



NEW LIFE WORSHIP CENTER
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A COMPLETE GUIDE TO
STUDYING THE ENTIRE BIBLE

Genesis to Revelation

Including Worksheets, Outlines & Reading Plans

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

— Psalm 119:105

A Word from Our Leaders

Beloved Saints and Students of the Word,

Welcome to this comprehensive Bible study guide, prepared for the New Life Worship Center family in Jacksonville. The Word of God is the foundation of our faith, the source of our wisdom, and the daily bread of every believer. We believe that no Christian life is complete without a sincere, lifelong pursuit of the Scriptures.

This guide has been crafted to walk you through every book of the Bible — all 66 books from Genesis to Revelation — with summaries, key themes, outlines, study questions, and worksheets to help you reflect, write, and apply what God shows you. Whether you are a new believer opening your Bible for the first time, or a seasoned saint sharpening your understanding, this resource is for you.

Set aside time each day. Pray before you read. Read with expectation. Write down what the Spirit shows you. Share with others. The Word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11).

We are praying for you as you take this journey through the Scriptures. May the Lord deepen your love for Him through His Word.

In His Service,

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Part 1 — Foundations: How to Study the Bible

Why We Study the Bible

The Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It is more than a religious book — it is God's revelation of Himself, His plan of redemption, and His will for our lives. We study the Bible to know God, to be transformed, and to be equipped for every good work.

- To know God personally (John 17:3)
- To grow in faith and maturity (1 Peter 2:2)
- To be equipped for ministry and life (2 Timothy 3:17)
- To resist temptation and walk in truth (Psalm 119:11)
- To discern God's will (Romans 12:2)

The Big Picture: One Book, One Story

The Bible is one unified story told through 66 books, written by about 40 authors across roughly 1,500 years, on three continents, in three languages. Despite this diversity, it tells one story: God's pursuit of mankind through Christ Jesus.

Every book points to Jesus. The Old Testament prepares for Him. The Gospels reveal Him. The Epistles explain Him. Revelation shows His return and eternal reign.

Five Steps to Effective Bible Study

1. Pray Before You Read

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your understanding (Luke 24:45). The same Spirit who inspired the Word will illuminate it for you.

2. Observe — What Does It Say?

Read the passage slowly. Note who is speaking, who is being addressed, what is happening, where, when, and why. Mark repeated words and ideas.

3. Interpret — What Did It Mean?

Consider the historical and cultural context. Who was the original audience? What did this passage mean to them? Compare Scripture with Scripture.

4. Apply — What Does It Mean for Me?

Ask: Is there a promise to claim? A command to obey? A sin to confess? An example to follow? A truth to believe?

5. Respond — What Will I Do?

Write down one specific action step. Pray it back to God. Share what you learned with someone else.

Tools You Will Need

- A reliable Bible translation (KJV, NKJV, NIV, ESV, or NLT are excellent choices)

- A notebook or journal for observations and prayers
- A pen with highlighters or colored pencils
- A concordance (Strong's is the classic standard)
- A Bible dictionary or study Bible
- A quiet place and a set time each day

The S.O.A.P. Method

A simple, reproducible method any believer can use daily:

- S — Scripture: Write out the verse or passage
- O — Observation: What is happening or being said?
- A — Application: What does this mean for my life?
- P — Prayer: Pray this Scripture back to God

Inductive Bible Study

Inductive study moves from the text to the meaning, rather than imposing meaning on the text. The three steps are Observation, Interpretation, and Application. This is the heartbeat of all sound Bible study.

Rules for Right Interpretation

1. Context is king. A verse without context becomes a pretext.
2. Interpret the unclear by the clear. Let plain passages explain difficult ones.
3. Scripture interprets Scripture. The Bible is its own best commentary.
4. Consider the genre. Read narrative as narrative, poetry as poetry, prophecy as prophecy.
5. Honor the original meaning before seeking modern application.
6. Allow the Holy Spirit to teach you (1 John 2:27).

Part 2 — The Old Testament: Overview

The Old Testament contains 39 books, written before the birth of Christ. It tells the story of creation, the fall of mankind, God's covenant with Israel, and the long preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

The Five Divisions of the Old Testament

DIVISION	BOOKS	THEME
Pentateuch (Law)	Genesis – Deuteronomy (5)	Foundation; God forms a people
Historical Books	Joshua – Esther (12)	Israel's rise, fall, and return
Wisdom & Poetry	Job – Song of Solomon (5)	Living wisely in God's world
Major Prophets	Isaiah – Daniel (5)	Warning, judgment, and hope
Minor Prophets	Hosea – Malachi (12)	Calls to repentance and restoration

The Storyline of the Old Testament

Creation → Fall → Flood → Abraham → Exodus → Conquest → Judges → Kings → Division → Exile → Return → Silence. The Old Testament ends with the people waiting for the promised Messiah.

Christ in the Old Testament

Jesus said, "Search the scriptures... they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). Watch for these pictures of Christ:

- The promised Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15)
- The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12)
- The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)
- The Son of David, the eternal King (2 Samuel 7)
- The Son of Man on the clouds (Daniel 7)

Part 3 — The Pentateuch (Genesis – Deuteronomy)

These five books, also called the Torah (Law) or the Books of Moses, lay the foundation for everything that follows. They reveal who God is, who we are, and how we relate to Him through covenant.

Genesis

Author & Date

Moses; written approximately 1446–1406 B.C.

Theme

Beginnings — of creation, mankind, sin, salvation, Israel, and the covenants of God.

Key Verse

| *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." — Genesis 1:1*

Outline

7. Creation and the Fall (Chapters 1–3)
8. From Adam to Noah and the Flood (4–11)
9. Abraham — the call and the covenant (12–25)
10. Isaac, the son of promise (24–27)
11. Jacob and his twelve sons (28–36)
12. Joseph in Egypt (37–50)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Seed of the woman (3:15), the offered son (Isaac in ch. 22), and the One like Joseph — rejected by his brothers, exalted to save them.

Study Questions

13. How does Genesis 1–2 reveal God's character and design?
14. What does the fall in Genesis 3 teach about sin and grace?
15. How does Abraham's faith model trust in God's promises?
16. What does Joseph's life teach about God's sovereignty?

Exodus

Author & Date

Moses; approximately 1446–1406 B.C.

Theme

Redemption — God delivers His people from bondage and forms them into a nation under covenant.

Key Verse

“And ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.” — Exodus 6:7

Outline

17. Israel in bondage and Moses’ call (1–4)
18. The ten plagues and Passover (5–13)
19. Crossing the Red Sea (14–15)
20. Journey to Sinai (16–18)
21. The Law given at Sinai (19–24)
22. The Tabernacle: pattern and construction (25–40)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7), the Rock that followed Israel (1 Corinthians 10:4), and the true Tabernacle (John 1:14).

