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“In the beginning was the Word ...”  
John 1:1 (ESV)

## START HERE WITH THE BIBLE

The Bible is one of the greatest books the world has ever seen. It is a book full of profound wisdom and insight about human nature and the character and purpose of the God who created all things. Throughout the centuries, people from many lands have opened the Bible and read from it in their own language. Here they have learned about God's love and justice. Great leaders and thinkers, along with people who are poor, suffering, or oppressed, have searched its pages and explored its truths, looking for the answers to life's problems and challenges.

You are invited to make that same exploration. This resource can help you begin a rewarding journey and encounter the Bible's life-changing message. It really doesn't matter where you begin, but it does matter *that* you begin. Use any one of the sections to get you started on a daily habit of reading the Bible. Discover for yourself the help and hope it has to offer.



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## INSIDE THE BIBLE

The word “Bible” comes from the Greek word *biblia*, which means “books.” So the Bible is really a collection or library of many books. These books are divided into two main parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament.

### Old Testament

The Old Testament tells the history of the people of Israel. This history is based on their faith in the God of Israel and on their religious life as the people of God. The authors of these books wrote about what God had done for them as a people and now they were to worship and obey God in return. The following chart shows the different groups of books that make up the Old Testament.

#### 1. THE LAW

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

#### 2. HISTORY

Joshua	2 Samuel	2 Chronicles
Judges	1 Kings	Ezra
Ruth	2 Kings	Nehemiah
1 Samuel	1 Chronicles	Esther

#### 3. POETRY & WISDOM

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs

#### 4. MAJOR PROPHETS

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

#### 5. MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea	Jonah	Zephaniah
Joel	Micah	Haggai
Amos	Nahum	Zechariah
Obadiah	Habakkuk	Malachi

## Deuterocanonicals/Apocrypha

The Deuterocanonical/Apocryphal books form part of the ancient Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. They were located at various places among the other books of the Old Testament. They cover the period in between the Old Testament and New Testament and provide significant knowledge of developments during this period.

In order to serve the widest readership, included are several books that have been part of the Septuagint (3 and 4 Maccabees and Psalm 151), but have never been recognized as Deuterocanonical by Roman Catholics nor considered part of the Apocrypha by Protestants. These works, however, have been recognized as authoritative in Eastern Orthodox Churches.

### 1. HISTORY

1 Esdras

Additions to Esther

1 Maccabees

2 Maccabees

3 Maccabees

4 Maccabees

### 2. LETTERS

Baruch

Letter of Jeremiah

### 3. WISDOM

Wisdom of Solomon

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)

### 4. DEVOTIONAL

Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three Jews

Prayer of Manasseh

Psalm 151

### 5. TEACHING STORIES

Tobit

Judith

Susanna

Bel and the Dragon

### 6. PROPHECY

2 Esdras

## New Testament

The books of the New Testament were written by the followers of Jesus Christ. These followers wanted others to know the Good News about Jesus Christ and the possibility of new life available to them through his death and resurrection. The following chart shows the different groups of books that make up the New Testament. Although scholarly opinion has varied, Paul has traditionally been identified as the author of the letters in the third category.

### 1. THE GOSPELS

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

### 3. PAUL'S LETTERS

Romans	Philippians	2 Timothy
1 Corinthians	Colossians	Titus
2 Corinthians	1 Thessalonians	Philemon
Galatians	2 Thessalonians	
Ephesians	1 Timothy	

### 2. HISTORY

Acts
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### 4. GENERAL LETTERS

Hebrews	1 John
James	2 John
1 Peter	3 John
2 Peter	Jude

### 5. PROPHECY

Revelation
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## WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE

The following are summaries for each book of the Bible. It will be obvious from how brief the descriptions are that they are not complete. They should, however, serve as a quick and handy guide to the content of the whole Bible.

### Old Testament

#### Genesis

In this book of beginnings the stories are about creation, early relationships between God and people, and God's promise to bless Abraham and his descendants.

#### Exodus

The name Exodus means “departure” and this book tells how God led the Israelites out of a life of hardship and slavery in Egypt. God made a covenant with them and gave them the Law to order their lives.

#### Leviticus

This book is named for the priestly tribe of Levi and is made up of laws concerning rituals and ceremonies.

#### Numbers

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years before entering Canaan, the promised land. The name of the book comes from two censuses taken during the journey.

#### Deuteronomy

Moses gave three farewell speeches shortly before he died. In them he reviewed the laws of God for the Israelites. This book gets its name—“second law”—from this review.

#### Joshua

Joshua led the Israelite armies into victory over the Canaanites. The book ends with the division of the land among the tribes of Israel.

#### Judges

The Israelites often fell away from God and into the hands of oppressors. God sent “judges” to lead and deliver them.

## **Ruth**

Love and dedication between Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, are the focus of this story.

## **1 Samuel**

Samuel was the leader of Israel between the time of Judges and the time of Saul, the first king of Israel. When Saul's leadership failed, David was anointed by Samuel to be king.

## **2 Samuel**

Under David's rule, the new nation was strong and unified. But after David committed adultery and murder, his family and nation suffered.

## **1 Kings**

This book starts with stories about Solomon's reign over Israel. After the death of Solomon, the kingdom went to war with itself, north against south. The result was two nations, Israel in the north and Judah in the south.

## **2 Kings**

Israel was conquered by Assyria in 721 BC. Judah was defeated by Babylon in 586 BC. These events were seen as judgment upon the people because they did not follow the laws of God.

## **1 Chronicles**

This book begins with genealogies from Adam to David and then recounts the incidents of David's reign.

## **2 Chronicles**

This book covers the same period as 2 Kings but the emphasis is on Judah, the southern kingdom, and its rulers.

## **Ezra**

God's people returned to Jerusalem after being held captive in Babylon for several decades. One of the leaders was Ezra. This book contains his charge to the people to be true to the law of God.

## **Nehemiah**

After the Temple was rebuilt, the protective wall around Jerusalem was restored. Nehemiah brought this effort to completion. He also worked with Ezra to restore religious fervor among the people.

## **Esther**

This book tells the story of the Jewish queen of Persia who exposed a plot to destroy her people and thus saved all the Jews in that country from destruction.

## **Job**

The story of Job addresses the question, “Why do innocent people suffer?”

## **Psalms**

These 150 prayers and hymns were used by the Hebrew people to express their relationship with God. They cover the whole range of human emotions from joy to anger, from hope to despair.

## **Proverbs**

This is a book of wise sayings and ethical and commonsense teachings on how to live a godly life.

## **Ecclesiastes**

In a quest for happiness and the meaning of life, this writer, known as “the Philosopher,” asks many questions that are still raised in today’s society.

## **Song of Songs**

This poem describes the joy and ecstasy of love. It has been understood both as a picture of God’s love for Israel and of Christ’s love for the church.

## **Isaiah**

The prophet Isaiah brought the message of God’s judgment on the nations, pointed to a future king like David, and promised a time of comfort and peace.

## **Jeremiah**

Before Babylon destroyed Judah, Jeremiah foretold God’s judgment. While his message was largely of destruction, he also pointed toward a new covenant with God.

## **Lamentations**

As Jeremiah had warned, Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians. This book records five “laments” for the fallen city.

## **Ezekiel**

Ezekiel's message was given to the Jews held captive in Babylon. He used stories and parables to speak about judgment, hope, and restoration.

## **Daniel**

Daniel remained faithful to God while facing many pressures as a captive in Babylon. This book includes Daniel's prophetic visions.

## **Hosea**

Hosea used his commitment to his wife in the face of her unfaithfulness to illustrate the "adultery" Israel had committed against God, whose faithful love never ceased.

## **Joel**

After a locust plague in Judah, Joel urged the people to repent.

## **Amos**

During an era of prosperity, this Judean prophet preached judgment on the rich leaders of Israel. Amos urged them to consider the poor and oppressed rather than their own self-satisfaction.

## **Obadiah**

Obadiah prophesied judgment on Edom, a neighboring country.

## **Jonah**

Jonah did not want to preach to the Ninevites, an enemy people. When he finally brought God's message to them, they repented.

## **Micah**

Micah's message to Judah was a prophecy of judgment as well as forgiveness and hope for restoration. Especially notable is his single verse summary of what God requires of us (6:8).

## **Nahum**

Nahum announced that God would destroy the people of Nineveh because of their cruelty in war.

## **Habakkuk**

Habakkuk's book features a dialogue between Habakkuk and God about suffering and justice.



## **Zephaniah**

Zephaniah announced the day of the Lord, which would bring judgment on Judah and other surrounding nations. This coming day would be one of doom for many, but a humble and faithful remnant would survive to bless the whole world.

## **Haggai**

After the people returned from exile, Haggai reminded them to give God their highest priority and to rebuild the Temple before working on their own homes.

## **Zechariah**

Like Haggai, Zechariah urged the people to rebuild the Temple, assuring them of God's help and blessings. His visions point to a glorious future.

## **Malachi**

After the exiles returned, they became complacent about their religious life. Malachi tried to stir them up by preaching about the day of the Lord.

## **Deuterocanon/Apocrypha**

### **Tobit**

The book of Tobit provides a clear picture of Jewish culture and religious life in the centuries before the time of Jesus. It weaves together two stories about Jewish life in Persia after the exile—that of the pious Tobit in Nineveh and the long-suffering Sarah in Ecbatana.

### **Judith**

This book tells the story of Judith, a woman of great courage and faith in God who was able to carry out a bold plan to rescue her people by driving out the enemy troops who were attacking her city.

