Isa 19-20	○ Isa 21-22	○ Isa 23	○ Isa 24-25	○ Isa 26-27
31	○ Isa 28	○ Isa 29	○ Isa 30	○ Isa 31-32	○ Isa 33	○ Isa 34-35	○ Isa 36
32	○ Isa 37	○ Isa 38-39	○ Isa 40	○ Isa 41	○ Isa 42	○ Isa 43	○ Isa 44
33	○ Isa 45	○ Isa 46-47	○ Isa 48	○ Isa 49	○ Isa 50-51	○ Isa 52-53	○ Isa 54-55
34	○ Isa 56-57	○ Isa 58	○ Isa 59	○ Isa 60-61	○ Isa 62-63	○ Isa 64-65	○ Isa 66
35	○ Jer 1-2	○ Jer 3	○ Jer 4	○ Jer 5	○ Jer 6	○ Jer 7	○ Jer 8
36	○ Jer 9	○ Jer 10	○ Jer 11	○ Jer 12-13	○ Jer 14	○ Jer 15	○ Jer 16
37	○ Jer 17	○ Jer 18-19	○ Jer 20	○ Jer 21-22	○ Jer 23	○ Jer 24-25	○ Jer 26-27
38	○ Jer 28-29	○ Jer 30	○ Jer 31	○ Jer 32	○ Jer 33	○ Jer 34-35	○ Jer 36
39	○ Jer 37-38	○ Jer 39-40	○ Jer 41-42	○ Jer 43-44	○ Jer 45-46	○ Jer 47-48	○ Jer 49
40	○ Jer 50	○ Jer 51	○ Jer 52	○ Ezek 1-2	○ Ezek 3	○ Ezek 4-5	○ Ezek 6-7
41	○ Ezek 8-9	○ Ezek 10-11	○ Ezek 12-13	○ Ezek 14-15	○ Ezek 16	○ Ezek 17	○ Ezek 18-19
42	○ Ezek 20	○ Ezek 21	○ Ezek 22	○ Ezek 23	○ Ezek 24-25	○ Ezek 26	○ Ezek 27
43	○ Ezek 28	○ Ezek 29	○ Ezek 30-31	○ Ezek 32	○ Ezek 33	○ Ezek 34-35	○ Ezek 36
44	○ Ezek 37	○ Ezek 38-39	○ Ezek 40	○ Ezek 41-42	○ Ezek 43	○ Ezek 44	○ Ezek 45-46
45	○ Ezek 47	○ Ezek 48	○ Hos 1-3	○ Hos 4-5	○ Hos 6-8	○ Hos 9-10	○ Hos 11-14
46	○ Joel 1	○ Joel 2-3	○ Amos 1-2	○ Amos 3-4	○ Amos 5-6	○ Amos 7-9	○ Obadiah
47	○ Jonah	○ Mic 1-3	○ Mic 4-5	○ Mic 6-7	○ Nah 1-2	○ Nah 3	○ Hab 1
48	○ Hab 2-3	○ Zephaniah	○ Haggai	○ Zech 1-3	○ Zech 4-7	○ Zech 8-11	○ Zech 12-14
49	○ Mal 1-2	○ Mal 3-4	○ Rom 1-2	○ Rom 3-4	○ Rom 5-7	○ Rom 8	○ Rom 9
50	○ Rom 10-11	○ Rom 12	○ Rom 13-14	○ Rom 15-16	○ 1 Cor 1-2	○ 1 Cor 3-4	○ 1 Cor 5-6
51	○ 1 Cor 7-8	○ 1 Cor 9-10	○ 1 Cor 11-12	○ 1 Cor 13-14	○ 1 Cor 15-16	○ 2 Cor 1-2	○ 2 Cor 3-5
52	○ 2 Cor 6-8	○ 2 Cor 9-11	○ 2 Cor 12-13	○ Phil 1-2	○ Gal 1-2	○ Gal 3-4	○ Gal 5-6
53	○ Eph 3-4	○ Eph 5-6			○ Col 1-2		○ Eph 1-2

YEAR 1
Jul to Dec

Jesus Believed in the Whole Old Testament

When Jesus referred to the Scriptures* he was referring to the entire Old Testament from beginning to end. He spoke about people and events in the Old Testament as historical, which many have classified as fiction. For example: The Creation of the world, Adam and Eve, Satan, Noah and the Flood, Abraham, Lot's wife, Sodom and Gomorrah, Moses and the Burning Bush, The Exodus and Passover, the Manna in the Wilderness, the Bronze Snake, the Tabernacle of Moses, King David, King Solomon, the Queen of Sheba, the Temple in Jerusalem, Nineveh and the Assyrians, Jonah and the Whale, just to name a few. He spoke many times about the Scriptures: "The Scriptures cannot be broken" John 10:35; "This day the Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" Luke 4:21; "Hath not the Scripture said" John 7:42; "Have you never read the Scriptures" Matthew 21:42. Jesus believed that the entire Old Testament from beginning to end was the Word of God, and that it could not be destroyed, and everything it says will be fulfilled in due time. "Until heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or tittle will pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:18



OLD

TESTAMENT *(Jewish scriptures)*

A collection of religious books in Hebrew, written during a period of over **900 YEARS**, including...

