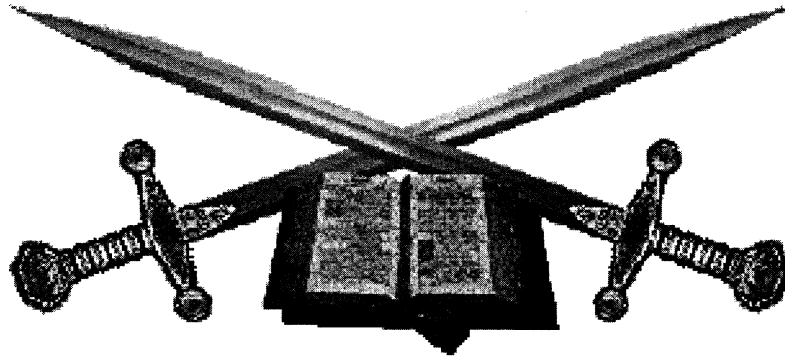


Why Study/Read Your Bible!!

Isaiah 55:8 - 11 "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways," declares the LORD. "Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts." "Rain and snow come down from the sky. They do not go back again until they water the earth. They make it sprout and grow so that it produces seed for farmers and food for people to eat. My word, which comes from my mouth, is like the rain and snow. It will not come back to me without results. It will accomplish whatever I want and achieve whatever I send it to do."



**What do these
Bible Verse Say About
The Word of God
being a
Two Edge Sword**

Psalm 45:3

Psalm 149:6

Isaiah 49:1-3

Jeremiah 23: 28-29

John 12:48

Thessalonians 2:13

Revelation 1:16

A Two Edge Sword

Hebrews 4:12 God's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet, the place where joints and marrow meet. God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions.

Bible Chronology of the New Testament

by Matt Slick

The following chronological list is adapted from *The Chronological Bible*. Its purpose is to help you develop an overall understanding of the order of the major people and events of the Bible. The dates are disputed here and there, but overall they can give you a reference in time and order.

Jesus is born Flight to Egypt Childhood at Nazareth In Jerusalem at 12 John the Baptist Jesus' Baptism Temptation in the wilderness Turns water into wine First cleansing of the Temple Jesus and Nicodemus Discourse with the woman at the well Galilean ministry Miracles by the sea Visit to Jerusalem	5 B. C. <u>Matt. 1</u> ; <u>Luke 2</u> 4 B. C. <u>Matt. 2:13-18</u> <u>Luke 2:39-40</u> <u>Luke 2:41-50</u> Matt. 3; Mark 1; Luke 3 Matt. 3 Matt. 4 John 2 <u>John 2:13-22</u> <u>John 3:1</u> John 4 <u>Luke 4:14</u> ; <u>John 4:43</u> Matt. 8 John 7	The life of Jesus Matthew, Mark, Luke, John 5 B.C. - 29 A.D.
Jesus anointed by Mary His triumphal entry Second cleansing of the Temple Cursing of the fig tree Judas agrees to betray Christ Preparation for Passover Institution of the Lord's supper Jesus washes the disciples' feet Jesus prays at Gethsemane Jesus is betrayed and arrested	<u>John 12:8-11</u> Matt. 21 <u>Matt. 21:12</u> <u>Matt. 21:18,19</u> <u>Matt. 26:14-16</u> <u>Mark 14:12-16</u> <u>Luke 22:14-23</u> <u>John 13:1-17</u> <u>Mark 14:26-42</u> <u>John 18:2-11</u>	Jesus' Last Week
Jesus is tried and condemned Peter denies the Lord Jesus before Pilate Jesus before Herod Barabbas released Jesus' walk to Golgotha Jesus is crucified Darkness at noon Jesus dies Jesus' body entombed Resurrection Women visit the tomb	<u>Matt 26:57-68</u> <u>Matt 26:58; 69-75</u> <u>Matt. 27:11-14</u> <u>Luke 23:6-12</u> <u>Mark 15:6-15</u> <u>Matt. 27:32-34</u> <u>Matt. 27:35</u> <u>Mark 15:33</u> <u>Matt. 27:50</u> <u>John 19:42</u> <u>Luke 24:1-8</u> <u>Matt. 28:1</u>	The Crucifixion to The Ascension