Study Questions

23. What does the Passover teach about substitutionary atonement?
24. Why did God give the Law at Sinai?
25. What does the Tabernacle reveal about how we approach God?

Leviticus

Author & Date

Moses; approximately 1445 B.C.

Theme

Holiness — how a holy God may dwell with a sinful people through sacrifice and consecration.

Key Verse

| *“Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.” — Leviticus 19:2*

Outline

- 26. The five offerings (1–7)
- 27. The priesthood consecrated (8–10)
- 28. Laws of cleanness (11–15)
- 29. The Day of Atonement (16)
- 30. The Code of Holiness (17–27)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our great High Priest and the final sacrifice. Every offering points to His perfect work (Hebrews 9–10).

Study Questions

- 31. What do the offerings reveal about the seriousness of sin?
- 32. How does the Day of Atonement foreshadow Calvary?
- 33. What does “Be holy, for I am holy” mean for the believer today?

Numbers

Author & Date

Moses; approximately 1445–1406 B.C.

Theme

Wandering — the faithfulness of God in spite of the unbelief of His people.

Key Verse

| *“The LORD bless thee, and keep thee.” — Numbers 6:24*

Outline

- 34. First census and preparation at Sinai (1–10)
- 35. From Sinai to Kadesh — the twelve spies (11–14)
- 36. Wilderness wanderings (15–21)
- 37. Balaam and Balak (22–25)
- 38. Second census and preparation for Canaan (26–36)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the bronze serpent lifted up (John 3:14), our living water (1 Corinthians 10:4), and the Star out of Jacob (Numbers 24:17).

Study Questions

- 39. Why did Israel fail to enter the Promised Land?
- 40. What does unbelief cost a believer?
- 41. How is God’s faithfulness displayed in the wilderness?

Deuteronomy

Author & Date

Moses; approximately 1406 B.C.

Theme

Covenant renewal — Moses' farewell sermons to the new generation before they enter Canaan.

Key Verse

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart...” — Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Outline

- 42. Looking back: Israel's journey reviewed (1–4)
- 43. The Law restated (5–26)
- 44. Blessings and curses (27–30)
- 45. Moses' final acts and death (31–34)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22).

Study Questions

- 46. What is the Shema (6:4-5), and why is it foundational?
- 47. How are blessings and curses tied to obedience?
- 48. What does this book teach about remembering God's works?

Part 4 — Historical Books (Joshua – Esther)

The twelve historical books trace Israel from the conquest of Canaan, through the period of the judges, the rise and fall of the monarchy, the exile, and the return.

Joshua

Author & Date

Joshua (with later editors); approximately 1405–1385 B.C.

Theme

Possession — God's people enter and possess the Promised Land by faith.

Key Verse

“Be strong and of a good courage... for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” — Joshua 1:9

Outline

- 49. Entering the Land (1–5)
- 50. Conquering the Land (6–12)
- 51. Dividing the Land (13–22)
- 52. Joshua's farewell (23–24)

Christ in This Book

Joshua (Hebrew for “Yahweh saves”) is a type of Jesus, who leads us into our spiritual inheritance.

Study Questions

- 53. What do the falls of Jericho and Ai teach about faith and obedience?
- 54. How does Joshua model godly leadership?
- 55. What does “Choose you this day whom ye will serve” mean for you?

Judges

Author & Date

Possibly Samuel; covers roughly 1380–1050 B.C.

Theme

A repeating cycle of sin, servitude, supplication, and salvation.

Key Verse

“In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” — Judges 21:25

Outline

- 56. Incomplete conquest and compromise (1–2)
- 57. The cycle of the judges (3–16)
- 58. Moral chaos in Israel (17–21)

Christ in This Book

The judges are imperfect deliverers who anticipate the perfect Deliverer, Jesus Christ.

Study Questions

- 59. What is the cycle of the judges, and how do you see it in your own life?
- 60. Why does compromise lead to spiritual decline?
- 61. How does the lack of godly leadership affect a nation?

Ruth

Author & Date

Unknown (possibly Samuel); set during the time of the judges.

Theme

Loyal love (hesed) and divine providence in everyday life.

Key Verse

“Whither thou goest, I will go... thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.” — Ruth 1:16

Outline

- 62. Tragedy in Moab (1)
- 63. Ruth gleans in Boaz’s field (2)
- 64. Ruth at the threshing floor (3)
- 65. Boaz redeems Ruth (4)

Christ in This Book

Boaz is a beautiful picture of Christ — our Kinsman Redeemer who pays the price to bring us into His family.

Study Questions

- 66. How does Ruth’s loyalty illustrate covenant love?
- 67. What does Boaz teach us about redemption?
- 68. How does God work in ordinary lives to fulfill His purposes?

1 Samuel

Author & Date

Samuel, Nathan, and Gad (1 Chronicles 29:29).

Theme

Israel transitions from judges to kings; God looks at the heart.

Key Verse

“The LORD seeth not as man seeth... the LORD looketh on the heart.” — 1 Samuel 16:7

Outline

- 69. Samuel — the last judge (1–8)
- 70. Saul — the people’s king (9–15)
- 71. David — God’s chosen king (16–31)

Christ in This Book

David is the prototype of Christ — the anointed shepherd-king from Bethlehem.

Study Questions

- 72. What does Hannah’s prayer teach about faith?
- 73. Why did Saul’s reign fail?
- 74. What does God see in David that Samuel almost missed?

2 Samuel

Author & Date

Unknown compiler using sources from Samuel, Nathan, and Gad.

Theme

David's reign — the heights of obedience and the depths of failure.

Key Verse

| *"Thy throne shall be established for ever." — 2 Samuel 7:16*

Outline

- 75. David's triumphs (1–10)
- 76. David's great sin and its consequences (11–20)
- 77. Final acts and reflections (21–24)

Christ in This Book

The Davidic Covenant (ch. 7) promises an eternal throne, fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Study Questions

- 78. How does David handle Saul's death? What does this show?
- 79. What were the consequences of David's sin with Bathsheba?
- 80. How does 2 Samuel 7 connect to the gospel?

1 Kings

Author & Date

Unknown; compiled during the exile.

Theme

The glory of Solomon and the dividing of the kingdom.

Key Verse

“If thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments... then I will lengthen thy days.” — 1 Kings 3:14

Outline

- 81. Solomon’s reign and the Temple (1–11)
- 82. The kingdom divided (12–16)
- 83. Elijah confronts Ahab (17–22)

Christ in This Book

Solomon, in his wisdom and Temple-building, foreshadows the greater Son of David.