### **Additions to Esther**

The book of Esther in Greek is a translation, adaptation, and expansion of the book of Esther in Hebrew. The new material helps the reader better to see the religious dimensions of Esther's story.

### **Wisdom of Solomon**

This book uses both traditional Jewish material and ideas from Greek philosophy to teach that God will reward the faithful and punish the wicked.

## **Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)**

This book is a lengthy collection of wise advice on a wide variety of practical problems. It is similar in style to the Old Testament book of Proverbs.

## **Baruch**

This book is set in the time of the Babylonian exile. It is comprised of a national prayer of confession, a wisdom hymn and a consolation poem in the style of Isaiah.

## **Letter of Jeremiah**

While written in the form of a letter, this book is really more of a sermon about the foolishness of idolatry.

## **Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three Jews**

This is an addition to the book of Daniel. It includes the prayer of Azariah followed by a hymn of praise that the three friends of Daniel sang in the midst of the fiery furnace.

## **Susanna**

This book is also an addition to the book of Daniel. It is the story of a narrow escape by an innocent victim of lust and lying, and is the basis of Daniel's enduring reputation as a brilliant judge.

## **Bel and the Dragon**

This is the third of the additions to Daniel. It consists of two stories attacking idolatry. In each one Daniel shows that there is only one true and living God.

## **1 Maccabees**

This is a history of the Jewish revolt (168 BC) against the Seleucid rulers of Syria. It tells of the priestly family of Judas Maccabeus and the establishment of an independent Judea under Maccabean kings (134 BC). This book seeks to show that God, who had led and rescued Israel in former times of crisis, is just as active in their present day, and in the same ways.

## **2 Maccabees**

This book is not a continuation of the history given in 1 Maccabees. Instead, it is a parallel account of the period covered in 1 Maccabees 1–7. The author is deeply interested in the meaning of martyrdom and resurrection.

## **1 Esdras**

Esdras is the Greek form of the name Ezra and this book closely parallels the canonical Old Testament book of Ezra. It is a history of the Jews from the time of Josiah to that of Ezra. The author's purpose is to encourage the reform and renewal of Israel's worship life.

## **Prayer of Manasseh**

This brief prayer is an excellent example of a psalm of repentance.

## **Psalms 151**

This psalm celebrates the abilities of the young David in his victory over Goliath. In most manuscripts of the ancient Greek Bible it follows the usual 150 psalms. In 1956 a Hebrew Psalms scroll containing Psalm 151 was found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. Until then this additional psalm had never appeared in any Hebrew manuscript.

## **3 Maccabees**

This book appears in the ancient Greek Septuagint and in an appendix to the Latin Vulgate Bible and is recognized as Deuterocanonical Scripture by a number of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Its contents deal with the suffering of the Jews in Alexandria about a half-century before the Maccabean period in Palestine (168–134 BC). Its aim is to console and guide the faithful of the first century BC in the midst of their difficulties.

## **2 Esdras**

This book is not related to 1 Esdras. It is a series of visions and revelations which aims to reveal the future in ways that will help believers bear up under the suffering and persecution they must endure.

## **4 Maccabees**

In important manuscripts of the Greek Bible this book has been included as an appendix. It was early translated into Syriac and has had a deep influence on Eastern Christian religious thought. While using some historical events from the Maccabean era as examples, this book is really an extended lecture or essay on the power of reason to control human emotions.

## New Testament

### Matthew

This Gospel includes many Old Testament quotations, thus appealing to a Jewish audience and presenting Jesus as the Messiah promised in the Hebrew Scriptures. Matthew told the story of Jesus from birth to resurrection and placed emphasis on his teaching.

### Mark

Mark wrote a short, action-packed Gospel. He emphasized Jesus's miracles and his life of suffering. His aim was to deepen the faith and commitment of the believers in the community to which he wrote.

### Luke

In this Gospel, the availability of salvation for all people is emphasized. Luke proclaimed this message by showing Jesus's involvement with people who are poor, needy, and on the fringes of society.

### John

The Gospel of John stands apart from the others. The author organized his message around seven signs that point to Jesus as the Son of God. His writing style is reflective and filled with striking images.

### Acts

When Jesus left his disciples, the Holy Spirit came to abide with them. Written by Luke as the sequel to his Gospel, Acts records key events in the history of the work of the early Christian church to spread the gospel throughout the Mediterranean world.

### Romans

In this important letter, Paul wrote to the Romans about life in the Spirit, which is given to believers in Christ through faith. The apostle tells them about God's great kindness and declares that because of Jesus Christ, God accepts us and sets us free from our sins.

### 1 Corinthians

This letter deals with the problems the church in Corinth was experiencing: dissension, immorality, public worship, and confusion about spiritual gifts.

## **2 Corinthians**

In this letter, Paul wrote about his relationship with the church of Corinth and the effects of certain false apostles on his ministry.

## **Galatians**

This letter addresses freedom from the law through Christ. Paul declares that it is by faith that all who believe are put right with God.

## **Ephesians**

A central theme to this letter is that God's eternal purpose is to bring together from many nations and peoples the universal church of Jesus Christ.

## **Philippians**

This letter emphasizes the joy found in any situation when a person believes in Christ. Paul wrote it while in prison.

## **Colossians**

In this letter Paul tells the people of Colossae to make Christ the center of their faith and to put aside their superstitions.

## **1 Thessalonians**

In this letter Paul gives advice to the people of Thessalonica concerning Christ's return.

## **2 Thessalonians**

This letter discusses the same topics as the first. Paul teaches the people a way to be ready for the Lord.

## **1 Timothy**

This letter served as a guide for Timothy, a young leader in the church. It contains advice about worship, ministry, and relationships within the church.

## **2 Timothy**

This is Paul's last letter. In it he offers a final challenge to his coworker.

## **Titus**

Titus was ministering in Crete. In this letter, Paul gives him advice on how to help Christians follow Christ.

## **Philemon**

In this letter, Philemon is urged to forgive his runaway slave, Onesimus, and accept him as a friend in Christ.

## **Hebrews**

This letter challenges new Jewish Christians to move beyond their traditional rituals and ceremonies and believe that Christ has fulfilled them all.

## **James**

James advises putting beliefs into practice and offers practical ways for Christians to live out their faith.

## **1 Peter**

This letter was written to comfort early Christians who were being persecuted for their faith.

## **2 Peter**

In this letter Peter warns against false teachers and urges Christians to stay loyal to God.

## **1 John**

This letter explains basic truths about the Christian life, with emphasis on the command to love one another.

## **2 John**

This letter, addressed to “the elect lady and her children,” warns against false teachers.

## **3 John**

In contrast to 2 John, this letter states the need to welcome people who preach Christ.

## **Jude**

Jude warns against the influence of evil ones outside the fellowship of believers.

## **Revelation**

This book was written to encourage persecuted believers and affirm their faith that God will care for them. Using visions and symbols, the writer illustrates the triumph of good over evil and the creation of a new heaven and new earth.

## HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Set aside time each day to read from your Bible. Try to make it the same time each day. Be realistic. Commit yourself only to as much time as you honestly feel that you can stick to on an ongoing basis.

You can read the Bible casually, but most people find it helpful to plan your reading. You might read through an entire book section by section. Or you could choose one of the many Bible reading plans offered in editions of the Bible or available online. Some reading plans are topical, some are chronological, and others are connected to the calendar (in many Christian traditions these are called “lectionary” readings). One good option is the *Read Through the Bible in a Year* section that follows.

Before you begin reading, ask for God’s guidance and blessing. Some people find it useful to keep a daily notebook. Use the following steps to get the most out of your daily Bible reading:

1. **Select** a passage.
2. **Examine** its context:
  - A. What kind of book is it drawn from? [A biographical book such as one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus’s life; a long historical book, such as 2 Samuel, which tells of the reign of King David; a brief letter to a person (1 or 2 Timothy) or to a specific church (1 or 2 Corinthians).]
  - B. What is the overall purpose/intent of this book? (Do not do lengthy research, but feel free to read the opening and closing paragraphs as well as section headings and introductions if your Bible has them.)
  - C. What occurs or is discussed in the passages immediately preceding and following the passage you chose?
4. **Read** the passage quickly for sense.
5. **Identify** key words or phrases. Are there words or thoughts that are repeated throughout the passage? Are any cause and effect relationships established? (These are often signaled by words like *if* and *then*, *therefore*, *because*, *since*, and *so*.) Are any comparisons made or similarities pointed out? Are any two people, things, or concepts contrasted?

6. **Read** the passage again and ask yourself what is the intent or purpose of the passage. Try to find out what the author is saying. Be honest; don't just look for what you want to hear. The Bible has many strong messages that can change lives!
7. **Ask** questions about what you read. What do you learn about God from this passage? Ask yourself how this message applies to you. Is there anything you need to change in your life in order to be a more faithful child of God or more loving to your neighbor? Ask for God's help in making this change.
8. **Re-read** the passage one more time. Is there one verse you would like to commit to memory? Why not write it on an index card and carry it with you throughout the day as a study aid?
9. **Thank God** for what he has shown you, and ask for his help as you seek to apply this lesson in your life.
10. **Share** what you have learned with someone else.



## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Have you ever read the entire Bible all the way through? By committing just twenty or thirty minutes a day you can use the following daily reading plan to help you do just that in one year. Each day, you will read a passage from the New Testament, and two passages from the Old Testament., and a passage from the Deuterocanonical books. For help in finding the passages, refer to the “How to look up a Bible reference” box below. Begin today and discover the riches of God’s Word!