Stone rolled away	<u>Matt. 28:2-4</u>	
Message of angels	<u>Matt. 28:5-8</u>	
Christ appears to disciples	<u>Mark 16:14</u>	
The Great Commission given	<u>Matt. 28:19-20</u>	
Jesus' ascension	<u>John 20:26-29</u>	
Pentecost	Acts 2	The Ministries of Paul and Peter 29 - 67 A.D.
Conversion of Saul (Paul)	Acts 9	
Peter imprisoned and delivered	<u>Acts 12:1-11</u>	
Death of Herod	<u>Acts 12:20-23</u>	
Paul's first missionary journey	<u>Acts 13:1-3</u>	
Paul attends council at Jerusalem	<u>Acts 15:1-12</u>	
Paul's second missionary journey	Acts 15	
Paul's third missionary journey	Acts 18	
Paul goes from Macedonia to Corinth	Acts 20	
Arrest of Paul	Acts 21	
Paul's fourth missionary	Acts 27	
Paul's first imprisonment	<u>Acts 28:16</u>	
Death of Paul and Peter	A.D. 67-68	
Temple at Jerusalem destroyed	A.D. 70	

Why Study the Structure of the Old Testament:

Your spiritual growth is one of the most important facets of your faith, and one of the ways you can grow in your faith is to read your Bible. However, many Christian teens just read their Bible with little consideration to its structure. Most Christian teens know there is an Old Testament and New Testament, but they are not clear as to why it is put together the way it is. Understanding the structure of the Bible can help you grasp Biblical concepts more clearly. Here are some details about the Old Testament to get you started:

Number of Books in the Old Testament:

39

Number of Authors:

28

Types of Books in the Old Testament:

There are three types of books in the Old Testament: historical, poetical, and prophetic. While the Old Testament books are placed in one category or another, the books often contain a little of the other styles. For instance, a historical book can contain some poetry and some prophecy, but it may primarily be historical in nature.

The Historical Books :

The first 17 books of the Old Testament are considered historical, because they outline the history of the Hebrew people. They discuss the creation of man and the development of the nation of Israel. The first five (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) are also known as the Pentateuch, and they define Hebrew law. Here are the historical books of the Old Testament:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

The Poetical Books:

The poetical books contain the poetry of the Hebrew nation and they provide the reader with important stories, poetry, and wisdom. They are the 5 books after the historical books of the Old Testament. Here are the poetical books:

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

The Prophetical Books:

The prophetical books of the Old Testament are those that define the prophecy for Israel. The books are divided among major prophets and minor prophets. These are the prophetical books of the Old Testament:

Major Prophets:

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

Minor Prophets:

- Hosea
- Joel

- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Timeline of the Old Testament:

The stories of the Old Testament take place over a period of 2,000 years. The books of the Old Testament, though, are not necessarily placed in chronological order. This is why many Christian teens get confused about the stories in the Old Testament. Many of the prophetic and poetical books take place during the periods written about in the historical books. Here are the books of the Old Testament in a more chronological order:

- Genesis
 - Job (written during the time of Genesis)

- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
 - Ruth(written during the time of Judges)

- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
 - 1 Chronicles & Psalms (written during the time of 2 Samuel)

- 1 Kings
 - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, & 2 Chronicles (written during the time of 1 Kings)

- 2 Kings
 - Hosea, Amos, Habakkuk, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Micah, Zephaniah, Lamentations, Jonah, Nahum, & Obadiah (written during the time of 2 Kings)

- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Ezra
 - Esther, Haggai, & Zechariah (written during the time of Ezra)

- Nehemiah
 - Malachi(written during the time of Nehemiah)

New Testament Books in Chronological Order

New Testament Books in Chronological Order
According to Date Authored

NT Book	Date Authored	Author
James	Mid-40s	James, Jesus' half-brother
1 Thessalonians	50-51	Paul
2 Thessalonians	50-51	Paul
Galatians	55	Paul
1 Corinthians	55	Paul
2 Corinthians	56	Paul
Romans	57	Paul
Mark	Late 50s-early 60s	John Mark
Matthew	Late 50s-early 60s	Matthew
Philemon	61-62	Paul
Colossians	61-62	Paul
Ephesians	61-62	Paul
Luke	62	Luke
Acts	62	Luke
Philippians	62	Paul
1 Timothy	63-64	Paul
Titus	63-64	Paul
1 Peter	63-64	Peter
2 Peter	65	Peter
2 Timothy	65	Paul
Hebrews	68	Unknown
Jude	Late 60s-early 70s	Jude, Jesus' half-brother
John	Late 80s-early 90s	John
1 John	Late 80s-early 90s	John
2 John	Late 80s-early 90s	John
3 John	Late 80s-early 90s	John
Revelation	Late 80s-early 90s	John

The Bible - Quotes from Famous Men

Napoleon, *Emperor of the French (1804-1814), 1769-1821*

“The gospel is not a book; it is a living being, with an action, a power, which invades every thing that opposes its extension, behold! It is upon this table: This book, surpassing all others. I never omit to read it, and every day with some pleasure.”

