

# WHERE TO START IN THE BIBLE:

Be sure to read the Bible *in context*. Don't wander through the Bible, picking your favorite verses. Try to read through an entire book to understand the true meaning. You can read 1 chapter, or 10 verses at a time, etc. Then the next day, pick up where you left off. Here are a few 'plans' to choose from:



Do you want to **understand the main storyline of the Bible**? Read the books in this order:

- o Genesis
- o Exodus
- o Joshua
- o Judges
- o 1 Samuel
- o 2 Samuel
- o 1 Kings
- o 2 Kings
- o Ezra
- o Nehemiah
- o Habakkuk
- o Luke
- o Acts
- o Ephesians
- o Revelation

Then read the rest of the Bible books as you wish.



Do you want to **start in the New Testament** (*the New Covenant, or the time span during and after Jesus' life on earth*)?

- o First read Matthew, Mark, OR Luke.
- o Then start in John,
- o next read Acts,
- o and keep reading thru to the end (Revelation)!
- o Then go back and start in Genesis and read through the Old Testament (*the Old Covenant, or the time span before Jesus' life on earth*).



Do you want to **study who Jesus is or be able to explain the Gospel** (or 'Good News') better? Read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These books are about the life of Jesus when he was on earth. They are written from 4 different authors, with different lifestyles, but about the same person (Jesus the Messiah) and time period.



Do you want to **understand what it means to live as a believer in Jesus Christ**?

Read these books in any order:

- o Romans
- o 1 Corinthians
- o 2 Corinthians
- o Galatians
- o Ephesians
- o Philippians
- o Colossians
- o 1 Thessalonians
- o 2 Thessalonians
- o Titus
- o James
- o 1 Peter
- o 2 Peter
- o Jude

# 66 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## OLD TESTAMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua        | <input type="checkbox"/> Micah     |
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## NEW TESTAMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jude            |
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