### How to look up a Bible reference

Every verse in the Bible is marked by its own *verse number*. To find any one of the passages listed in these reader’s helps, you need to find the book, the chapter in the book, and the verse or verses within that chapter. The chapter number immediately follows the name of the book. This is followed by a period (.) or colon (:), which is followed by the number or range of numbers for the verses you seek. For example: **1 Corinthians 12:1-11** is the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter twelve, verses one through eleven.

### JANUARY

1	Luke 5:27-39	Genesis 1-2	Psalm 1	Tobit 1
2	Luke 6:1-26	Genesis 3-5	Psalm 2	Tobit 2
3	Luke 6:27-49	Genesis 6-7	Psalm 3	
4	Luke 7:1-17	Genesis 8-10	Psalm 4	Tobit 3
5	Luke 7:18-50	Genesis 11	Psalm 5	Tobit 4
6	Luke 8:1-25	Genesis 12	Psalm 6	
7	Luke 8:26-56	Genesis 13-14	Psalm 7	Tobit 5
8	Luke 9:1-27	Genesis 15	Psalm 8	Tobit 6
9	Luke 9:28-62	Genesis 16	Psalm 9	
10	Luke 10:1-20	Genesis 17	Psalm 10	
11	Luke 10:21-42	Genesis 18	Psalm 11	Tobit 7
12	Luke 11:1-28	Genesis 19	Psalm 12	Tobit 8
13	Luke 11:29-54	Genesis 20	Psalm 13	

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14	Luke 12:1-31	Genesis 21	Psalms 14	Tobit 9
15	Luke 12:32-59	Genesis 22	Psalms 15	Tobit 10
16	Luke 13:1-17	Genesis 23	Psalms 16	
17	Luke 13:18-35	Genesis 24	Psalms 17	Tobit 11
18	Luke 14:1-24	Genesis 25	Psalms 18	Tobit 12
19	Luke 14:25-35	Genesis 26	Psalms 19	
20	Luke 15	Genesis 27:1-45	Psalms 20	Tobit 13
21	Luke 16	Genesis 27:46-28:22	Psalms 21	Tobit 14
22	Luke 17	Genesis 29:1-30	Psalms 22	
23	Luke 18:1-17	Genesis 29:31-30:43	Psalms 23	Judith 1
24	Luke 18:18-43	Genesis 31	Psalms 24	Judith 2
25	Luke 19:1-27	Genesis 32-33	Psalms 25	
26	Luke 19:28-48	Genesis 34	Psalms 26	Judith 3
27	Luke 20:1-26	Genesis 35-36	Psalms 27	Judith 4
28	Luke 20:27-47	Genesis 37	Psalms 28	
29	Luke 21	Genesis 38	Psalms 29	Judith 5
30	Luke 22:1-38	Genesis 39	Psalms 30	Judith 6
31	Luke 22:39-71	Genesis 40	Psalms 31	

## FEBRUARY

1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalms 32	Judith 7
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalms 33	Judith 8
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalms 34	
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalms 35	Judith 9
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalms 36	Judith 10
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalms 37	
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalms 38	Judith 11
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalms 39	Judith 12
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalms 40	
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalms 41	Judith 13
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1	Judith 14
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2	
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3	Judith 15

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14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4	Judith 16
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5	
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5	Wisdom 1
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27	Wisdom 2
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8	
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9	Wisdom 3
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10	Wisdom 4
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11	
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12	Wisdom 5
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13	Wisdom 6
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14	
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15	Wisdom 7
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16	Wisdom 8
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17	
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18	Wisdom 9

## MARCH

1	Matthew 8:14-34	Leviticus 1-2	Proverbs 19	Wisdom 10
2	Matthew 9:1-17	Leviticus 3-4	Proverbs 20	
3	Matthew 9:18-38	Leviticus 5-6	Proverbs 21	Wisdom 11
4	Matthew 10:1-25	Leviticus 7-8	Proverbs 22	Wisdom 12
5	Matthew 10:26-42	Leviticus 9-10	Proverbs 23	
6	Matthew 11:1-19	Leviticus 11-12	Proverbs 24	Wisdom 13
7	Matthew 11:20-30	Leviticus 13	Proverbs 25	Wisdom 14
8	Matthew 12:1-21	Leviticus 14	Proverbs 26	
9	Matthew 12:22-50	Leviticus 15-16	Proverbs 27	Wisdom 15
10	Matthew 13:1-23	Leviticus 17-18	Proverbs 28	Wisdom 16
11	Matthew 13:24-58	Leviticus 19	Proverbs 29	
12	Matthew 14:1-21	Leviticus 20-21	Proverbs 30	Wisdom 17
13	Matthew 14:22-36	Leviticus 22-23	Proverbs 31	Wisdom 18
14	Matthew 15:1-20	Leviticus 24-25	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	
15	Matthew 15:21-39	Leviticus 26-27	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26	Wisdom 19
16	Matthew 16	Numbers 1-2	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	Sirach 1

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17	Matthew 17	Numbers 3-4	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16	
18	Matthew 18:1-20	Numbers 5-6	Ecclesiastes 5	Sirach 2
19	Matthew 18:21-35	Numbers 7-8	Ecclesiastes 6	Sirach 3
20	Matthew 19:1-15	Numbers 9-10	Ecclesiastes 7	
21	Matthew 19:16-30	Numbers 11-12	Ecclesiastes 8	Sirach 4
22	Matthew 20:1-16	Numbers 13-14	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12	
23	Matthew 20:17-34	Numbers 15-16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20	Sirach 5-6
24	Matthew 21:1-27	Numbers 17-18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8	Sirach 7
25	Matthew 21:28-46	Numbers 19-20	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14	Sirach 8-9
26	Matthew 22:1-22	Numbers 21	Song of Songs 1:1-2:7	
27	Matthew 22:23-46	Numbers 22:1-40	Song of Songs 2:8-3:5	Sirach 10
28	Matthew 23:1-12	Numbers 22:41-23:26	Song of Songs 3:6-5:1	Sirach 11
29	Matthew 23:13-39	Numbers 23:27-24:25	Song of Songs 5:2-6:3	
30	Matthew 24:1-31	Numbers 25-27	Song of Songs 6:4-8:4	Sirach 12-13
31	Matthew 24:32-51	Numbers 28-29	Song of Songs 8:5-14	Sirach 14-15

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1	Matthew 25:1-30	Numbers 30-31	Job 1	Sirach 16-17
2	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2	
3	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3	Sirach 18-19
4	Matthew 26:26-46	Deuteronomy 1-2	Job 4	Sirach 20
5	Matthew 26:47-75	Deuteronomy 3-4	Job 5	
6	Matthew 27:1-31	Deuteronomy 5-6	Job 6	Sirach 21
7	Matthew 27:32-66	Deuteronomy 7-8	Job 7	Sirach 22-23
8	Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9-10	Job 8	Sirach 24
9	Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11-12	Job 9	
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deuteronomy 13-14	Job 10	Sirach 25
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deuteronomy 15-16	Job 11	
12	Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17-18	Job 12	Sirach 26

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13	Acts 4:1-22	Deuteronomy 19-20	Job 13	Sirach 27
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deuteronomy 21-22	Job 14	
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 23-24	Job 15	Sirach 28
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deuteronomy 25-27	Job 16	
17	Acts 6	Deuteronomy 28	Job 17	Sirach 29
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deuteronomy 29-30	Job 18	Sirach 30
19	Acts 7:23-8:1a	Deuteronomy 31-32	Job 19	Sirach 31
20	Acts 8:1b-25	Deuteronomy 33-34	Job 20	
21	Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 1-2	Job 21	Sirach 32
22	Acts 9:1-25	Joshua 3:1-5:1	Job 22	Sirach 33
23	Acts 9:26-43	Joshua 5:2-6:27	Job 23	
24	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 7-8	Job 24	Sirach 34
25	Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 9-10	Job 25	Sirach 35
26	Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 11-12	Job 26	
27	Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 13-14	Job 27	Sirach 36
28	Acts 12	Joshua 15-17	Job 28	Sirach 37
29	Acts 13:1-25	Joshua 18-19	Job 29	
30	Acts 13:26-52	Joshua 20-21	Job 30	Sirach 38

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1	Acts 14	Joshua 22	Job 31	Sirach 39
2	Acts 15:1-21	Joshua 23-24	Job 32	
3	Acts 15:22-41	Judges 1	Job 33	Sirach 40
4	Acts 16:1-15	Judges 2-3	Job 34	Sirach 41
5	Acts 16:16-40	Judges 4-5	Job 35	Sirach 42
6	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 6	Job 36	
7	Acts 17:16-34	Judges 7-8	Job 37	Sirach 43
8	Acts 18	Judges 9	Job 38	Sirach 44
9	Acts 19:1-20	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39	
10	Acts 19:21-41	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40	Sirach 45
11	Acts 20:1-16	Judges 13	Job 41	Sirach 46
12	Acts 20:17-38	Judges 14-15	Job 42	
13	Acts 21:1-36	Judges 16	Psalms 42	Sirach 47
14	Acts 21:37-22:29	Judges 17-18	Psalms 43	Sirach 48
15	Acts 22:30-23:22	Judges 19	Psalms 44	Sirach 49