Study Questions

- 84. What made Solomon great, and what brought him down?
- 85. Why did the kingdom divide?
- 86. What does Elijah on Mt. Carmel teach about bold faith?

2 Kings

Author & Date

Unknown; compiled during the exile.

Theme

The decline and fall of Israel and Judah.

Key Verse

“The LORD removed Israel out of his sight... So was Israel carried away out of their own land.” — 2 Kings 17:23

Outline

- 87. Elijah and Elisha (1–8)
- 88. The fall of Israel to Assyria (9–17)
- 89. The fall of Judah to Babylon (18–25)

Christ in This Book

Elisha's miracles foreshadow Christ's ministry of healing, raising the dead, and feeding the multitudes.

Study Questions

- 90. What lessons emerge from the lives of the kings?
- 91. Why did God allow His people to go into exile?
- 92. How do Elijah and Elisha demonstrate the power of God?

1 Chronicles

Author & Date

Possibly Ezra; written after the exile.

Theme

God's faithful covenant with David — retelling Israel's history from a priestly perspective.

Key Verse

“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him.” — 1 Chronicles 16:29

Outline

- 93. Genealogies from Adam to David (1–9)
- 94. The reign of David (10–29)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the eternal Son of David promised in the Davidic Covenant.

Study Questions

- 95. Why are the genealogies important?
- 96. What does Chronicles emphasize that Samuel and Kings do not?
- 97. How does David model worship?

2 Chronicles

Author & Date

Possibly Ezra; written after the exile.

Theme

The kings of Judah — measured by their faithfulness to the Temple and the Lord.

Key Verse

| *“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray... then will I hear from heaven...” — 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Outline

- 98. Solomon and the Temple (1–9)
- 99. The kings of Judah (10–36)
- 100. The decree of Cyrus and the hope of return (36)

Christ in This Book

The Temple anticipates Christ, in whom God dwells with His people.

Study Questions

- 101. What is the central role of the Temple in this book?
- 102. Which kings stand out as faithful, and why?
- 103. What is the meaning of 2 Chronicles 7:14 for the church today?

Ezra

Author & Date

Ezra the priest; approximately 457–444 B.C.

Theme

The return from exile and the rebuilding of the Temple.

Key Verse

“Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.” — Ezra 7:10

Outline

- 104. First return under Zerubbabel and rebuilding the Temple (1–6)
- 105. Second return under Ezra and reform of the people (7–10)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our true Temple and the One who restores His people.

Study Questions

- 106. What hindered the rebuilding of the Temple?
- 107. How does Ezra model the life of a Bible teacher?
- 108. Why was the issue of mixed marriages so serious?

Nehemiah

Author & Date

Nehemiah and Ezra; approximately 445–432 B.C.

Theme

Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and renewing the covenant.

Key Verse

“The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build.” — Nehemiah 2:20

Outline

- 109. Rebuilding the walls (1–6)
- 110. Restoring the people (7–12)
- 111. Reforming the practices (13)

Christ in This Book

Nehemiah models Christ’s heart to restore and rebuild His people.

Study Questions

- 112. How does Nehemiah handle opposition?
- 113. What role did prayer play in his ministry?
- 114. How does spiritual revival follow the rebuilding?

Esther

Author & Date

Unknown; likely written by a Persian Jew, approximately 470 B.C.

Theme

The hidden hand of God protecting His people.

Key Verse

“Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” —
Esther 4:14

Outline

- 115. Esther becomes queen (1–2)
- 116. Haman’s plot and Mordecai’s response (3–5)
- 117. Reversal and deliverance (6–10)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our great Advocate, like Esther, who pleads for His people.

Study Questions

- 118. Though God is not named, where do you see His hand?
- 119. How does Esther model courageous faith?
- 120. What does this book teach about divine timing?

Part 5 — Wisdom & Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)

These books speak to the heart and mind, exploring suffering, worship, wisdom, the futility of life apart from God, and the beauty of covenant love.

Job

Author & Date

Unknown; very ancient (possibly patriarchal era).

Theme

The mystery of suffering and the sovereignty of God.

Key Verse

| *"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." — Job 13:15*

Outline

- 121. The prologue: Job tested (1–2)
- 122. The debates with his three friends (3–31)
- 123. Elihu's speech (32–37)
- 124. God speaks; Job answers (38–41)
- 125. Job restored (42)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the ultimate Advocate and Redeemer Job longed for (19:25).

Study Questions

- 126. Why does God allow His people to suffer?
- 127. How do Job's friends miss the mark?
- 128. What changes in Job after God speaks?

Psalms

Author & Date

David (about half), plus Asaph, Korah's sons, Solomon, Moses, and others.

Theme

Praise, prayer, and the full range of human emotion offered to God.

Key Verse

| *"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." — Psalm 23:1*

Outline

- 129. Book I (Psalms 1–41) — David
- 130. Book II (42–72) — David, Korah, Solomon
- 131. Book III (73–89) — Asaph, others
- 132. Book IV (90–106) — anonymous and Moses
- 133. Book V (107–150) — David, ascents, Hallelujahs

Christ in This Book

Psalms is filled with Messianic prophecies, including Psalm 2, 16, 22, 45, 69, 89, and 110.

Study Questions

- 134. Which psalm speaks most to your current season, and why?
- 135. How do the psalms model honest prayer?
- 136. How does Psalm 22 prophesy the cross?

Proverbs

Author & Date

Mostly Solomon; some by Agur and Lemuel.

Theme

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; practical living under God.

Key Verse

| *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge." — Proverbs 1:7*

Outline

- 137. The value of wisdom (1–9)
- 138. The proverbs of Solomon (10–24)
- 139. More proverbs of Solomon (25–29)
- 140. The words of Agur and Lemuel (30–31)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the wisdom of God personified (1 Corinthians 1:30).

Study Questions

- 141. What is the fear of the Lord?
- 142. Pick a proverb that convicts you — why?
- 143. How does Proverbs 31 describe godly character?

Ecclesiastes

Author & Date

Solomon (“the Preacher”).

Theme

Life “under the sun” without God is vanity; true meaning is found only in Him.

Key Verse

“Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” —
Ecclesiastes 12:13

Outline

- 144. The vanity of life without God (1–6)
- 145. Wisdom for life under the sun (7–12)
- 146. The conclusion — fear God (12)

Christ in This Book

Christ alone gives meaning to a world that is otherwise vanity.

Study Questions

- 147. What does “vanity of vanities” mean?
- 148. How do people today still chase Solomon’s same idols?
- 149. What is the final conclusion of the book?

Song of Solomon

Author & Date

Solomon.