- (1) **HISTORY** of heroes and events
- (2) **CODES OF LAW**
- (3) **REFLECTIVE LITERATURE**
- (4) **POETRY**



looking forward to a **MISSION** for ISRAEL on earth.

39 BOOKS

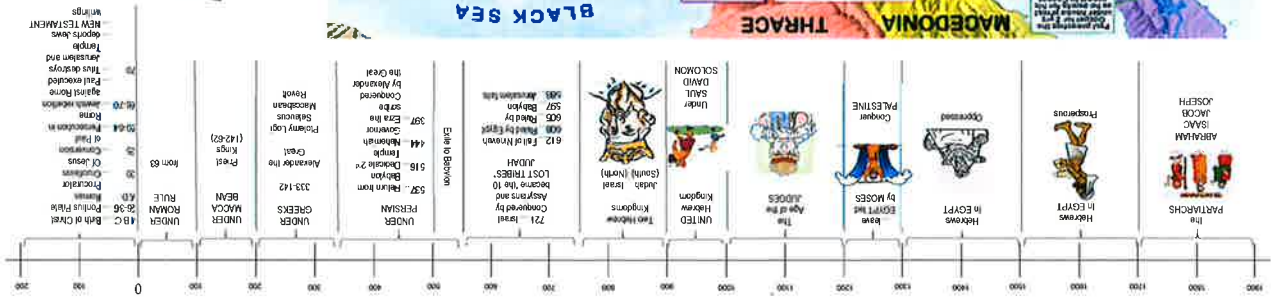
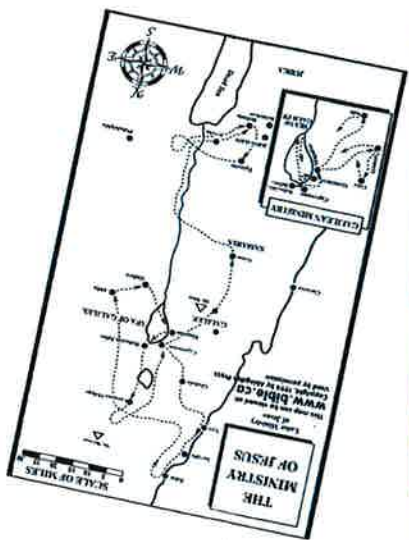
In Protestant Bibles

5 COVER	21 COVER	13 COVER
"THE LAW"	"THE PROPHETS"	"THE WRITINGS"
GENESIS	JOSHUA	PSALMS
EXODUS	JUDGES	PROVERBS
LEVITICUS	I SAMUEL	JOB
NUMBERS	II SAMUEL	DANIEL
DEUTERONOMY	I KINGS	EZRA
	II KINGS	NEHEMIAH
	ISAIAH	I CHRONICLES
	JEREMIAH	II CHRONICLES
	EZEKIEL	SONG OF SOLOMON
	HOSEA	SONGS
	MALACHI	RUTH
		LAMENTATIONS
		ECCLESIASTES
		ESTHER

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1		Gen 9-10	Gen 11-12	Gen 13-14	Gen 15-16	Gen 17-18	Gen 19-20	Gen 21-22
2		Gen 23-24	Gen 25-26	Gen 27-28	Gen 29-30	Gen 31	Gen 32-33	Gen 34-35
3		Gen 36-37	Gen 38-39	Gen 40-41	Gen 42-43	Gen 44-45	Gen 46-47	Gen 48-50
4		Exod 1-3	Exod 4-5	Exod 6-7	Exod 8-9	Exod 10-11	Exod 12-13	Exod 14-15
5		Exod 16-17	Exod 18-19	Exod 20-21	Exod 22-23	Exod 24-25	Exod 26-27	Exod 28
6		Exod 29	Exod 30-31	Exod 32	Exod 33	Exod 34	Exod 35	Exod 36-37
7		Exod 38	Exod 39	Exod 40-Lev 1	Lev 2-3	Lev 4	Lev 5-6	Lev 7-8
8		Lev 9-10	Lev 11-12	Lev 13	Lev 14	Lev 15-16	Lev 17-18	Lev 19-20
9		Lev 21-22	Lev 23	Lev 24-25	Lev 26	Lev 27	Num 1	Num 2
10		Num 3	Num 4	Num 5	Num 6	Num 7	Num 8-9	Num 10
11		Num 11	Num 12-13	Num 14	Num 15	Num 16-17	Num 18-19	Num 20
12		Num 21	Num 22	Num 23	Num 24-25	Num 26	Num 27-28	Num 29-30
13		Num 31	Num 32	Num 33	Num 34	Num 35-36	Deut 1	Deut 2
14		Deut 3	Deut 4	Deut 5-6	Deut 7-8	Deut 9	Deut 10	Deut 11
15		Deut 12	Deut 13-14	Deut 15-16	Deut 17-18	Deut 19-20	Deut 21-22	Deut 23-24
16		Deut 25-26	Deut 27	Deut 28:1-35	Deut 28:36-68	Deut 29-30	Deut 31	Deut 32:1-27
17		Deut 32:28-52	Deut 33	Deut 34	Deut 35	Deut 36	Deut 37	Deut 38
18		Matt 7	Matt 8	Matt 9	Matt 10-11	Matt 12	Matt 13	Matt 14
19		Matt 15	Matt 16	Matt 17	Matt 18	Matt 19-20	Matt 21	Matt 22
20		Matt 23	Matt 24	Matt 25	Matt 26	Matt 27	Matt 28	Matt 29
21		Mk 2-3	Mk 4	Mk 5	Mk 6	Mk 7	Mk 8	Mk 9
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24		Lk 9	Lk 10	Lk 11	Lk 12	Lk 13	Lk 14-15	Lk 16-17
25		Lk 18	Lk 19	Lk 20	Lk 21	Lk 22	Lk 23	Lk 24