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16	Acts 23:23-24:9	Judges 20	Psalm 45	
17	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Psalm 46	Sirach 50
18	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Psalm 47	Sirach 51
19	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Psalm 48	
20	Acts 26:19-32	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10	Psalm 49	Additions to Esther 1
21	Acts 27:1-12	1 Samuel 2:11-36	Psalm 50	
22	Acts 27:13-44	1 Samuel 3	Psalm 51	
23	Acts 28:1-16	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalm 52	Additions to Esther 2
24	Acts 28:17-31	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalm 53	Additions to Esther 3:1-13
25	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 8	Psalm 54	
26	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 9:1-10:16	Psalm 55	Additions to Esther 33:1-7
27	Romans 2:1-3:8	1 Samuel 10:17-11:15	Psalm 56	Additions to Esther 3:14-4:17
28	Romans 3:9-31	1 Samuel 12	Psalm 57	Additions to Esther 13:8-18
29	Romans 4	1 Samuel 13	Psalm 58	Additions to Esther 14
30	Romans 5	1 Samuel 14	Psalm 59	Additions to Esther 15
31	Romans 6	1 Samuel 15	Psalm 60	

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1	Romans 7	1 Samuel 16	Psalm 61	Additions to Esther 5:3-6:14
2	Romans 8	1 Samuel 17:1-54	Psalm 62	Additions to Esther 7:1-8:12
3	Romans 9:1-29	1 Samuel 17:55-18:30	Psalm 63	
4	Romans 9:30-10:21	1 Samuel 19	Psalm 64	Additions to Esther 16
5	Romans 11:1-24	1 Samuel 20	Psalm 65	Additions to Esther 8:13-9:19
6	Romans 11:25-36	1 Samuel 21-22	Psalm 66	
7	Romans 12	1 Samuel 23-24	Psalm 67	Additions to Esther 9:20-10:3

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8	Romans 13	1 Samuel 25	Psalms 68	Additions to Esther 10:4–11:1
9	Romans 14	1 Samuel 26	Psalms 69	
10	Romans 15:1–13	1 Samuel 27–28	Psalms 70	Baruch 1:1–3:8
11	Romans 15:14–33	1 Samuel 29–31	Psalms 71	Baruch 3:9–5:9
12	Romans 16	2 Samuel 1	Psalms 72	
13	Mark 1:1–20	2 Samuel 2:1–3:1	Daniel 1	Letter of Jeremiah 6:1–40a
14	Mark 1:21–45	2 Samuel 3:2–39	Daniel 2:1–23	Letter of Jeremiah 6:40b–73
15	Mark 2	2 Samuel 4–5	Daniel 2:24–49	
16	Mark 3:1–19	2 Samuel 6	Daniel 3	Prayer of Azariah 1–34
17	Mark 3:20–35	2 Samuel 7–8	Daniel 4	Prayer of Azariah 35–68
18	Mark 4:1–20	2 Samuel 9–10	Daniel 5	
19	Mark 4:21–41	2 Samuel 11–12	Daniel 6	Susanna 1–41
20	Mark 5:1–20	2 Samuel 13	Daniel 7	Susanna 42–64
21	Mark 5:21–43	2 Samuel 14	Daniel 8	
22	Mark 6:1–29	2 Samuel 15	Daniel 9	Bel and the Dragon 1–22
23	Mark 6:30–56	2 Samuel 16	Daniel 10:1–21	Bel and the Dragon 23–42
24	Mark 7:1–13	2 Samuel 17	Daniel 11:1–19	
25	Mark 7:14–37	2 Samuel 18	Daniel 11:20–45	1 Maccabees 1
26	Mark 8:1–21	2 Samuel 19	Daniel 12	1 Maccabees 2:1–26
27	Mark 8:22–9:1	2 Samuel 20–21	Hosea 1:1–2:1	
28	Mark 9:2–50	2 Samuel 22	Hosea 2:2–23	1 Maccabees 2:27–48
29	Mark 10:1–31	2 Samuel 23	Hosea 3	1 Maccabees 2:49–70
30	Mark 10:32–52	2 Samuel 24	Hosea 4:1–11a	

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1	Mark 11:1–14	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:11b–5:4	1 Maccabees 3:1–37
2	Mark 11:15–33	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5–15	1 Maccabees 3:38–4:25

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3	Mark 12:1-27	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2	
4	Mark 12:28-44	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16	1 Maccabees 4:26-61
5	Mark 13:1-13	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8	1 Maccabees 5:1-34
6	Mark 13:14-37	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16	
7	Mark 14:1-31	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15	1 Maccabees 5:35-68
8	Mark 14:32-72	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11	1 Maccabees 6:1-17
9	Mark 15:1-20	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14	
10	Mark 15:21-47	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13	1 Maccabees 6:18-39
11	Mark 16	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14	1 Maccabees 6:40-63
12	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1	
13	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11	1 Maccabees 7:1-20
14	1 Corinthians 2	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32	1 Maccabees 7:21-50
15	1 Corinthians 3	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3	
16	1 Corinthians 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1	1 Maccabees 8:1-16
17	1 Corinthians 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2	1 Maccabees 8:17-32
18	1 Corinthians 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3	
19	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13	1 Maccabees 9:1-22
20	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5	1 Maccabees 9:23-49
21	1 Corinthians 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6	
22	1 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7	1 Maccabees 9:50-73
23	1 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 3	Amos 8	1 Maccabees 10:1-66
24	1 Corinthians 11:1-16	2 Kings 4	Amos 9	
25	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	2 Kings 5	Obadiah	1 Maccabees 10:67-89



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26	1 Corinthians 12	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1	1 Maccabees 11:1-37
27	1 Corinthians 13	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2	
28	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3	1 Maccabees 11:38-74
29	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4	1 Maccabees 12:1-23
30	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	2 Kings 10	Micah 1	
31	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	2 Kings 11	Micah 2	1 Maccabees 12:24-53

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1	1 Corinthians 16	2 Kings 12-13	Micah 3	1 Maccabees 13:30
2	2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4	2 Kings 14	Micah 4:1-5:1	
3	2 Corinthians 2:5-3:18	2 Kings 15-16	Micah 5:2-15	1 Maccabees 13:31-53
4	2 Corinthians 4:1-5:10	2 Kings 17	Micah 6	1 Maccabees 14:1-24
5	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13	2 Kings 18	Micah 7	
6	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:16	2 Kings 19	Nahum 1	1 Maccabees 14:25-49
7	2 Corinthians 8	2 Kings 20-21	Nahum 2	1 Maccabees 15:1-36
8	2 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 22:1-23:35	Nahum 3	
9	2 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 23:36-24:20	Habakkuk 1	1 Maccabees 15:37-16:24
10	2 Corinthians 11	2 Kings 25	Habakkuk 2	2 Maccabees 1
11	2 Corinthians 12	1 Chronicles 1-2	Habakkuk 3	
12	2 Corinthians 13	1 Chronicles 3-4	Zephaniah 1	2 Maccabees 2
13	John 1:1-18	1 Chronicles 5-6	Zephaniah 2	2 Maccabees 3:1-21
14	John 1:19-34	1 Chronicles 7-8	Zephaniah 3	
15	John 1:35-51	1 Chronicles 9	Haggai 1-2	2 Maccabees 3:22-40
16	John 2	1 Chronicles 10-11	Zechariah 1	2 Maccabees 4:1-29

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17	John 3:1-21	1 Chronicles 12	Zechariah 2	2 Maccabees 4:30-50
18	John 3:22-36	1 Chronicles 13-14	Zechariah 3	
19	John 4:1-26	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:6	Zechariah 4	2 Maccabees 5
20	John 4:27-42	1 Chronicles 16:7-43	Zechariah 5	2 Maccabees 6
21	John 4:43-54	1 Chronicles 17	Zechariah 6	
22	John 5:1-18	1 Chronicles 18-19	Zechariah 7	2 Maccabees 7:1-23
23	John 5:19-47	1 Chronicles 20:1-22:1	Zechariah 8	2 Maccabees 7:24-42
24	John 6:1-21	1 Chronicles 22:2-23:32	Zechariah 9	
25	John 6:22-59	1 Chronicles 24	Zechariah 10	2 Maccabees 8
26	John 6:60-71	1 Chronicles 25-26	Zechariah 11	2 Maccabees 9
27	John 7:1-24	1 Chronicles 27-28	Zechariah 12	
28	John 7:25-52	1 Chronicles 29	Zechariah 13	2 Maccabees 10
29	John 8:1-20	2 Chronicles 1:1-2:16	Zechariah 14	2 Maccabees 11
30	John 8:21-47	2 Chronicles 2:17-5:1	Malachi 1:1-2:9	
31	John 8:48-59	2 Chronicles 5:2-14	Malachi 2:10-16	

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1	John 9:1-23	2 Chronicles 6	Malachi 2:17-3:18	2 Maccabees 12:1-25
2	John 9:24-41	2 Chronicles 7	Malachi 4	2 Maccabees 12:26-45
3	John 10:1-21	2 Chronicles 8	Psalm 73	
4	John 10:22-42	2 Chronicles 9	Psalm 74	2 Maccabees 13
5	John 11:1-27	2 Chronicles 10-11	Psalm 75	2 Maccabees 14:1-25
6	John 11:28-57	2 Chronicles 12-13	Psalm 76	
7	John 12:1-26	2 Chronicles 14-15	Psalm 77	2 Maccabees 14:26-46