Theme

The beauty and purity of marital love — and, by extension, Christ's love for the church.

Key Verse

| *"I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." — Song of Solomon 6:3*

Outline

- 150. Courtship (1–3)
- 151. Wedding (3–5)
- 152. Maturing love (5–8)

Christ in This Book

A picture of Christ's passionate love for His bride, the church (Ephesians 5:25-32).

Study Questions

- 153. What does this book teach about love and marriage?
- 154. How does it picture Christ and the church?
- 155. Why is purity in love so important?

Part 6 — Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)

The Major Prophets are so called because of their length, not because they are more important than the Minor Prophets. They thunder warnings, plead for repentance, and promise restoration.

Isaiah

Author & Date

Isaiah son of Amoz; approximately 740–680 B.C.

Theme

Salvation belongs to the Lord — judgment and comfort for God's people.

Key Verse

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” — Isaiah 9:6

Outline

- 156. Prophecies of judgment (1–35)
- 157. Historical interlude (36–39)
- 158. Prophecies of comfort (40–66)

Christ in This Book

Isaiah is often called the “fifth gospel” because of its many Messianic prophecies, especially the Suffering Servant of chapter 53.

Study Questions

- 159. How does Isaiah’s call (ch. 6) shape his ministry?
- 160. What does Isaiah 53 teach about the cross?
- 161. What is the “new heavens and new earth” of chapter 65?

Jeremiah

Author & Date

Jeremiah the prophet, with help from Baruch; approximately 626–586 B.C.

Theme

The weeping prophet warns of judgment and points to a new covenant.

Key Verse

“I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts.” — Jeremiah 31:33

Outline

- 162. Jeremiah’s call and early ministry (1)
- 163. Prophecies against Judah (2–45)
- 164. Prophecies against the nations (46–51)
- 165. The fall of Jerusalem (52)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Righteous Branch (23:5) and the Mediator of the New Covenant (31:31-34).

Study Questions

- 166. Why is Jeremiah called the weeping prophet?
- 167. What is the New Covenant promised in chapter 31?
- 168. How do we respond to prolonged seasons of resistance?

Lamentations

Author & Date

Jeremiah; written after the fall of Jerusalem, approximately 586 B.C.

Theme

Lament over the destruction of Jerusalem, with hope in God's mercies.

Key Verse

"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed... they are new every morning." — Lamentations 3:22-23

Outline

- 169. The desolate city (1)
- 170. God's anger (2)
- 171. Hope in God's faithfulness (3)
- 172. The siege described (4)
- 173. Prayer for restoration (5)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the "Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3) — He weeps for His people.

Study Questions

- 174. How does lament help the believer?
- 175. Where do you see hope in this dark book?
- 176. What does it look like to bring our grief to God?

Ezekiel

Author & Date

Ezekiel the priest, exiled to Babylon; approximately 593–571 B.C.

Theme

The glory of God departs and returns; God will be known among the nations.

Key Verse

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.” — Ezekiel 36:26

Outline

- 177. Ezekiel's call and visions (1–3)
- 178. Judgment on Jerusalem (4–24)
- 179. Judgment on the nations (25–32)
- 180. Restoration of Israel (33–48)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the true Shepherd (ch. 34) and the source of the river of life (ch. 47).

Study Questions

- 181. What does the departing glory of God mean?
- 182. How does Ezekiel 37 (the valley of dry bones) speak today?
- 183. What does it mean to receive a new heart?

Daniel

Author & Date

Daniel, exiled to Babylon; approximately 605–536 B.C.

Theme

The sovereignty of God over the nations — God rules in the kingdom of men.

Key Verse

“The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.” — Daniel 4:25

Outline

- 184. Daniel in Babylon (1)
- 185. Visions and interpretations: kingdoms of men (2–7)
- 186. Visions of the future of Israel (8–12)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Stone cut without hands (ch. 2), the Son of Man (ch. 7), and the coming Messiah (ch. 9).

Study Questions

- 187. How does Daniel demonstrate convictions in a hostile culture?
- 188. What do the four kingdoms represent?
- 189. Why is Daniel 9 critical to understanding prophecy?

Part 7 — Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

The Minor Prophets are shorter, but each one carries an urgent message from God to His people — calls to repentance, warnings of judgment, and promises of restoration.

Hosea

Author & Date

Hosea; 8th century B.C.

Theme

God's relentless love for an unfaithful people, illustrated by Hosea's marriage to Gomer.

Key Verse

| *"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely." — Hosea 14:4*

Outline

- 190. Hosea's marriage as a sign (1–3)
- 191. Israel's unfaithfulness (4–13)
- 192. The promise of restoration (14)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Bridegroom who pursues His unfaithful bride.

Study Questions

- 193. What does Gomer teach us about ourselves?
- 194. How does God's love confront sin?
- 195. What does true repentance look like?

Joel

Author & Date

Joel; date uncertain (perhaps 9th–5th century B.C.).

Theme

The Day of the Lord — judgment and the promise of the outpoured Spirit.

Key Verse

| *“I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.” — Joel 2:28*

Outline

- 196. Locust plague as a warning (1)
- 197. Call to repentance (2)
- 198. Future judgment and restoration (3)

Christ in This Book

Joel 2 is fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2) by the Lord Jesus pouring out His Spirit.

Study Questions

- 199. What is the Day of the Lord?
- 200. How is Acts 2 the fulfillment of Joel 2?
- 201. What does it mean to rend our hearts?

Amos

Author & Date

Amos, a shepherd from Tekoa; approximately 760 B.C.

Theme

Let justice roll down like waters — God demands righteousness, not mere ritual.

Key Verse

“Let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.” —
Amos 5:24

Outline

- 202. Judgment on the nations (1–2)
- 203. Judgment on Israel (3–6)
- 204. Visions and the promise of restoration (7–9)

Christ in This Book

Christ raises up the fallen tabernacle of David (Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16).

Study Questions

- 205. How does God view social injustice?
- 206. Can worship be unacceptable to God?
- 207. Where do we ignore justice today?

Obadiah

Author & Date

Obadiah; possibly after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

Theme

Judgment on Edom for its pride and mistreatment of Israel.

Key Verse

| *"The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee." — Obadiah 1:3*

Outline

- 208. Edom's judgment announced (1–9)
- 209. Edom's sins (10–14)
- 210. The Day of the Lord and Israel's deliverance (15–21)

Christ in This Book

Christ will reign on Mt. Zion as Deliverer.

Study Questions

- 211. How does pride deceive?
- 212. How should we treat God's people?
- 213. What does "the kingdom shall be the Lord's" mean?

Jonah

Author & Date

Jonah; 8th century B.C.

