

Appendix A: The Books and the Layout of the Bible

OLD TESTAMENT (39 books)

LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHECY
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings 1 & 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentation Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT (27 books)

LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHECY
Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts	Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2, & 3 John Jude	Revelation

Appendix A2: Books of the Bible (Learning Template)

First Letter	(Old Testament) Title	Hint
G		Beginning
E		Departure
L		Tabernacle
N		Wilderness
D		Commandments
J		Conquest
J		Deliverers
R		Redeemed
1 S		Monarchy
2 S		King David
1 K		Division
2 K		Scattered
1 C		Up to David
2 C		After Solomon
E		Return Home
N		Rebuild a Wall
E		Providence
J		Suffering
P		Praise
P		Wisdom
E		Reflection
S		Marriage
I		Judgment
J		Curse & Covenant
L		Grief
E		3 Visions
D		Eternal Kingdom
H		Unfaithfulness
J		Locusts
A		Injustice
O		Tribe of Edom
J		Great Fish
M		Idolatry
N		Ninevah
H		Why God?
Z		Day of the Lord
H		Rebuild Temple
Z		Future Kingdom
M		Messenger

Appendix A2: Books of the Bible (Learning Template)

First Letter	(New Testament) Title	Hint
M		Messiah
M		Son of God
L		Savior
J		Lord
A		The Spirit
R		Righteousness
1 C		Love
2 C		Defense
G		Faith
E		Unity
P		Joy
C		Supreme
1 T		2nd Coming
2 T		Stand
1 T		Godliness
2 T		Committed
T		Doctrine
P		Forgiven Brother
H		Better Kingdom
J		Work of Faith
1P		Hope
2P		Returning King
1 J		Fellowship
2 J		Faithful
3 J J		Truth
J		Contend
R		Future Kingdom

LAW Learning about God and His desire to interact with man

HISTORY Seeing the activity of God and His people

POETRY Principles on godly living and conduct

PROPHECY Futuristic foretelling of God's plans and purposes

Appendix B: Overview of The Books

O.T. Books	Author	Key Term	Key People, Events, or Message
Genesis	Moses	Beginning	Creation; Garden of Eden; Adam/Eve; Noah; Abraham's family; Joseph
Exodus	Moses	Departure	Moses; Departure out of Egypt; Miraculous provision
Leviticus	Moses	Tabernacle	Tribe of Levi called as Priests; Rules on worship and living
Numbers	Moses	Wilderness	Israel counted twice: 1) Entered desert 2) Before leaving desert
Deuteronomy	Moses	Commandments	Means "2 Laws"; Sin of golden calf; God gives 10 Commandments twice
Joshua	Joshua	Conquest	Joshua leads Israel into promised land
Judges	Unknown	Deliverers	Israel led by "Judges" (Ex: Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Samson)
Ruth	Unknown	Redeemed	Naomi & Ruth; Family leaves Jerusalem in famine; part of Jesus' lineage
1 Samuel	Samuel	Monarchy	Samuel; King Saul; David
2 Samuel	Samuel	King David	King David's reign
1 Kings	Unknown	Division	King Solomon; Jeroboam; Elijah (prophet)
2 Kings	Unknown	Scattered	Prophets Elijah and Elisha
1 Chronicles	Ezra	Up to David	History of Israel up to King David's reign (written after Babylonian captivity)
2 Chronicles	Ezra	After Solomon	History of Israel after Solomon's reign (written after Babylonian captivity)
Ezra	Ezra	Return Home	Exiles return to Jerusalem; rebuild the Temple
Nehemiah	Ezra	Rebuild a Wall	Nehemiah leads campaign to rebuild wall around Jerusalem
Esther	Unknown	Providence	Esther; Mordecai; Haman - God's sovereignty protects Israel
Job	Unknown	Suffering	Story of a committed man that endured incredible hardship
Psalms	David	Praise	Mostly written by King David as his own musical prayers to God
Proverbs	Solomon	Wisdom	Mostly written by Solomon recounting the lessons of life
Ecclesiastes	Solomon	Reflection	Solomon reflecting on the complexity of life
Song of Solomon	Solomon	Marriage	Solomon retelling the story of his courtship and marriage
Isaiah	A prophet	Judgment	To Judah (2 tribes) - of impending hardship
Jeremiah	A prophet	Curse & Covenant	To Judah (2 tribes) - of impending hardship
Lamentations	Jeremiah	Grief	Jeremiah writes of poem regarding the destruction of Jerusalem
Ezekiel	A prophet	3 Visions	To Judah (2 tribes) - of future restoration
Daniel	A prophet	Eternal Kingdom	To Judah (2 tribes) - of impending hardship and future kingdom
Hosea	A prophet	Unfaithfulness	To Israel (10 tribes) - to return from their spiritual adultery
Joel	A prophet	Locusts	To Judah (2 tribes) - of the dreaded "day of the Lord"
Amos	A prophet	Injustice	To Israel (10 tribes) - to return from their injustice and idolatry
Obadiah	A prophet	Tribe of Edom	From Israel (10 tribes) - that Edom would be judged
Jonah	A prophet	Great Fish	From Israel (10 tribes) - sent to preach in Ninevah (their enemy)
Micah	A prophet	Idolatry	To Judah (2 tribes) - to return to one true God
Nahum	A prophet	Ninevah	To Israel (10 tribes) - that Ninevah would be destroyed
Habbakuk	A prophet	Why God?	To Judah (2 tribes) - of impending hardship and future restoration
Zephaniah	A prophet	Day of the Lord	To Judah (2 tribes) - of impending hardship and "day of the Lord"
Haggai	A prophet	Rebuild Temple	To returning exiles to Jerusalem - God's glory or rebuilding temple
Zechariah	A prophet	Future Kingdom	To returning exiles to Jerusalem - God's future kingdom in Jerusalem
Malachi	A prophet	Messenger	To Judah (2 tribes) - of their violations to God's law