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8	John 12:27-50	2 Chronicles 16-17	Psalm 78:1-20	2 Maccabees 15
9	John 13:1-20	2 Chronicles 18	Psalm 78:21-37	
10	John 13:21-38	2 Chronicles 19	Psalm 78:38-55	1 Esdras 1:1-22
11	John 14:1-14	2 Chronicles 20:1-21:1	Psalm 78:56-72	1 Esdras 1:23-46a
12	John 14:15-31	2 Chronicles 21:2-22:12	Psalm 79	
13	John 15:1-16:4a	2 Chronicles 23	Psalm 80	1 Esdras 1:46b-58
14	John 16:4b-33	2 Chronicles 24	Psalm 81	1 Esdras 2
15	John 17	2 Chronicles 25	Psalm 82	
16	John 18:1-18	2 Chronicles 26	Psalm 83	1 Esdras 3
17	John 18:19-38a	2 Chronicles 27-28	Psalm 84	1 Esdras 4:1-41
18	John 18:38b-19:16a	2 Chronicles 29	Psalm 85	
19	John 19:16b-42	2 Chronicles 30	Psalm 86	1 Esdras 4:42-63
20	John 20:1-18	2 Chronicles 31	Psalm 87	1 Esdras 5:1-46
21	John 20:19-31	2 Chronicles 32	Psalm 88	
22	John 21	2 Chronicles 33	Psalm 89:1-18	1 Esdras 5:47-73
23	1 John 1	2 Chronicles 34	Psalm 89:19-37	1 Esdras 6
24	1 John 2	2 Chronicles 35	Psalm 89:38-52	
25	1 John 3	2 Chronicles 36	Psalm 90	1 Esdras 7
26	1 John 4	Ezra 1-2	Psalm 91	1 Esdras 8:1-40
27	1 John 5	Ezra 3-4	Psalm 92	
28	2 John	Ezra 5-6	Psalm 93	1 Esdras 8:41-90
29	3 John	Ezra 7-8	Psalm 94	1 Esdras 8:91-9:36
30	Jude	Ezra 9-10	Psalm 95	

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1	Revelation 1	Nehemiah 1-2	Psalm 96	1 Esdras 9:37-55
2	Revelation 2	Nehemiah 3	Psalm 97	2 Esdras 1
3	Revelation 3	Nehemiah 4	Psalm 98	

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4	Revelation 4	Nehemiah 5:1—7:4	Psalms 99	2 Esdras 2
5	Revelation 5	Nehemiah 7:5—8:12	Psalms 100	2 Esdras 3
6	Revelation 6	Nehemiah 8:13—9:37	Psalms 101	
7	Revelation 7	Nehemiah 9:38—10:39	Psalms 102	2 Esdras 4:1-21
8	Revelation 8	Nehemiah 11	Psalms 103	2 Esdras 4:22-50
9	Revelation 9	Nehemiah 12	Psalms 104:1-23	
10	Revelation 10	Nehemiah 13	Psalms 104:24-35	2 Esdras 4:51-5:20
11	Revelation 11	Esther 1	Psalms 105:1-25	2 Esdras 5:21-55
12	Revelation 12	Esther 2	Psalms 105:26-45	
13	Revelation 13	Esther 3-4	Psalms 106:1-23	2 Esdras 5:56-6:34
14	Revelation 14	Esther 5:1—6:13	Psalms 106:24-48	2 Esdras 6:35-7:25
15	Revelation 15	Esther 6:14—8:17	Psalms 107:1-22	
16	Revelation 16	Esther 9-10	Psalms 107:23-43	2 Esdras 7:26-74
17	Revelation 17	Isaiah 1-2	Psalms 108	2 Esdras 7:75-101
18	Revelation 18	Isaiah 3-4	Psalms 109:1-19	
19	Revelation 19	Isaiah 5-6	Psalms 109:20-31	2 Esdras 7:102-8:3
20	Revelation 20	Isaiah 7-8	Psalms 110	
21	Revelation 21-22	Isaiah 9-10	Psalms 111	2 Esdras 8:4-30
22	1 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 11-13	Psalms 112	2 Esdras 8:31-62a
23	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	Isaiah 14-16	Psalms 113	2 Esdras 8:62b-9:25
24	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	Isaiah 17-19	Psalms 114	
25	1 Thessalonians 4	Isaiah 20-22	Psalms 115	2 Esdras 9:26-10:28
26	1 Thessalonians 5	Isaiah 23-24	Psalms 116	2 Esdras 10:29-59

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27	2 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 25-26	Psalm 117	
28	2 Thessalonians 2	Isaiah 27-28	Psalm 118	2 Esdras 11:1-12:6
29	2 Thessalonians 3	Isaiah 29-30	Psalm 119:1-32	2 Esdras 12:7-50
30	1 Timothy 1	Isaiah 31-33	Psalm 119:33-64	
31	1 Timothy 2	Isaiah 34-35	Psalm 119:65-96	2 Esdras 12:51-13:56

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1	1 Timothy 3	Isaiah 36-37	Psalm 119:97-120	2 Esdras 13:57-14:48
2	1 Timothy 4	Isaiah 38-39	Psalm 119:121-144	
3	1 Timothy 5:1-22	Jeremiah 1-2	Psalm 119:145-176	2 Esdras 15:1-45
4	1 Timothy 5:23-6:21	Jeremiah 3-4	Psalm 120	2 Esdras 15:46-16:34
5	2 Timothy 1	Jeremiah 5-6	Psalm 121	
6	2 Timothy 2	Jeremiah 7-8	Psalm 122	2 Esdras 16:35-78
7	2 Timothy 3	Jeremiah 9-10	Psalm 123	Prayer of Manasseh
8	2 Timothy 4	Jeremiah 11-12	Psalm 124	
9	Titus 1	Jeremiah 13-14	Psalm 125	3 Maccabees 1:1-15
10	Titus 2	Jeremiah 15-16	Psalm 126	3 Maccabees 1:16-29
11	Titus 3	Jeremiah 17-18	Psalm 127	3 Maccabees 2
12	Philemon	Jeremiah 19-20	Psalm 128	
13	James 1	Jeremiah 21-22	Psalm 129	3 Maccabees 3
14	James 2	Jeremiah 23-24	Psalm 130	3 Maccabees 4
15	James 3	Jeremiah 25-26	Psalm 131	
16	James 4	Jeremiah 27-28	Psalm 132	3 Maccabees 5:1-22
17	James 5	Jeremiah 29-30	Psalm 133	3 Maccabees 5:23-51
18	1 Peter 1	Jeremiah 31-32	Psalm 134	
19	1 Peter 2	Jeremiah 33-34	Psalm 135	3 Maccabees 6

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20	1 Peter 3	Jeremiah 35-36	Psalms 136	3 Maccabees 7
21	1 Peter 4	Jeremiah 37-38	Psalms 137	
22	1 Peter 5	Jeremiah 39-40	Psalms 138	4 Maccabees 1:1-12
23	2 Peter 1	Jeremiah 41-42	Psalms 139	4 Maccabees 1:13-35
24	2 Peter 2	Jeremiah 43-44	Psalms 140	
25	2 Peter 3	Jeremiah 45-46	Psalms 141	4 Maccabees 2
26	Galatians 1	Jeremiah 47-48	Psalms 142	4 Maccabees 3:1-18
27	Galatians 2	Jeremiah 49-50	Psalms 143	
28	Galatians 3:1-18	Jeremiah 51-52	Psalms 144	4 Maccabees 3:19-4:26
29	Galatians 3:19-4:20	Lamentations 1-2	Psalms 145	4 Maccabees 5:1-24
30	Galatians 4:21-31	Lamentations 3-4	Psalms 146	

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1	Galatians 5:1-15	Lamentations 5	Psalms 147	4 Maccabees 5:25-38
2	Galatians 5:16-26	Ezekiel 1	Psalms 148	4 Maccabees 6:1-15
3	Galatians 6	Ezekiel 2-3	Psalms 149	
4	Ephesians 1	Ezekiel 4-5	Psalms 150	4 Maccabees 6:16-35
5	Ephesians 2	Ezekiel 6-7	Isaiah 40	4 Maccabees 7
6	Ephesians 3	Ezekiel 8-9	Isaiah 41	
7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ezekiel 10-11	Isaiah 42	
8	Ephesians 4:17-32	Ezekiel 12-13	Isaiah 43	4 Maccabees 8:1-14
9	Ephesians 5:1-20	Ezekiel 14-15	Isaiah 44	4 Maccabees 8:15-9:9
10	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ezekiel 16	Isaiah 45	
11	Ephesians 6	Ezekiel 17	Isaiah 46	4 Maccabees 9:10-25
12	Philippians 1:1-11	Ezekiel 18	Isaiah 47	4 Maccabees 9:26-10:21
13	Philippians 1:12-30	Ezekiel 19	Isaiah 48	