Theme

God's mercy reaches even to the enemies of His people.

Key Verse

| *"I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger." — Jonah 4:2*

Outline

- 214. Jonah flees God (1)
- 215. Jonah prays from the fish (2)
- 216. Jonah preaches in Nineveh (3)
- 217. Jonah complains; God responds (4)

Christ in This Book

Jesus said the sign of Jonah pointed to His death and resurrection (Matthew 12:40).

Study Questions

- 218. Where are you running from God?
- 219. How wide is God's mercy?
- 220. Why does Jonah resent God's grace?

Micah

Author & Date

Micah of Moresheth; approximately 750–686 B.C.

Theme

God requires justice, mercy, and humility from His people.

Key Verse

“What doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” — Micah 6:8

Outline

- 221. Judgment announced (1–3)
- 222. The coming kingdom (4–5)
- 223. God’s case against His people and final hope (6–7)

Christ in This Book

Micah 5:2 prophesies the Messiah’s birth in Bethlehem.

Study Questions

- 224. What does it mean to walk humbly with God?
- 225. How does Micah 6:8 summarize the faith?
- 226. What hope is found in the “remnant”?

Nahum

Author & Date

Nahum; approximately 663–612 B.C.

Theme

The fall of Nineveh — God's judgment on prideful Assyria.

Key Verse

| *"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble." — Nahum 1:7*

Outline

- 227. The character of God (1)
- 228. Nineveh's fall described (2)
- 229. Nineveh's sin and certain judgment (3)

Christ in This Book

Christ is both the wrathful Judge and the refuge for those who trust Him.

Study Questions

- 230. How is God both good and just?
- 231. Why does pride invite judgment?
- 232. How is God a stronghold today?

Habakkuk

Author & Date

Habakkuk; approximately 612–589 B.C.

Theme

Wrestling with God's ways, and learning to live by faith.

Key Verse

| *"The just shall live by his faith." — Habakkuk 2:4*

Outline

- 233. Habakkuk questions God (1)
- 234. God answers (2)
- 235. Habakkuk's prayer of faith (3)

Christ in This Book

Habakkuk 2:4 is quoted three times in the New Testament regarding faith in Christ.

Study Questions

- 236. Can we honestly question God?
- 237. What does it mean to live by faith?
- 238. How does Habakkuk's prayer model worship in hardship?

Zephaniah

Author & Date

Zephaniah; approximately 640–609 B.C.

Theme

The Day of the Lord — wrath, then restoration; the Lord rejoices over His people.

Key Verse

“The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty... he will joy over thee with singing.” — Zephaniah 3:17

Outline

- 239. Judgment on Judah and the nations (1–2)
- 240. Restoration of the remnant (3)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the King of Israel in our midst (3:15).

Study Questions

- 241. What does it mean that God sings over us?
- 242. How does God balance judgment and joy?
- 243. Who is the remnant?

Haggai

Author & Date

Haggai; 520 B.C.

Theme

Put God's house first — finish what God called you to build.

Key Verse

| *"Consider your ways." — Haggai 1:5, 7*

Outline

- 244. Call to rebuild the Temple (1)
- 245. Encouragement and promises (2)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the "desire of all nations" (Haggai 2:7).

Study Questions

- 246. What does it mean to consider our ways?
- 247. Are we building God's house or our own?
- 248. How does God encourage the weary?

Zechariah

Author & Date

Zechariah; approximately 520–480 B.C.

Theme

Visions of restoration and the coming King.

Key Verse

“Behold, thy King cometh unto thee... lowly, and riding upon an ass.” —
Zechariah 9:9

Outline

- 249. Eight night visions (1–6)
- 250. Questions about fasting (7–8)
- 251. Burdens concerning the Messiah (9–14)

Christ in This Book

Zechariah is rich with Messianic prophecy — the Branch (3:8; 6:12), the pierced One (12:10), and the coming King (14:9).

Study Questions

- 252. How does Zechariah encourage the rebuilders?
- 253. What prophecies of Christ stand out?
- 254. What is the future of Jerusalem?

Malachi

Author & Date

Malachi; approximately 430 B.C.

Theme

God's love and the call to faithful worship before the day of the Lord.

Key Verse

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse... and prove me now herewith.” —
Malachi 3:10

Outline

- 255. God's love for Israel (1)
- 256. Sins of the priests and people (2–3)
- 257. The coming day of the Lord (4)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Sun of Righteousness (4:2) and the messenger of the covenant (3:1).

Study Questions

- 258. How have we robbed God?
- 259. Why does worship grow cold?
- 260. How does Malachi prepare us for the New Testament?

Part 8 — The New Testament: Overview

The New Testament contains 27 books, written by approximately nine authors over about 50 years (A.D. 45–95). It reveals Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah, records the birth of the church, instructs believers in Christian living, and points forward to Christ's return.

The Four Divisions of the New Testament

DIVISION	BOOKS	THEME
The Gospels	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (4)	The life of Jesus Christ
Acts (History)	Acts of the Apostles (1)	The birth and growth of the church
Epistles	Romans – Jude (21)	Christian doctrine and living
Prophecy	Revelation (1)	Christ's return and consummation

The Storyline of the New Testament

Christ is born → ministers → dies → rises → ascends → sends the Spirit → builds the church through the apostles → calls believers to faith and holiness → returns in glory.

Part 9 — The Gospels & Acts (Matthew – Acts)

Matthew

Author & Date

Matthew (Levi), the former tax collector; approximately A.D. 50–70.

Theme

Jesus is the promised King, the Son of David — the Messiah of Israel.

Key Verse

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...” — Matthew 28:18-19

Outline

- 261. The birth and preparation of the King (1–4)
- 262. The teachings of the King — Sermon on the Mount (5–7)
- 263. The miracles and ministry of the King (8–18)
- 264. The rejection of the King (19–25)
- 265. The death and resurrection of the King (26–28)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the King of the Jews and the Son of David, fulfilling Old Testament prophecy.

Study Questions

- 266. How does Matthew show that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament?
- 267. What is the heart of the Sermon on the Mount?
- 268. How does the Great Commission shape our mission?

Mark

Author & Date

John Mark, companion of Peter; approximately A.D. 55–65.

Theme

Jesus is the Suffering Servant who came to give His life as a ransom for many.

Key Verse

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” — Mark 10:45

Outline

- 269. The ministry of the Servant in Galilee (1–9)
- 270. The Servant journeys to Jerusalem (10)
- 271. The Servant suffers and rises (11–16)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Servant of all — moving with action and urgency.

Study Questions

- 272. Why is Mark the shortest gospel?
- 273. What does the word “immediately” reveal about Jesus’ ministry?
- 274. How does Mark 10:45 shape Christian leadership?