Appendix B: Overview of The Books

N.T. Books	Author	Key Term	Key People, Events, or Message
Matthew	Disciple	Messiah	Inside look at Jesus' life and ministry (#1 of Synoptic Gospels)
Mark	Partner	Son of God	Peter's account of Jesus' life and ministry (#2 of Synoptic Gospels)
Luke	Historian	Savior	Historian's account of Jesus' life and ministry (#3 of Synoptic Gospels)
John	Disciple	Lord	Inside look at Jesus' life and ministry (uses many parables)
Acts	Luke	The Spirit	Look at start of the church (from Jesus ascension to Paul's ministry)
Romans	Paul	Righteousness	Paul argues that we are only righteous and saved through faith
1 Corinthians	Paul	Love	Paul addresses the struggles and problems of this new church
2 Corinthians	Paul	Defense	Paul has to defend his apostolic authority
Galatians	Paul	Faith	Paul encourages this church to live by faith and the Holy Spirit
Ephesians	Paul	Unity	Paul writes about the doctrine of the church and holy conduct
Philippians	Paul	Joy	Paul gives thanks for their donations, and encourages them to be joyful
Colossians	Paul	Supreme	Paul needed to refute a false teaching that was growing in this church
1 Thessalonians	Paul	2nd Coming	Paul needed to clear up the teaching on Christ's return
2 Thessalonians	Paul	Stand	Same purpose as 1 Thessalonians (his first letter to them)
1 Timothy	Paul	Godliness	Paul offered advice on church order and godly leadership
2 Timothy	Paul	Committed	Paul's last letter was written to Timothy to be strong and withstand
Titus	Paul	Doctrine	Paul wanted to encourage Titus and give instructions on church order
Philemon	Paul	Forgiven Brother	Paul wanted Onesimus to forgive and receive back Philemon
Hebrews	Unknown	Better Kingdom	Writtent to Jewish belivers who were still depending on the Old Covenant
James	Brother	Work of Faith	Brother of Jesus; pastor of Jerusalem church; practical christianity
1 Peter	Disciple	Hope	Peter wrote to encourage the suffering believers
2 Peter	Disciple	Returning King	Peter wrote to warn of false teachers and heresy
1 John	Disciple	Fellowship	Written to combat false doctrines denying Christ as Messiah
2 John	Disciple	Faithful	Same purpose as 1 Peter
3 John	Disciple	Truth	Written to Gaius to welcome Christian ministers
Jude	Brother	Contend	Brother of James; 1/2 brother of Jesus; Written to discredit false teachers
Revelation	John	Future Kingdom	Prophetic book outlining the end times and eternal dwellings

Appendix C: THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS OVERVIEW

(The greatest literary discovery of all time.)

What are the Dead Sea Scrolls?

7 Ancient scrolls, which were stored in huge clay jars. The scrolls were written predominately in Hebrew (with a little Aramaic and Greek). They are made of leather parchment (similar to papyrus), and they contain over 800 documents. Only 223 of the manuscripts are copies of biblical books. There are over 300 manuscripts, which are too obscure to identify. Also included in the collection are the writings of the Apocrypha, Pseudepigrapha, and other apocalyptic works.

Who discovered the DSS?

Initially, a shepherd named Muhammad edh-Dhib “the wolf” – named after defending off several wolves from his sheep. He was part of a semi-nomadic tribe wandering through the Qumran valley. One of his sheep had wandered astray, and in searching for it, he threw rocks into caves. Instead of hearing a sheep screaming from being hit by a rock, he heard the breaking of pottery.

What did he do with the DSS?

Not being aware of the written language of the scrolls, he initially hung the leather scrolls to dry – hoping to eventually use the leather for sandals. His uncle encouraged him to sell the scrolls to an antique merchant. The antique merchant had the scrolls interpreted, and then sold them to an archeological researcher for \$250 – (the value of the scrolls would eventually be recognized as worth millions).

Where were the DSS found?

In 11 caves outside of Israel, in the Qumran valley near the Dead Sea. One cave contained over 15,000 fragments of writings.

When were the DSS found?

Approximately between the years of 1936-1947. It was several years between Muhammad edh-Dhib’s initial discovery, and the purchase of the scrolls from the antique merchant. Then the search excavation through all of the surrounding area caves took several years.

When were the DSS written?

The research has led most historians to date the writings back around 300 B.C. to 68 A.D. It is argued that the majority of the composition took place in the early Roman era around 60-50 B.C.

Why were the DSS written?

(2 Chronicles 36: 17-20) During the Babylonian Captivity, 587 B.C., all of Jerusalem was destroyed (the wall, the temple, writings and records, etc...). After the restoration of Jerusalem, 538 B.C., the scribes began to re-document their peoples’ history (Ex: Ezra, Nehemiah, etc...). It is believed that the Dead Sea Scrolls were a large percentage of this research.

How were the DSS preserved?

The climate is perfect for preservation (heat up to 125 degrees, no humidity, less than 4 inches of annual rainfall, air-tight clay jars, un-tanned sheepskin leather). The caves, jars, and climate were conducive to prevent bacteria growth. The majority of deterioration to the scrolls occurred after they were discovered and removed from this environment. Often

researchers would put the scrolls in-between sheets of glass and set them under bright lights for studying. This only created a green house effect, and accelerated the decay.

What do the DSS contain?

Of the biblical texts, every book of the Hebrew Old Testament is represented except for Esther. However, Esther the person is referred to and is known by other authors. There were biblical commentaries on Habakkuk, Genesis, Psalms, and Nahum. Of the Apocryphal texts, the Tobit, Ecclesiasticus, and Psalm 151 were included. Of the Pseudepigraphal texts, the Book of Enoch, of Moses, of Noah, and the Testament of 12 Patriarchs were included. There were also historical records and accounts of life in Qumran valley, such as the New Jerusalem.

What is their greatest value of importance?

The testimony of the New Testament is invalid and insufficient without the testimony of the Old Testament. There is plenty of information proving the New Testament's accuracy and proximity of time. The Hebrew Old Testament, however, had an over 1400 year time gap between the alleged dates and the earliest and most reliable manuscript, the Ben Asher Codex – discovered in 1008 A.D. The oldest scroll of the DSS dates 300 B.C., which is less than 100 years from the actual writers of the Old Testament. The Great Isaiah Scroll, dated 100 B.C., was a copy and it is plausible that Jesus could have used this very copy.

What were the differences in the DSS and the most reliable transmissions to that date?

Nothing more than a few grammar and spelling differences – which all can be accounted for in the changing of dialects and customs.

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls challenged the scholarly world overnight with not one, but hundreds of ancient copies predated hundreds of years before Christ that affirmed the accuracy and authenticity of what we call the Old Testament.

Other Archaeological evidence:

- 1) (*Jeremiah 7:12-15*) Shiloh was location to the first sanctuary in Palestine. It housed the ark during the time of the “Judges.” The fall is not spoken of in Scriptures, yet the destruction is referenced. *A Danish Expedition uncovered rare pottery with symbols of that day and other evidence revealing the destruction to be around 1050 B.C.*
- 2) Cuneiform has been found depicting the understanding of Creation, the Flood, etc...
- 3) Pontius Pilate (Luke 3:1) historically is only referred to in the Bible. However, two Italian archeologists excavated a Mediterranean port that served as the Roman capital in Palestine. During the dig, they discovered a 3-foot inscription, which was interpreted, “Pontius Pilate, Perfect of Judea, has presented the Tiberium to the Caesareans.”
- 4) Crucifixions (Luke 23:33) – Thousands were known to be crucified; yet until 1968 no victim of crucifixion had ever been verified by remains discovered. (So people have argued the accuracy of the nailing of hands and feet). In 1968 an archaeologist found four cave tombs outside of Jerusalem with bones of 35 individuals dating back to 100 B.C. The heel bones were found transfixated by a large iron nail, and the shinbones had been intentionally broken. This was proof of death by crucifixion.

Appendix D: History of the Jewish Nation

2100 BC – God promises Abraham many descendants...a future nation

2000 BC – Jacob is born (eventually renamed to “**Israel**”)

1910 BC – **Joseph** sold into slavery

1446 BC – **Exodus** begins under Moses’ leadership

1406 BC – Israel begins establishing itself as a country

1400 BC – Israel is ruled by “**Judges**”

1050 BC – **Saul** becomes Israel’s first King

1010 BC – **David** becomes Israel’s second King

970 BC – **Solomon** becomes Israel’s third King, builds the Temple

926 BC – Israel becomes a **divided kingdom** {Israel (10 tribes); Judah (2 tribes)}

722 BC – Assyrian empire conquers the northern kingdom (Israel) – “**Assyrian Captivity**”

612 BC – Babylonians conquer the Assyrians

587 BC – Babylonians conquer the southern kingdom (Judah) – “**Babylonian Captivity**”

539 BC – Medes conquer the Babylonians

538 BC – **King Cyrus** releases many Jews to return to Jerusalem

536 BC – Work begins on **rebuilding the Temple**

516 BC – The 2nd Temple is dedicated to God

333 BC – The Greeks (under **Alexander the Great**) conquer the Medeo-Persian empire

250 BC – The Old Testament is translated into the Greek language (called the “**Septuagint**”)

63 BC – The Romans seize control of most of the populated world

4 to 2 BC – Jesus is born in Bethlehem

26 to 28 AD – Jesus begins his public ministry

29 to 31 AD – Jesus is crucified

70 AD – Romans destroy Jerusalem

1878 AD – Jews **begin returning** to the homeland of Jerusalem and Palestine

1897 AD – Jews unite in effort to regain homeland of Israel

1917 AD – The **British** gain control of Palestine

1933 to 1944 AD – 6 million Jews are **murdered** by the Nazis

1948 AD – The Jews declare their national independence

Appendix E: The Timeline of The Bible: From Hebrew to English

(ANCIENT ERA – Before 500 A.D.)

400 BC: Completion of all original Hebrew manuscripts, which make up the **39 Books** of the **Old Testament**.

200 BC: Completion of the **Greek Septuagint**, which was the 39 Old Testament Books AND 14 Apocrypha Books translated from Hebrew into the Greek language.

By 100 AD: Completion of all original Greek manuscripts which make up the **27 Books** of the **New Testament**.

390 AD: Jerome's copy of these manuscripts in Latin language, "**The Vulgate**", which contained 80 Books (39 Old Testament + 14 Apocrypha + 27 New Testament).

393 AD: Synod (i.e. Council) of Hippo (i.e. city) approve the New Testament canon

(MEDIEVAL ERA – Between 500 A.D. and 1500 A.D.)

600 AD: LATIN was the only language allowed for Scripture.

995 AD: Anglo-Saxon (early roots of English language) translations of the New Testament.

1227 AD: **Stephen Langston** (Archbishop of Canterbury) begins to add Chapters into Bible

1384 AD: **John Wycliffe** is the first person to produce a (**Hand-Written**) copy of the complete Bible in English (80 Books). Wycliffe had no access to Greek or Hebrew manuscripts and was totally reliant on the fourth century Latin translation of St. Jerome.

1455 AD: **Johann Gutenberg** invents the printing press. The first book printed is Gutenberg's Bible in Latin.

(MODERN ERA – Around 1500 A.D. to Present Day)

1516 AD: Erasmus produces a Greek/Latin parallel New Testament.

1517 AD: Martin Luther posts "95 Theses" on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany – challenging the false doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church

1522 AD: **Martin Luther** produces the New Testament in German.

1526 AD: **William Tyndale** translates the New Testament in the English language

1530 AD: William Tyndale produces a translation of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament into English for printing.

1535 AD: Myles Coverdale has printed the first complete copy of the entire Bible in the English language – (Old Testament; Apocrypha; and New Testament)

1539 AD: "The Great Bible" is printed in the English language as the first version meant for public usage. (Catholic Church leadership vehemently opposed this printing)

1551 AD: Robert Stephanus adds verses in his Greek New Testament.

1560 AD: The Geneva Bible was the first Bible to be printed with chapters and verses – in order to help the common man.

1568 AD: The Bishops Bible was an English version printed by the Catholic Church to be used by the Priests instead of common people using "The Great Bible" or the Geneva Bible.

(Due to heavy and increasing conflict between the Catholic Church and the common people, King James issued a decree for 54 theologians to create an authorized and universal version to be used by both Priests and people.)

1611 AD: The **King James Bible** is printed (originally with 80 Books. The Apocrypha was officially removed in 1885, leaving 66 books).

1782 AD: Robert Aitken's Bible was the first English language Bible (a King James Version without Apocrypha) to be **printed in America**.

1808 AD: Jane Aitken's Bible (Daughter of Robert Aitken) was the first Bible to be printed by a woman.

1833 AD: Noah Webster's Bible was produced after he had produced his famous Dictionary. Webster Printed his own revision of the King James Bible.

1885 AD: The "**Revised Version**" Bible was the first major **English** revision of the King James Bible.

1901 AD: The "**American Standard Version**" was the first major **American** revision of the King James Bible.

1971 AD: The "**New American Standard Bible**" (NASB) is published as a "Modern and Accurate Word for Word English Translation" of the Bible.

1973 AD: The "**New International Version**" (NIV) is published as a "Modern and Accurate Phrase for Phrase English Translation" of the Bible.

1982 AD: The "**New King James Version**" (NKJV) is published as a "Modern English Version Maintaining the Original Style of the King James."

Appendix F: Glossary of Terms

APOCRYPHA – The Protestant designation for the fourteen or fifteen books of doubtful authenticity and authority that are not found in the Hebrew Old Testament. (The Roman Catholic Church at the Council of Trent declared most of these books canonical in 1546.)

AUTOGRAPHS – Original writings produced under the authority of an apostle or prophet, whether or not through a scribe or in several editions.

BIBLE – Ancient writings were often documented on parchments made from a reed called, “biblios”. The plural version of “biblios” was “biblia”. The collection of Scriptures preserved on these parchments came to be known as the “Bible”.

CANONICITY – The rule, or standard, by which a biblical book was marked as containing divine inspiration and authority for faith and practice. (i.e. Did it qualify to be a part of the Scriptures?)

HISTORICAL CRITICISM – The investigation to the genuineness of a biblical book’s authorship, date of composition, destination, and so forth.

INERRANCY – Meaning “without error” in regards to the accuracy of Scripture.

INFALLIBLE – Meaning “not fallible or breakable” in regards to the truthfulness of the Scripture.

LXX – The Roman numeral for 70. About 200 B.C. seventy scribes were commissioned to translate the Hebrew Scriptures (also called the Masoretic Text) into the common language of Greek. It is the Greek version of what we call the Old Testament, and is called the Septuagint. It is what Jesus studied, read, and taught from.

MASORETIC TEXT – Basically speaking, it was the Old Testament in its original Hebrew language.

PAPYRUS – The name of a plant, which was used to make ancient paper and writing material.

PENTATEUCH – The Greek name for the first 5 books of the Bible (Genesis – Deuteronomy).

PLENARY INSPIRATION – Stating that the Bible’s inspiration extends through every segment and book.

PSEUDEPIGRAPHA – A word meaning “false writings,” and used to identify books not recognized to be authentic or canonical.

SEPTUAGENT – The Greek word for “70”; identifying the 70 scribes who translated the Hebrew Scriptures into the Greek language. Its symbol is LXX.

TEXTUAL CRITICISM – The investigation to the authenticity of the biblical text; seeking to discover the original words of the autographs.

TORAH – The Hebrew name for the first 5 books of the Bible (Genesis – Deuteronomy).

TRANSLATION – The rendering of a written work from “one language to another.”

TRANSMISSION – The process by which the biblical manuscripts have been copied and recopied through the ages from Hebrew and Greek to the present.

VERBAL INSPIRATION – Stating that the Bible’s words are inspired and not just the thought or idea.

VERSION – A written work that is translated from “its original language into another language.”

VULGATE – The Latin translation by Jerome in the 4th century A.D., which was the standard printed Bible until the King James Version of 1611.

Ancient Bible

MT – Masoretic Text (The Old Testament in ancient Hebrew language)

LXX – Septuagint (The Old Testament translated into the Greek language)

Transcribed by 70 scholars...thus the LXX (70)

(Most Common) English Versions

KJV (=AV) – The King James Version, known in Britain as the Authorized Version (1611); **AV (=KJV)** – The Authorized Version, known in America as the King James Version (1611)

NIV – The New International Version (NT, 1973; OT, 1978)

NKJV – New King James Version (1979)

LB – *The Living Bible* (1971)

(Easy to Read) English Versions

NLT – New Living Translation (1996)

CEV – The Contemporary English Version (1995)

TEV – Today's English Version (1976)

NCV – New Century Version (1991)

Message – E. H. Peterson, *The Message: Contemporary Language* (1993)

(Less Common) English Versions

ASV – American Standard Version (1901)

RV – Revised Version (NT 1881; OT 1885)

Amplified – The Amplified Bible (1965)

RSV – Revised Standard Version (NT, 1946; OT, 1952)

TNIV – Today's New International Version (NT, 2001)

NirV – New International Reader's Version (1995)

REB – Revised English Bible (1989)

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version (1989)

NJB – *New Jerusalem Bible* (1985)

NASB – New American Standard Bible (1971; update 1995)

NAB – The New American Bible (1970)

NEB – The New English Bible (1970)

Phillips – J. B. Phillips, *The New Testament in Modern English* (1958)

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Bible Reading Plan

Through the New Testament in 5 days a week, 5 minutes a day

October

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29		Reflection
30		Reflection
31		Rejoice!

5 minutes a day If you're not currently reading the Bible, start with 5 minutes a day. This reading plan will take you through all 260 chapters of the New Testament, one chapter per day. The gospels are read throughout the year to keep the story of Jesus fresh.

5 days a week Determine a time and location to spend 5 minutes a day for 5 days a week. It is best to have a consistent time and a quiet place where you can regularly meet with the Lord.

5 ways to dig deeper We must pause in our reading to dig into the Bible. Below are 5 different ways to dig deeper each day. We recommend trying a single idea for a week to find what works best for you. Remember to keep a pen and paper ready to capture God's insights.

- 1. Underline or highlight** key words or phrases in the Bible passage. Use a pen or highlighter to mark new discoveries from the text. Periodically review your markings to see what God is teaching you.
- 2. Put it into your own words.** Read the passage or verse slowly, then rewrite each phrase or sentence using your own words.
- 3. Ask and answer some questions.** Questions unlock new discoveries and meanings. Ask questions about the passage using these words: who, what, why, when, where, or how. Jot down some thoughts on how you would answer these questions.
- 4. Capture the big idea.** God's Word communicates big ideas. Periodically ask, *What's the big idea in this sentence, paragraph, or chapter?*
- 5. Personalize the meaning.** When God speaks to us through the Scriptures, we must respond. A helpful habit is personalizing the Bible through application. Ask: *How can my life be different today as I respond to what I'm reading?*

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17		Reflection
18		Reflection

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March

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11		Reflection
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18		Reflection
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		Galatians
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April

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		Romans
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23	<input type="checkbox"/>	7
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June

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10		Reflection
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12	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	6
		Philippians
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17		Reflection
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		Colossians
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		Philemon
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July

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19		Reflection

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		2 Timothy
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