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14	Philippians 2:1-11	Ezekiel 20	Isaiah 49	4 Maccabees 11
15	Philippians 2:12-30	Ezekiel 21-22	Isaiah 50	4 Maccabees 12
16	Philippians 3	Ezekiel 23	Isaiah 51	
17	Philippians 4	Ezekiel 24	Isaiah 52	4 Maccabees 13:1-22
18	Colossians 1:1-23	Ezekiel 25-26	Isaiah 53	4 Maccabees 13:23-14:10
19	Colossians 1:24-2:19	Ezekiel 27-28	Isaiah 54	
20	Colossians 2:20-3:17	Ezekiel 29-30	Isaiah 55	4 Maccabees 14:11-20
21	Colossians 3:18-4:18	Ezekiel 31-32	Isaiah 56	4 Maccabees 15:1-15
22	Luke 1:1-25	Ezekiel 33	Isaiah 57	
23	Luke 1:26-56	Ezekiel 34	Isaiah 58	4 Maccabees 15:16-32
24	Luke 1:57-80	Ezekiel 35-36	Isaiah 59	4 Maccabees 16:1-17:1
25	Luke 2:1-20	Ezekiel 37	Isaiah 60	
26	Luke 2:21-52	Ezekiel 38-39	Isaiah 61	4 Maccabees 17:2-18:5
27	Luke 3:1-20	Ezekiel 40-41	Isaiah 62	
28	Luke 3:21-38	Ezekiel 42-43	Isaiah 63	4 Maccabees 18:6-24
29	Luke 4:1-30	Ezekiel 44-45	Isaiah 64	
30	Luke 4:31-44	Ezekiel 46-47	Isaiah 65	Psalms 151
31	Luke 5:1-26	Ezekiel 48	Isaiah 66	

## SOME READINGS FOR SPECIAL DAYS

<b>New Year's Day</b>	Colossians 3:5-17
<b>Epiphany</b>	Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	Exodus 3:1-22
<b>Christian Unity Sunday</b>	John 17
<b>Valentine's Day</b>	1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 4:7-21
<b>Presidents' Day</b>	Isaiah 32:1-8
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Psalms 51; Joel 2:12-19; Matthew 6:1-6; James 1:12-18
<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	Isaiah 52:7-12
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-19; Philippians 2:5-11
<b>Holy (Maundy) Thursday</b>	Matthew 26:26-30; John 13:1-35; Psalm 116
<b>Good Friday</b>	John 18:1-19:42; Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12
<b>Easter</b>	Matthew 28; Luke 24; John 20; Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 33
<b>Passover</b>	Exodus 12
<b>Mother's Day</b>	1 Samuel 1:1-28; Proverbs 23:22-25; 31:10-31; Luke 1:26-56
<b>Memorial Day</b>	Isaiah 26:1-19
<b>Pentecost</b>	Acts 2:1-11
<b>Father's Day</b>	Proverbs 4; 20:7; Luke 15:11-32
<b>Independence Day</b>	Psalm 33
<b>Labor Day</b>	Genesis 1:26-2:4
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34
<b>Grandparent's Day</b>	Psalm 128
<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	1 Corinthians 11:23-34
<b>All Saints Day</b>	Hebrews 11
<b>Stewardship Day</b>	Matthew 25:14-29; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
<b>Election Day</b>	1 Peter 2:13-17
<b>Veterans' Day</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5
<b>Bible Sunday</b>	2 Timothy 3:10-17
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Psalm 65; 67
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>	Isaiah 63:15-64:12; Matthew 24:36-44; Luke 21:25-36; Psalm 25



<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>	Malachi 3:1–5; Matthew 3:1–12; Psalm 85
<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>	Isaiah 12:1–6; Matthew 11:2–19; Luke 3:7–18; Philippians 4:4–9
<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>	Isaiah 7:10–17; Micah 5:2–5; Luke 1:26–56; Psalm 89:1–18
<b>Christmas</b>	Luke 2:1–20; Matthew 1:18–25; John 1:1–18; Titus 3:4–7
<b>Personal Birthday</b>	Psalm 145

## FAMOUS PASSAGES FROM THE BIBLE

### 1. Stories from the Old Testament

#### EARLY BEGINNINGS

<b>Creation and Sin</b>	Genesis 2:4–3:24
<b>The First Murder</b>	Genesis 4:1–15
<b>Noah and the Flood</b>	Genesis 6:1–9:17
<b>The Tower of Babylon (Babel)</b>	Genesis 11:1–9
<b>The Call of Abraham</b>	Genesis 12:1–9
<b>The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah</b>	Genesis 19:1–28
<b>Hagar and Ishmael</b>	Genesis 16:1–15; 21:9–21
<b>The Birth of Isaac</b>	Genesis 21:1–8
<b>Abraham’s Offering of Isaac</b>	Genesis 22:1–19
<b>The Story of Jacob</b>	Genesis 25:19–35:29
<b>The Story of Joseph</b>	Genesis 37–50
<b>Moses in Egypt</b>	Exodus 1–14
<b>Moses’s Wilderness Wanderings</b>	Exodus 15:22–20:26; 31:18–34:35; Numbers 20:1–21:25
<b>The Ten Commandments</b>	Exodus 20:1–17; Deuteronomy 5:1–21
<b>The King of Moab and Balaam</b>	Numbers 22–24

## PEOPLE OF GREAT FAITH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

<b>Rahab Helps the Israelite Spies</b>	Joshua 2
<b>Joshua, Military Strategist</b>	Joshua 3; 6
<b>Deborah, a Woman of Power and Judgment</b>	Judges 4-5
<b>Gideon, the Conqueror</b>	Judges 6:11-8:32
<b>Samson, a Man of Great Strength</b>	Judges 13-16
<b>Ruth, a Woman of Loyalty and Devotion</b>	Ruth 1-4
<b>Samuel, a Prophet Who Listened to God</b>	1 Samuel 1-3; 7-10; 12; 15; 16
<b>Saul, Israel's First King</b>	1 Samuel 8-11; 13; 15; 28; 31
<b>David, the Shepherd King</b>	1 Samuel 16-27; 29:1-30:25; 2 Samuel 2; 11; 12; 15:1-8; 18; 1 Kings 1:1-31; 2:1-11
<b>Solomon, the Wise King</b>	1 Kings 2:12-11:43
<b>Elijah, a Great Prophet</b>	1 Kings 17-19; 21; 2 Kings 1
<b>Elisha, His Successor</b>	2 Kings 2; 4:1-7:2; 13:14-21
<b>Nehemiah, a Heroic Builder</b>	Nehemiah 1; 2; 4
<b>Esther, a Brave Queen</b>	Esther 1-10
<b>Daniel, a Prophet of Courage</b>	Daniel 1-6
<b>Jonah, the Reluctant Missionary</b>	Jonah 1-4

## 2. Famous Passages from the Deuterocanonicals/Apocrypha

<b>Moral Counsel to a Son</b>	Tobit 4:1-21
<b>A Hymn of Praise to God</b>	Tobit 13:1-18
<b>A Song of Thanksgiving</b>	Judith 16:1-17
<b>Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom</b>	Wisdom 9:1-18
<b>God's Wisdom in Creation</b>	Sirach 16:24-17:14
<b>God's Great Majesty</b>	Sirach 18:1-14
<b>In Praise of Wisdom</b>	Sirach 24:1-34

<b>In Praise of the Faithful</b>	Sirach 44:1—50:24
<b>A Hymn of Thanksgiving</b>	Sirach 50:22–24
<b>Song of the Three Young Men</b>	Prayer of Azariah 23–68
<b>The Faithful Martyrs</b>	2 Maccabees 7
<b>The Three Royal Guards</b>	1 Esdras 3:1—5:6
<b>A Prayer of Confession</b>	Prayer of Manasseh
<b>Ezra Copies the Scriptures</b>	2 Esdras 14:37–48

### 3. Stories from the New Testament

#### THE LIFE OF JESUS

<b>The Birth of Jesus</b>	Matthew 1:18—2:15; Luke 2:1–20
<b>Jesus Is Named and Presented in the Temple</b>	Luke 2:21–40
<b>The Young Jesus</b>	Luke 2:41–52
<b>The Baptism of Jesus</b>	Matthew 3; Mark 1:1–11; Luke 3:21–22
<b>The Temptation of Jesus</b>	Matthew 4:1–11; Mark 1:12–13; Luke 4:1–13
<b>Jesus Calls His First Disciples</b>	Matthew 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:1–11
<b>Jesus Chooses Twelve Apostles</b>	Matthew 10:1–4; Mark 3:13–19; Luke 6:12–16
<b>The Transfiguration of Jesus</b>	Matthew 17:1–13; Mark 9:2–13

#### JESUS'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

<b>Jesus's Entry into Jerusalem</b>	Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:29–44; John 12:12–19
<b>The Last Supper of Jesus</b>	Matthew 26:17–35; Mark 14:12–26; Luke 22:1–38
<b>Jesus Prays in Gethsemane</b>	Matthew 26:36–46; Mark 14:32–42; Luke 22:39–46
<b>Jesus's Trial and Crucifixion</b>	Matthew 26:47–27:66; Mark 14:43–15:47; Luke 22:47–23:56; John 18; 19
<b>The Resurrection of Jesus</b>	Matthew 28:1–10; Mark 16; Luke 24:1–12; John 20

## JESUS'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

<b>The Great Commission</b>	Matthew 28:16-20
<b>The Ascension of Jesus</b>	Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-12

## MIRACLES AND HEALINGS OF JESUS

<b>Jesus Turns Water into Wine</b>	John 2:1-11
<b>Jesus Feeds Many People</b>	Matthew 14:13-21; 15:32-39; Mark 6:30-44; 8:1-10; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15
<b>Jesus Calms a Storm</b>	Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
<b>The Great Catch of Fish</b>	Luke 5:1-11
<b>Jesus Walks on Water</b>	Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21
<b>Jesus Heals People with Skin Diseases</b>	Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16; 17:11-19
<b>Jesus Casts Out Demons</b>	Matthew 8:28-34; 12:22-37; 17:14-21; Mark 1:21-28; 3:20-30; 5:1-20; 9:14-29; Luke 4:31-37; 8:26-39; 9:37-43; 11:14-23
<b>Jesus Heals the Blind</b>	Matthew 9:27-31; 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
<b>Jesus Heals a Deaf Man</b>	Mark 7:31-37
<b>Jesus Heals the Paralyzed and Crippled</b>	Matthew 9:1-8; 12:9-14; Mark 2:1-12; 3:1-6; Luke 5:17-26; 6:6-11; 14:1-6; John 5:1-9
<b>Jesus Heals Many Women</b>	Matthew 9:18-26; 15:21-28; Mark 5:21-43; 7:24-30; Luke 8:1-3; 8:40-56; 13:10-17
<b>Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant</b>	Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10
<b>Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-law</b>	Matthew 8:14, 15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39
<b>Jesus Heals an Official's Son</b>	John 4:46-54
<b>Jesus Revives an Official's Daughter</b>	Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26; Mark 5:21-24, 35-42; Luke 8:40-42, 49-56
<b>Jesus Raises the Dead</b>	Luke 7:11-17; John 11:1-44

## What's a parable?

Parables are stories that use typical, everyday situations to teach important truths. Jesus used many parables to teach his followers about the Kingdom of God.