Luke

Author & Date

Luke the physician, companion of Paul; approximately A.D. 60–62.

Theme

Jesus is the perfect Son of Man, the Savior of all people.

Key Verse

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” — Luke 19:10

Outline

- 275. The birth and preparation of the Son of Man (1–4)
- 276. Ministry in Galilee (4–9)
- 277. Journey to Jerusalem (9–19)
- 278. Passion week, death, and resurrection (19–24)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the compassionate Savior of the poor, the lost, and the outcast.

Study Questions

- 279. Why does Luke emphasize Jesus' care for the marginalized?
- 280. What parables are unique to Luke, and what do they teach?
- 281. How does the resurrection chapter (24) anchor our faith?

John

Author & Date

John the apostle; approximately A.D. 85–95.

Theme

Jesus is the eternal Son of God — believe and have eternal life.

Key Verse

“These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” — John 20:31

Outline

- 282. The Word made flesh (1)
- 283. Seven signs revealing His glory (2–11)
- 284. The upper room discourse (13–17)
- 285. The cross and the resurrection (18–21)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the eternal Word, the Lamb of God, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life.

Study Questions

- 286. What are the seven “I AM” statements? What do they reveal?
- 287. What is the meaning of being born again (ch. 3)?
- 288. How does Jesus prepare His disciples in chapters 13–17?

Acts

Author & Date

Luke; approximately A.D. 62–64.

Theme

The risen Christ continues His work through the church by the Holy Spirit.

Key Verse

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” — Acts 1:8

Outline

- 289. The church in Jerusalem (1–7)
- 290. The church scatters into Judea and Samaria (8–12)
- 291. Paul’s missionary journeys to the Gentile world (13–28)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the ascended Lord building His church through the Spirit and the apostles.

Study Questions

- 292. What happens at Pentecost, and why is it significant?
- 293. How does the church grow under persecution?
- 294. What can we learn from Paul’s missionary strategy?

Part 10 — Pauline Epistles (Romans – Philemon)

The Apostle Paul wrote 13 letters, addressing churches and individuals on matters of doctrine, conduct, and ministry.

Romans

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 57.

Theme

The gospel — the righteousness of God revealed and received by faith.

Key Verse

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” — Romans 1:16

Outline

- 295. Condemnation: all have sinned (1–3)
- 296. Justification by faith (3–5)
- 297. Sanctification by the Spirit (6–8)
- 298. Israel in God’s plan (9–11)
- 299. Practical Christian living (12–16)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our righteousness, our reconciliation, and our life.

Study Questions

- 300. What is the gospel according to Romans?
- 301. How is a person justified before God?
- 302. How should Romans 12 shape your daily life?

1 Corinthians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 55.

Theme

Correcting the carnal church — unity, holiness, spiritual gifts, and the resurrection.

Key Verse

“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.” — 1 Corinthians 12:27

Outline

- 303. Divisions and discipline (1–6)
- 304. Marriage and Christian liberty (7–10)
- 305. Order in worship and gifts (11–14)
- 306. The resurrection (15–16)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the wisdom and power of God (1:24), our Passover (5:7), and the firstfruits of resurrection (15:20).

Study Questions

- 307. How are spiritual gifts to be used?
- 308. What does true love look like (ch. 13)?
- 309. Why is the resurrection central?

2 Corinthians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 56.

Theme

Paul's defense of his ministry — strength in weakness, glory through suffering.

Key Verse

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” —
2 Corinthians 12:9

Outline

- 310. Paul's ministry explained (1–7)
- 311. The collection for the saints (8–9)
- 312. Paul's authority defended (10–13)

Christ in This Book

Christ's power is perfected in our weakness.

Study Questions

- 313. What does Christian ministry truly require?
- 314. How does suffering produce ministry?
- 315. What does cheerful giving look like?

Galatians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 49–55.

Theme

Justification by faith alone — Christian freedom from legalism.

Key Verse

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.”
— Galatians 2:20

Outline

- 316. Paul defends his gospel (1–2)
- 317. Justification by faith (3–4)
- 318. Walking by the Spirit (5–6)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the all-sufficient Savior — apart from any work of the law.

Study Questions

- 319. What is the gospel of grace?
- 320. What is the fruit of the Spirit?
- 321. How do we keep from falling back into legalism?

Ephesians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 60–62 (prison epistle).

Theme

The church — the body of Christ — and the wealth, walk, and warfare of the believer.

Key Verse

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” — Ephesians 2:8

Outline

- 322. The believer’s position in Christ (1–3)
- 323. The believer’s walk in Christ (4–6)
- 324. The believer’s warfare in Christ (6)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the head of the church and the One in whom we have every spiritual blessing.

Study Questions

- 325. What blessings are ours in Christ (ch. 1)?
- 326. How does Ephesians describe marriage?
- 327. What is the armor of God?

Philippians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 61 (prison epistle).

Theme

Joy in Christ — to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Key Verse

| *“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” — Philippians 1:21*

Outline

- 328. Christ our life (1)
- 329. Christ our example (2)
- 330. Christ our goal (3)
- 331. Christ our strength (4)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our life, example, goal, and strength.

Study Questions

- 332. What does it mean that Christ is your life?
- 333. How does Christ model humility (2:5-11)?
- 334. How do we have peace in every circumstance?

Colossians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 60–62 (prison epistle).

Theme

The supremacy and sufficiency of Christ — Christ is all and in all.

Key Verse

“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him.” — Colossians 2:9-10

Outline

- 335. The supremacy of Christ (1–2)
- 336. Practical Christian living (3–4)

Christ in This Book

Christ is preeminent in creation, redemption, and the church.

Study Questions

- 337. What does it mean that Christ is preeminent?
- 338. How does Colossians address false teaching?
- 339. What is the new self (ch. 3)?

1 Thessalonians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 51.

Theme

Living in light of Christ's return.

Key Verse

“The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout... and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” — 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Outline

- 340. Paul's thanksgiving and reminders (1–3)
- 341. Sanctification and the return of Christ (4–5)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the returning Lord who will gather His people.

Study Questions

- 342. What does the rapture teach about hope?
- 343. How should we live while we wait?
- 344. What does it mean to “pray without ceasing”?

2 Thessalonians

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 51–52.

Theme

Standing firm — clarifying the Day of the Lord.

Key Verse

“Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught.” — 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Outline

- 345. Comfort in persecution (1)
- 346. Correction about the Day of the Lord (2)
- 347. Commands for daily living (3)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the avenging Judge and the strengthener of His people.

Study Questions

- 348. What is the man of sin?
- 349. How do we stand firm?
- 350. What does Paul say about idleness?