Pascal, *French philosopher and mathematician, developed the modern theory of probability, 1623-1662*

“I prefer to believe those writers who get their throats cut for what they write.”

Isaac Newton, *English mathematician and scientist, 1642-1727*

“We account the scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever.”

Patrick Henry, *American Revolutionary leader and orator, 1736-1799*

“There is a book worth all other books which were ever printed.”

President Ronald Reagan, *40th President of the United States*

“Of the many influences that have shaped the United States into a distinctive nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible.”

President George Washington, *First President of the United States*

“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and Bible.”

Robert E. Lee, *Civil War General who fought for the Southern Confederacy:*

“In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.”

Abraham Lincoln, *16th President of the United States, 1809-1865*

“I am busily engaged in the study of the Bible. I believe it is God’s word because it finds me where I am.”

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good of the Savior of the world is communicated to us through the Book.”

Woodrow Wilson, *28th President of the United States, 1856-1924*

“When you have read the Bible, you know it is the word of God, because it is the key to your heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.”

Theodore Roosevelt, *26th President of the United States, 1858-1919*

“A thorough understanding of the Bible is better than a college education.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oaBrOu0QcvU&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQYU2o3ZMgc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXqoJFOEHvM&feature=related>

BIBLE STATISTICS:

Number of books in the Bible: 66
Chapters: 1,189
Verses: 31,101
Words: 783,137
Letters: 3,566,480
Number of promises given in the Bible: 1,260
Commands: 6,468
Predictions: over 8,000
Fulfilled prophecy: 3,268 verses
Unfulfilled prophecy: 3,140
Number of questions: 3,294
Longest name: Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1)
Longest verse: Esther 8:9 (78 words)
Shortest verse: John 11:35 (2 words: "Jesus wept").
Middle books: Micah and Nahum
Middle verse: Psalm 118:8
Middle chapter: Psalm 117
Shortest chapter (by number of words): Psalm 117 (by number of words)
Longest book: Psalms (150 chapters)
Shortest book (by number of words): 3 John
Longest chapter: Psalm 119 (176 verses)
Number of times the word "God" appears: 3,358
Number of times the word "Lord" appears: 7,736
Number of different authors: 40
Number of languages the Bible has been translated into: over 1,200

OLD TESTAMENT STATISTICS:

Number of books: 39
Chapters: 929
Verses: 23,114
Words: 602,585
Letters: 2,278,100
Middle book: Proverbs
Middle chapter: Job 20
Middle verses: 2 Chronicles 20:17,18
Smallest book: Obadiah
Shortest verse: 1 Chronicles 1:25
Longest verse: Esther 8:9
Longest chapter: Psalms 119
Largest book: Psalms

NEW TESTAMENT STATISTICS:

Number of books: 27
Chapters: 260
Verses: 7,957

Words: 180,552
Letters: 838,380
Middle book: 2 Thessalonians
Middle chapters: Romans 8, 9
Middle verse: Acts 27:17
Smallest book: 3 John
Shortest verse: John 11:35
Longest verse: Revelation 20:4
Longest chapter: Luke 1
Largest book: Luke

Unusual Bible Facts

Solomon had 700 wives, 300 concubines, and 12,000 horses.

Noah was 600 years young when he built the ark, and 950 years old when he died. Genesis 7:6 and Genesis 9:29

In ancient Israel, men closed a deal by exchanging sandals. Ruth 4:7

After Moses was given the Ten Commandments, he wore a veil over his face because he glowed. Exodus 34:33-35

Adam was 930 when he died. Genesis 5:5

Did you know when Jesus died, saints rose from the dead and walked around Jerusalem? Matthew 27:52-53

Animals have to answer to God, too! Genesis 9:5

Paul was beaten five times and shipwrecked three times. 2 Corinthians 11:24-25

The three magi were never actually at the traditional manger scene. They saw Jesus a little later at Joseph and Mary's house. Matthew 2:11

The iron point alone on Goliath's spear weighed about fifteen pounds! 1 Samuel 17:7

Joseph was 17 when his brothers sold him to the Ishmaelites. Genesis 37:2

Moses was four months old when Pharaoh's daughter found him in a basket. Acts 7:20-21

Locusts, Katydid, Crickets and Grasshoppers were considered clean food for the Israelites. Leviticus 11:22

Amen means, "so let it be."

It didn't rain in the Garden of Eden, or out of it for that matter. Water came up from the ground to make things grow. Genesis 2:5-6