### TEACHINGS AND PARABLES OF JESUS

<b>The Sermon on the Mount</b>	Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49
<b>The Beatitudes</b>	Matthew 5:3-11; Luke 6:20-26
<b>The Great Commandment</b>	Matthew 22:37-39; Mark 12:29-31; Luke 10:27
<b>The Golden Rule</b>	Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31
<b>The Grain of Mustard Seed</b>	Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19
<b>The Parable of the Sower</b>	Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15
<b>The Parable of the Growing Seed</b>	Mark 4:26-29
<b>Some Parables about the Kingdom of Heaven</b>	Matthew 13:24-52
<b>The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant</b>	Matthew 18:23-35
<b>The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard</b>	Matthew 20:1-16
<b>The Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard</b>	Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-11; Luke 20:9-18
<b>The Parable of the Wedding Feast</b>	Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-24
<b>The Parable of the Ten Young Women (Virgins)</b>	Matthew 25:1-13
<b>The Parable of the Three Servants and Their Coins</b>	Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27
<b>The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats</b>	Matthew 25:31-46
<b>The Parable of the Good Samaritan</b>	Luke 10:25-37
<b>The Parable of the Shepherd</b>	John 10:1-21
<b>The Parable of the Rich Fool</b>	Luke 12:16-21
<b>The Parable of the Watchful Servants</b>	Luke 12:35-48

## TEACHINGS AND PARABLES OF JESUS

<b>The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree</b>	Luke 13:6–9
<b>The Parable of the Lost Sheep</b>	Matthew 18:12–14; Luke 15:3–7
<b>The Parable of the Lost Coin</b>	Luke 15:8–10
<b>The Parable of the Lost Son</b>	Luke 15:11–32
<b>The Parable of the Shrewd Manager</b>	Luke 16:1–13
<b>The Rich Man and Lazarus</b>	Luke 16:19–31
<b>The Parable of the Widow and the Judge</b>	Luke 18:1–8
<b>The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector</b>	Luke 18:9–14

## OTHER NEW TESTAMENT STORIES

<b>The Birth of John the Baptist</b>	Luke 1:57–66
<b>John the Baptist Is Executed</b>	Matthew 14:1–12; Mark 6:14–29
<b>Peter Receives the Keys of the Kingdom</b>	Matthew 16:13–20
<b>The Holy Spirit Comes on Pentecost</b>	Acts 2
<b>Stephen, the First Martyr</b>	Acts 6:5–15; 7:54–60
<b>Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian Official</b>	Acts 8:26–39
<b>The Conversion of Paul</b>	Acts 9:1–31
<b>Peter and Cornelius</b>	Acts 10
<b>Peter in Prison</b>	Acts 12:1–19
<b>The Baptism of Lydia</b>	Acts 16:11–15
<b>Paul in Prison</b>	Acts 16:16–40
<b>The Riot at Ephesus</b>	Acts 19:23–41
<b>Paul's Voyage to Rome</b>	Acts 27; 28

## 4. Other Famous Passages

### SONGS OF THE BIBLE

<b>Moses' Song of Deliverance</b>	Exodus 15:1–18
<b>Deborah and Barak's Song of Victory</b>	Judges 5:1–31
<b>Hannah's Song of Praise</b>	1 Samuel 2:1–10

## SONGS OF THE BIBLE

<b>David's Song of Lament</b>	2 Samuel 1:17-27
<b>David's Song of Victory</b>	2 Samuel 22; Psalm 18
<b>Solomon's Love Song</b>	Song of Songs 2:10-15
<b>Mary's Song of Praise</b>	Luke 1:46-55
<b>A Hymn to Christ Jesus</b>	Philippians 2:6-11

## PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE

<b>Solomon's Personal Prayer</b>	1 Kings 3:5-10
<b>Solomon's Public Prayer</b>	1 Kings 8:22-61; 2 Chronicles 6:12-42
<b>Hezekiah's Temple Prayer</b>	2 Kings 19:15-19; Isaiah 37:14-20
<b>David's Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	2 Samuel 7:18-29; 1 Chronicles 17:16-27
<b>Job's Prayer</b>	Job 42:1-6
<b>Jeremiah's Prayer</b>	Jeremiah 32:16-25
<b>Daniel's Prayer</b>	Daniel 9:3-19
<b>Jonah's Prayer</b>	Jonah 2:1-9
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	Matthew 6:9-13
<b>Jesus's Prayer in Gethsemane</b>	Matthew 26:36-44
<b>Jesus's Prayer for His Disciples</b>	John 17
<b>The Disciples' Prayer</b>	Acts 4:24-31
<b>Paul's Prayer for Believers</b>	Ephesians 3:14-21

## SPECIAL BLESSINGS FROM THE BIBLE

<b>Invocations and Openings</b>	Psalm 19:14; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 John 3; Revelation 1:4-6
<b>Dismissals and Closings</b>	Numbers 6:24-26; 1 Kings 8:57-58; Romans 15:5-6,13; 16:25-27; 2 Corinthians 13:13; Ephesians 6:23- 24; Philippians 4:7; Hebrews 13:20-21; Jude 24-25

## FINDING HELP IN THE BIBLE

### HELP IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

<b>Being a friend</b>	Proverbs 17:17; Luke 10:25–37; John 15:11–17; Romans 16:1–2
<b>Being a leader</b>	Isaiah 11:1–9; 32:1–8; 1 Timothy 3:1–7; 2 Timothy 2:14–26; Titus 1:5–9
<b>Caring for the aged and widowed</b>	Genesis 47:1–12; Ruth 1; Proverbs 23:22; 1 Timothy 5:3–8
<b>Celebrating the birth/adoption of a child</b>	Psalms 100; Proverbs 22:6; Luke 18:15–17; John 16:16–22
<b>Celebrating a graduation</b>	Psalms 119:105–106; Proverbs 9:10–12; Galatians 5:16–26; Philippians 4:4–9
<b>Celebrating a marriage</b>	Genesis 2:18–24; Song of Songs 8:6–7; Ephesians 5:21–33; Colossians 2:6–7
<b>Celebrating a wedding anniversary</b>	Psalms 100; 1 Corinthians 13
<b>Controlling your temper</b>	Proverbs 14:17, 29; 15:18; 19:11; 29:22; Ecclesiastes 7:9; Galatians 5:16–26
<b>Controlling your tongue</b>	Psalms 12; 19:14; Proverbs 11:13; 26:20; 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17; James 3:1–12
<b>Discovering God's will</b>	Psalms 15; Micah 6:6–8; Matthew 5:14–16; Luke 9:21–27; Romans 13:8–14; 2 Peter 1:3–9; 1 John 4:7–21
<b>Encountering a cult</b>	Matthew 7:15–20; 2 Peter 2; 1 John 4:1–6; Jude
<b>Encountering peer pressure</b>	Proverbs 1:7–19; Romans 12:1–2; Galatians 6:1–5; Ephesians 5:1–20
<b>Entering college</b>	Proverbs 2:1–8; 3:1–18; 4:1–27; 23:12; Romans 8:1–17; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31
<b>Entering military service</b>	2 Samuel 22:2–51; Psalm 91; Ephesians 6:10–20; 2 Timothy 2:1–13
<b>Experiencing the death of a loved one</b>	Job 19:25–27; John 11:25–27; 14:1–7; Romans 8:31–39; 14:7–9; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
<b>Experiencing illness</b>	Psalms 23; Mark 1:29–34; 6:53–56; James 5:14–16
<b>Experiencing suffering and persecution</b>	Psalms 109; 119:153–160; Matthew 5:3–12; John 15:18–16:4; Romans 8:18–30; 2 Corinthians 4:1–15; Hebrews 12:1–11; 1 Peter 4:12–19
<b>Facing a difficult decision</b>	1 Kings 3; Esther 4–7; Psalm 139; Daniel 2:14–23; Colossians 3:12–17
<b>Facing a divorce</b>	Psalms 25; Matthew 19:1–9; Philippians 3:1–11



## HELP IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

<b>Facing homelessness</b>	Psalm 90:1, 2; Isaiah 65:17-25; Lamentations 3:19-24; Luke 9:57-62; Revelation 21:1-4
<b>Facing imprisonment</b>	Lamentations 3:34-36; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 4:16-21
<b>Facing life alone</b>	1 Corinthians 7:25-38; 12:1-31
<b>Facing a natural disaster</b>	Genesis 8:1-9:17; Job 36:22-37:13; Psalm 29; 36:5-9; 124; Jeremiah 31:35-37; Romans 8:31-39; 1 Peter 1:3-12
<b>Facing a trial or lawsuit</b>	Psalm 26; Isaiah 50:4-11; Matthew 5:25-26; Luke 18:1-8
<b>Losing your job</b>	Jeremiah 29:10-14; Luke 16:1-13; Philippians 4:10-13
<b>Losing your property and possessions</b>	Job 1:13-22; 42:7-17; Isaiah 30:19-26; 41:17-20; Romans 8:18-39
<b>Managing your time</b>	Proverbs 12:11; 28:19; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 21:34-36; 1 Timothy 4:11-16; Titus 3:8-14
<b>Moving into a new home</b>	Psalm 127:1-2; Proverbs 24:3-4; John 14:1-7; Ephesians 3:14-21; Revelation 3:20-21
<b>Overcoming addiction</b>	Psalm 40:1-5, 11-17; 116:1-7; Proverbs 23:29-35; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Ephesians 4:22-24
<b>Overcoming a grudge</b>	Leviticus 19:17-18; Matthew 5:23-26; Luke 6:27-36; Ephesians 4:25-32
<b>Overcoming prejudice</b>	Matthew 7:1-5; Acts 10:34-36; Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 2:11-22; Colossians 3:5-11; James 2:1-13
<b>Overcoming pride</b>	Psalm 131; Mark 9:33-37; Luke 14:7-11; Luke 18:9-14; 22:24-27; Romans 12:14-16; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
<b>Overcoming procrastination</b>	Matthew 22:1-14; 25:1-13; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2
<b>Raising children</b>	Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21
<b>Respecting civil authorities</b>	Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17
<b>Respecting parents</b>	Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 23:22; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20
<b>Retiring from your job</b>	Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 145; Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 3:12-21; 2 Peter 1:2

## HELP IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Seeking forgiveness	Psalms 32:1-5; 51; Proverbs 28:13; Joel 2:12-17; Matthew 6:14-15; Luke 15; Philemon; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 1:5-10
Seeking God's help	Psalms 5; 57; 86; 119:169-176; 121; 130; Matthew 7:7-12
Seeking justice	Psalms 10; 17; 75; 94; Isaiah 42:1-7; 61:1-9; Amos 5:21-24; Habakkuk 1:1-2:4
Seeking salvation	John 3:1-21; Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-31; 5:1-11; 10:5-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:1-10
Seeking strength	Psalms 46; 138; Isaiah 40:27-31; 51:12-16; Ephesians 6:10-20; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
Seeking truth	Psalms 119:153-160; John 8:31-47; 14:6-14; 16:4b-15; 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Sharing your gifts	Exodus 35:20-29; Malachi 3:6-12; Luke 21:1-4; Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37; Romans 12:9-13; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15
Starting a new job	Proverbs 11:3; 22:29; Romans 12:3-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; 1 Peter 4:7-11
Understanding your relationship with God	Deuteronomy 5:1-22; Psalm 139; John 15:1-17; Romans 5:1-11; 8:1-17
Understanding your relationship with others	Deuteronomy 5:16-21; Proverbs 3:27-35; Matthew 18:15-17; 18:21-35; Romans 14:13-23; 15:1-6; Galatians 6:1-10; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 John 4:7-12
Worrying about the future	Isaiah 35; 60; Jeremiah 29:10-14; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:1-8
Worrying about growing old	Psalms 37:23-29; Isaiah 46:3-4
Worrying about money	Proverbs 11:7; Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Matthew 6:24-34; Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

## EXPERIENCING TROUBLESOME FEELINGS

Afraid?	Psalms 27; 91; Isaiah 41:5-13; Mark 4:35-41; Hebrews 13:5-6; 1 John 4:13-18
Afraid of death?	Psalms 23; 63:1-8; John 6:35-40; Romans 8:18-39; 1 Corinthians 15:35-57; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; 2 Timothy 1:8-10

## EXPERIENCING TROUBLESOME FEELINGS

<b>Angry?</b>	Proverbs 15:1; Matthew 5:21-24; Romans 12:17-21; Ephesians 4:26-32; James 1:19-21
<b>Anxious? Worried?</b>	Psalms 25; Matthew 6:24-34; 10:26-31; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 5:7
<b>Depressed?</b>	Psalms 16; 43; 130; Isaiah 61:1-4; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Lamentations 3:55-57; John 3:14-17; Ephesians 3:14-21
<b>Disappointed? Let down?</b>	Psalms 55; 62:1-8; Jeremiah 20:7-18
<b>Discouraged?</b>	Psalms 34; Isaiah 12:1-6; Romans 15:13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Philippians 4:10-13; Colossians 1:9-14; Hebrews 6:9-12
<b>Doubting your faith in God?</b>	Psalms 8; 146; Proverbs 30:5; Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 17:5-6; John 20:24-31; Romans 4:13-25; Hebrews 11; 1 John 5:13-15
<b>Frustrated?</b>	Job 21:1-16; 24:1-17; 36:1-26; Matthew 7:13-14
<b>Impatient?</b>	Psalms 13; 37:1-7; 40:1-5; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Lamentations 3:25-33; Hebrews 6:13-20; James 5:7-11
<b>Insecure? Lacking confidence?</b>	Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Psalms 73:21-26; 108; Philippians 4:10-20; 1 John 3:19-24
<b>Jealous?</b>	Psalms 49; Proverbs 23:17; James 3:13-18
<b>Lonely?</b>	Psalms 22; 42; John 14:15-31a
<b>Overwhelmed? Experiencing stress?</b>	Isaiah 55:1-9; Matthew 11:25-30; John 4:1-30; 2 Corinthians 6:3-10; Revelation 22:17
<b>Rejected?</b>	Psalms 38; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 4:16-30; John 15:18-16:4; Ephesians 1:3-14; 1 Peter 2:1-10
<b>Tempted?</b>	Psalms 19:12-14; 141; Luke 4:1-13; Hebrews 2:11-18; 4:14-16; James 1:12-18
<b>Tempted by sex?</b>	2 Samuel 11:1-12:25; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Galatians 5:16-26
<b>Tired? Weary?</b>	Psalms 3:5-6; 4:4-8; Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:25-30; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Hebrews 4:1-11
<b>Feeling useless? Inferior?</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Galatians 1:11-24; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 2:4-10
<b>Vengeful?</b>	Matthew 5:38-42; Romans 12:17-21

## SUPPORTING OTHERS IN PAIN OR TROUBLE

<b>Wounds of the heart are serious and will affect our behavior</b>	Psalm 109:22, Proverbs 14:10, Proverbs 17:22, Proverbs 18:14
<b>Many people in the Bible felt pain and expressed it to God and others</b>	1 Samuel 1:10, 13-18, Psalm 55:4-6, Matthew 26:37-38, John 11:33-35
<b>People who are suffering may say hard things, hide their true feelings, and feel cut off from others</b>	2 Kings 4:26-27, Job 6:25-26, Job 10:1, Psalm 31:9-14, Psalm 88:8, 18
<b>God comforts us in our suffering so that we can comfort others</b>	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Psalm 119:50, 92, Isaiah 40:11, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
<b>We should listen carefully to others, help them express their pain, and not hurry with good advice</b>	Job 13:12-13; 21:2-3a, Ecclesiastes 3:4, 7, Psalm 32:3, Proverbs 18:13, Proverbs 20:5, Galatians 6:2, James 1:19
<b>God hears and understands our cries of pain</b>	Psalm 6:1-4, 6-9, Psalm 34:17-18, Isaiah 53:3-4, Matthew 9:35-36, Matthew 25:35-36, Hebrews 2:18
<b>God understands our anger and doubt</b>	1 Kings 19, Psalm 73:21-28, John 20:19-29, Hebrews 4:15-16
<b>God is a powerful protector and will bring justice when the time is right</b>	Psalm 73:25-28, Psalm 96:10-13, Romans 9:22-24, 2 Peter 3:9
<b>God will not abandon us</b>	Psalm 27, Psalm 121, Isaiah 49:13-16, Romans 8:18-39, 1 Corinthians 10:13
<b>We can turn to God each day for renewal and strength</b>	Psalm 46, Isaiah 40:28-31, Isaiah 57:15, John 14:15-21
<b>God can work positively in negative situations</b>	Genesis 50:20, Romans 5:1-5, Romans 8:28, James 1:2-4
<b>God loves us and has good things in store for us</b>	Isaiah 61:1-4, Matthew 7:7-11, John 14:1-14, 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9, Revelation 21:1-7

## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT GOD'S FORGIVENESS

<b>Every person is separated from God because of sin.</b>	Isaiah 59:1-15; Romans 3:9-20; Romans 5:12-21; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 7:14-25
<b>God has always sought to form a close relationship with people.</b>	Exodus 19:3b-8; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Isaiah 54:1-10; 1 Peter 1:1-10; 1 John 3:1-10
<b>God has reached out to people in a personal way by sending Jesus Christ.</b>	Colossians 1:15-23; Romans 5:1-11; 1 Peter 2:10-25; John 3:1-21; 2 Timothy 1:3-10; Ephesians 2:1-10
<b>God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ is available to every person</b>	Psalms 51:1-17; 1 John 1:5-10; Romans 10:5-13; Psalm 32:1-11; Romans 8:31-39; Romans 3:21-26
<b>New life in Christ calls a person to live in a Christ-like way.</b>	Romans 6:1-14; Matthew 20:20-28; Ephesians 4:17-32; Galatians 5:16-26; 1 John 4:7-21; Romans 12:1-21







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