1 Timothy

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 62–66.

Theme

Conduct in the household of God — pastoral instruction.

Key Verse

“These things write I unto thee... that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God.” — 1 Timothy 3:14-15

Outline

- 351. Right doctrine (1)
- 352. Right worship (2)
- 353. Right leadership (3)
- 354. Right pastoring (4–6)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the one Mediator between God and men (2:5).

Study Questions

- 355. What are the qualifications for elders and deacons?
- 356. How should we approach false teaching?
- 357. What does godly contentment look like?

2 Timothy

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 66–67 (Paul's final letter).

Theme

Endure hardship as a good soldier of Christ — Paul's last charge to Timothy.

Key Verse

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” — 2 Timothy 4:7

Outline

- 358. A charge to be bold (1)
- 359. A charge to be faithful (2)
- 360. A charge to be steadfast in the last days (3)
- 361. A charge to preach the Word (4)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the righteous Judge who will reward those who love His appearing.

Study Questions

- 362. What does it mean to be a workman approved (2:15)?
- 363. Why is Scripture sufficient (3:16-17)?
- 364. How can we finish the race well?

Titus

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 62–66.

Theme

Setting things in order in the church through sound doctrine and good works.

Key Verse

“That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.” — Titus 2:2

Outline

- 365. Appoint elders (1)
- 366. Sound doctrine for every group (2)
- 367. Good works in the world (3)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our great God and Saviour who gave Himself for us (2:13-14).

Study Questions

- 368. How does sound doctrine produce good works?
- 369. What should our witness to outsiders look like?
- 370. What is the “blessed hope”?

Philemon

Author & Date

Paul; approximately A.D. 60–62.

Theme

Forgiveness and reconciliation in Christ.

Key Verse

| *“Receive him as myself.” — Philemon 1:17*

Outline

- 371. Greeting and thanksgiving (1–7)
- 372. Plea for Onesimus (8–21)
- 373. Closing (22–25)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our great Intercessor — He receives us as Himself.

Study Questions

- 374. What does Paul teach about reconciliation?
- 375. How is the gospel illustrated in this letter?
- 376. Whom do you need to receive back?

Part 11 — General Epistles & Revelation (Hebrews – Revelation)

Hebrews

Author & Date

Unknown; possibly Paul, Apollos, or Barnabas; approximately A.D. 67–69.

Theme

The superiority of Christ — He is better than all that came before.

Key Verse

| *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” — Hebrews 12:2*

Outline

- 377. Christ greater than angels (1–2)
- 378. Christ greater than Moses and the priesthood (3–7)
- 379. Christ's greater covenant and sacrifice (8–10)
- 380. The life of faith (11–13)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our great High Priest, perfect sacrifice, and Mediator of a better covenant.

Study Questions

- 381. How is Christ superior to the Old Testament system?
- 382. Who are the witnesses of faith in Hebrews 11?
- 383. Why is perseverance so important?

James

Author & Date

James, the half-brother of Jesus; approximately A.D. 44–49.

Theme

Faith that works — true faith proves itself in action.

Key Verse

| *“Faith without works is dead.” — James 2:26*

Outline

- 384. Trials and temptations (1)
- 385. Faith and works (2)
- 386. The tongue (3)
- 387. Submission to God and warnings to the rich (4–5)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Lord whose return motivates patient endurance.

Study Questions

- 388. How does James define real faith?
- 389. Why is the tongue so dangerous?
- 390. What does effective prayer look like?

1 Peter

Author & Date

Peter the apostle; approximately A.D. 62–64.

Theme

Hope and holiness in suffering.

Key Verse

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you... rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings.” — 1 Peter 4:12-13

Outline

- 391. The believer's salvation (1)
- 392. The believer's submission (2–3)
- 393. The believer's suffering (4–5)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the suffering Lamb and the Chief Shepherd.

Study Questions

- 394. How does Peter describe our salvation?
- 395. How are we to live as strangers and pilgrims?
- 396. How do we suffer for Christ well?

2 Peter

Author & Date

Peter the apostle; approximately A.D. 66–68.

Theme

Beware of false teachers; grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Key Verse

“Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” — 2 Peter 3:18

Outline

- 397. Spiritual growth (1)
- 398. False teachers exposed (2)
- 399. The day of the Lord (3)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the returning Lord — His day will come.

Study Questions

- 400. How do we add to our faith (1:5-8)?
- 401. How do we recognize false teachers?
- 402. Why does the Lord delay His coming?

1 John

Author & Date

John the apostle; approximately A.D. 85–95.

Theme

Assurance — how we know we have eternal life.

Key Verse

“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.” — 1 John 5:13

Outline

- 403. Walking in the light (1–2)
- 404. Walking in love (3–4)
- 405. Walking in faith (5)

Christ in This Book

Christ is our Advocate and the propitiation for our sins.

Study Questions

- 406. What are John's tests of true faith?
- 407. How is God love (4:8)?
- 408. How do we know we have eternal life?

2 John

Author & Date

John the apostle; approximately A.D. 85–95.

Theme

Walk in truth and love — and beware of deceivers.

Key Verse

| *“And this is love, that we walk after his commandments.” — 2 John 1:6*

Outline

- 409. Walk in truth and love (1–6)
- 410. Warn against false teachers (7–13)

Christ in This Book

Christ has come in the flesh — the test of true doctrine.

Study Questions

- 411. How are truth and love connected?
- 412. How do we recognize deceivers?
- 413. What does it mean to abide in the doctrine of Christ?

3 John

Author & Date

John the apostle; approximately A.D. 85–95.

Theme

Hospitality, truth, and pride in the local church.

Key Verse

| *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” — 3 John 1:4*

Outline

- 414. Commendation of Gaius (1–8)
- 415. Warning against Diotrephes (9–11)
- 416. Commendation of Demetrius (12–14)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the truth that we walk in.

Study Questions

- 417. What does Christian hospitality look like?
- 418. How does pride harm the church?
- 419. Whom can you encourage today?

Jude

Author & Date

Jude, half-brother of Jesus; approximately A.D. 65–80.

Theme

Contend earnestly for the faith.

Key Verse

| *“Contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” — Jude 1:3*

Outline

- 420. The danger of apostasy (1–16)
- 421. The duty of contending (17–25)

Christ in This Book

Christ keeps us from falling and presents us faultless.

Study Questions

- 422. What does it mean to contend for the faith?
- 423. How does Jude describe apostates?
- 424. How are we kept by God?

Revelation

Author & Date

John the apostle, on the island of Patmos; approximately A.D. 95.

Theme

Jesus Christ — His glory, His judgment, His kingdom, and His eternal reign.