YEAR 1

Jan to Jun



B.C. OLD TESTAMENT The BIBLE covers over **TWO THOUSAND YEARS** **A.D. NEW TESTAMENT**

the first 5 cover

these are sometimes called the "PENTATEUCH" or "THE 5 BOOKS OF MOSES"

1

"THE LAW" (TORAH)

HOLY BIBLE

...how the world began
...beliefs about origins of the human race
...origin of Hebrews and their place as the "Chosen People"

GENESIS

50 CHAPTERS
1st 11: story of the origin of mankind
NEXT 39: story of Patriarchs the fathers of Jewish race... ADAM, NOAH, ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH

2

HOLY BIBLE

...how Israelites fled from Egypt
...the laws they swore to observe when they made their covenant with Yahweh at Mt. Sinai

EXODUS

40 CHAPTERS
1st 18: historical
NEXT 22: LAWS, including the 10 COMMANDMENTS

3

HOLY BIBLE

...more laws
...regulations for sacrifices
...how to observe Holy Days

LEVITICUS

27 CHAPTERS
1st 7: Law of Sacrifice
NEXT 3: Consacration of Priesthood
NEXT 6: Law of "Clean" and "Unclean"
NEXT 10: The Holiness Code

4

HOLY BIBLE

...census of people
...story of Israelites wandering in the wilderness

NUMBERS

36 CHAPTERS
1st 4 AND 26 ... Census
Other chapters... historical

5

HOLY BIBLE

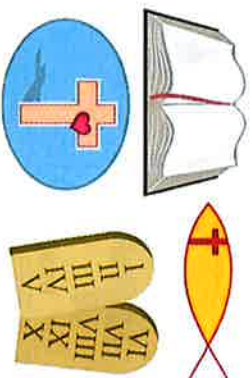
...story of Moses' last discourse
...repeats law

DEUTERONOMY

34 CHAPTERS
1st 11: Moses' address
CHAPTERS 12-26, 29... revised laws
DEUTERONOMY: Greek for "second law"

NEW TESTAMENT

(Christian Scriptures)



A collection of
27 BOOKS written
in colloquial Greek in less
than 100 years (51 to 105 A.D.) after Christ as a

MISSIONARY HANDBOOK

...proclaims the birth, growth and teaching of
the Christian Church

27 BOOKS

FIRST 4 CALLED "THE GOSPELS"	THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES	13 EPISTLES (LETTERS) FROM PAUL TO CHURCHES AND PEOPLE	8 OTHER LETTERS	A "VISION"
MATTHEW MARK LUKE JOHN	Peter and Paul ACTS	ROMANS I CORINTHIANS II CORINTHIANS GALATIANS EPHESIANS PHILIPPIANS COLOSSIANS I THESSALONIANS II THESSALONIANS I TIMOTHY II TIMOTHY TITUS PHILEMON	HEBREWS JAMES I PETER II PETER I JOHN II JOHN III JOHN JUDE	REVELATION

Bible Basics – Books of the New Testament

Overview

The New Testament has a collection of 27 books and is often called the Christian Scriptures. They were all written in Greek and they proclaim the birth, death, resurrection and teachings of Jesus in addition to the growth of the early Christian Church.

While the Old Testament was written over many centuries before Christ – the New Testament was written during the mid to end of the first century AD. Saint Paul's letters were amongst the first writings followed by the Gospels. Saint John's Revelation written around the end of the first century concludes the writings as defined by the Canon of the Bible.

A brief summary of these books is shown in the following table:

Category	Themes	Books
The Gospel	The stories of Jesus from birth, infancy, teachings, death and resurrection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew • Mark • Luke • John
The Acts	The accounts of the growth of the new religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Acts of the Apostles
The letters of Paul – also called epistles	Written to the various churches to comfort, advise and admonish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans • I & II Corinthians • Galatians • Ephesians • Philippians • Colossians • I & II Thessalonians • I & II Timothy • Titus • Philemon
Other letters also called epistles	Written to the various churches to comfort, advise and admonish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrew • James • I & II Peter • I & II & III John • Jude
Apocalypse	The struggles of the followers of Jesus to the defeat of Satan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelation