

A Beginning Reading Guide to the Bible

Read a selection of the New Testament first (read in the following order):

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, James, 1 Peter, 1 John

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Now read selectively from the Old Testament.

Question: "If Jesus is the key to salvation, and only the New Testament tells about Jesus, then why do we have the Old Testament books"

Answer: 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11 *"Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did... These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.*

Read in the following order:

Genesis, chapters 1-9, 11-35, 37:1 - 46:7, 46:26 - 50:26 (Be aware that there are many immoral acts told here. They are not condoned just because they are in the Bible. They are recorded for us to learn what not to do.)

(NOTE: Most of the parts of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy that are skipped are the commandments [the Law of Moses] that God gave to the Israelites. I have skipped these for now so that you can focus on the historical story that is interwoven throughout these books. These laws show what and who God values, and are worth reading later.)

Exodus 1:1 - 6:12, 6:26 - 20:26, 23:20 - 25:9, 32:1 - 34:35, 39:32 - 40:38

Leviticus 1:1-9 (for an example of the sacrifices); 9:1 - 10:20; 16:1-34; 17:10-12

Numbers 1:1-4, 11:1 - 14:45, 20:1 - 25:18, 27:12-23,

Deuteronomy 6:1 - 8:20, 31:1-29, 32:48-52, 34:1-12

Joshua 1:1 - 11:23, 13:1-7, 22:1 - 24:33

Judges

1 Samuel, (In chapter 4, the Ark is captured. This is not Noah's ark. Read of this Ark in Exodus 25:10-22 for a description.)

2 Samuel

1 Kings 1:1 - 3:28, 4:20 - 7:12, 7:51 - 22:53,

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Ezra 1:1 - 11, 2:64 - 7:28, 8:15 - 10:17

Nehemiah 1:1 - 7:4, 8:1 - 9:38, 10:28 - 11:2, 12:27 - 13:31

Now read the whole New Testament, then the Old Testament, and then the New again.