Key Verse

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord.” —
Revelation 1:8

Outline

- 425. The vision of Christ (1)
- 426. Letters to the seven churches (2–3)
- 427. Heavenly worship and the seals (4–7)
- 428. The trumpets and the bowls (8–18)
- 429. The return of Christ (19)
- 430. The millennium and final judgment (20)
- 431. The new heaven and new earth (21–22)

Christ in This Book

Christ is the Lamb who was slain, the Lion of Judah, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords.

Study Questions

- 432. How is Christ portrayed in chapter 1?
- 433. What is the message to each of the seven churches?
- 434. What is the hope of the new heaven and new earth?

Part 12 — Bible Reading Plans

Reading the whole Bible is a holy and rewarding habit. Below are two reading plans — choose the one that fits your season. Both will lead you through every chapter of God's Word.

Plan A — The Classic One-Year Reading Plan (Canonical Order)

Read approximately 3–4 chapters per day. Each month covers the books listed below. Begin where you are, and don't quit if you miss a day — just pick up where you left off.

MONTH	READING ASSIGNMENT
January	Genesis – Exodus
February	Leviticus – Deuteronomy
March	Joshua – 1 Samuel
April	2 Samuel – 2 Kings
May	1 Chronicles – Esther
June	Job – Psalm 89
July	Psalm 90 – Song of Solomon
August	Isaiah – Jeremiah
September	Lamentations – Daniel
October	Hosea – Malachi
November	Matthew – John
December	Acts – Revelation

Plan B — The 90-Day Foundational Plan

Read about 12 chapters per day for 90 days. This is an immersive, accelerated plan that gives you the sweep of the entire Bible in three months. Best for those committed to long daily reading sessions.

- Days 1–15 — Genesis to Deuteronomy
- Days 16–30 — Joshua to Esther
- Days 31–45 — Job to Song of Solomon
- Days 46–60 — Isaiah to Malachi
- Days 61–75 — Matthew to Acts
- Days 76–90 — Romans to Revelation

Plan C — Chronological Reading (One Year)

Read the Bible in the order events occurred. This puts the Psalms in David's life, places the prophets alongside the kings they spoke to, and lets you experience Scripture as history unfolded.

MONTH	FOCUS
January	Genesis 1–50; Job
February	Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers
March	Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth
April	1 Samuel, parts of 2 Samuel, Psalms
May	2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, Psalms
June	1 Kings, 2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
July	1 & 2 Kings, Joel, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Jonah, Nahum
August	2 Kings, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations
September	Ezekiel, Daniel
October	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
November	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (harmonized)
December	Acts, all New Testament epistles, Revelation

Tips for Sticking With Your Reading Plan

435. Choose a set time each day — same time, same place.
436. Keep your Bible, journal, and pen ready the night before.
437. Pray first. Ask God to speak.
438. If you fall behind, do not start over — pick up where you left off.
439. Read with a partner or small group for accountability.
440. Mark your Bible. Underline. Write in the margins. Make it yours.
441. Celebrate the milestones — finishing a book is worth thanking God for.

Part 13 — Worksheets & Study Templates

Use these worksheets as templates. Copy them into a notebook or print them as needed. They will guide your daily study, weekly reflection, and longer book studies.

Worksheet 1 — Daily S.O.A.P. Journal

Use this template every day in your devotional time.

Date:

Bible passage (book, chapter, verses):

S — Scripture (write out the verse that stood out most)

O — Observation (what is happening in this passage?)

A — Application (what does this mean for my life today?)

P — Prayer (pray this verse back to God)

Worksheet 2 — Inductive Bible Study Sheet

Use this worksheet for deeper study of any passage.

Passage:

Date of study:

OBSERVATION — What does it say?

- Who is speaking? Who is being addressed?
 - What is happening or being taught?
 - When and where is this taking place?
 - Repeated words or phrases:
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INTERPRETATION — What did it mean?

- What is the historical and cultural context?
 - What did this mean to the original audience?
 - How does it fit with the rest of Scripture?
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APPLICATION — What does it mean for me?

- Is there a promise to claim, a command to obey, a sin to confess, or an example to follow?
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RESPONSE — What will I do?

Worksheet 3 — Book Study Worksheet

Use this when starting any book of the Bible. Fill it in as you read.

Book of the Bible:

Author:

Approximate date written:

Original audience:

Genre (narrative, law, poetry, prophecy, gospel, epistle, apocalyptic):

Main theme of the book:

Key verse(s):

Outline of the book (in your own words):

How does this book point to Christ?

Three lessons I will take from this book:

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Worksheet 4 — Character Study

Use this worksheet to study any biblical figure.

Name of person:

Where their story is found:

Time period:

Background and family:

Key events in their life:

Strengths and faith demonstrated:

Failures or weaknesses:

How God worked through their life:

Lessons for my own walk with God:

Worksheet 5 — Verse Memorization Tracker

Memorize one verse each week. Track your progress here.

WEEK	VERSE REFERENCE	DATE MEMORIZED
1	Psalms 119:11	
2	John 3:16	
3	Romans 12:1-2	
4	Proverbs 3:5-6	
5	Philippians 4:6-7	
6	Joshua 1:8	
7	2 Timothy 3:16-17	
8	Isaiah 41:10	
9	Matthew 6:33	
10	Galatians 2:20	
11	Ephesians 2:8-9	
12	Hebrews 4:12	
13	1 Corinthians 13:4-7	
14	Romans 8:28	
15	Jeremiah 29:11	
16	Psalms 23	

Worksheet 6 — Weekly Reading Tracker

Check off each day as you complete your reading. Stay faithful even if you miss a day — just pick up and keep going.

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Worksheet 7 — Prayer Journal

Bring your Bible reading and your prayer life together. Write what God said to you, and what you say back.

Date:

What did I read today?

What is God saying to me?

My prayer of response:

People I am praying for today:

Praises and thanksgiving:

Worksheet 8 — “Christ in This Passage” Worksheet

Jesus said all of Scripture testifies of Him (John 5:39; Luke 24:27). Use this worksheet to look for Christ in every passage you read.

Passage: _____

Where do I see Christ pictured, prophesied, or proclaimed?

What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is?

What does this passage call me to do in response to Christ?

A Closing Charge

Beloved, you now hold a guide. The Word itself must become your daily companion. Open it tomorrow morning, the next morning, and the morning after that. Build the habit. Stay with the journey. Even when the chapters feel difficult, keep going — there is treasure on every page.

Memorize verses. Teach what you learn. Live what God shows you. And when you reach Revelation, begin again at Genesis — for the Word is a well that never runs dry.

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” — John 17:17

Grace and peace to you,

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