

How Do I Read

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A Lessons For Life Book

the Bible?



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This book details the social and political aspects of God's Word. It's directs the reader to hear and do what the Word says. It gives a method of using the 5 W's to get a better understanding of what you're reading, explains the different aspects of 'reading' 'hearing' and 'studying' and breaks down the books of the Bible by section including an explanation of the relevance, through scripture, of each section. And, includes 66 color charts that overview the Old and New Testament. **HOW DO I READ THE BIBLE** is a great tool for all Christians.



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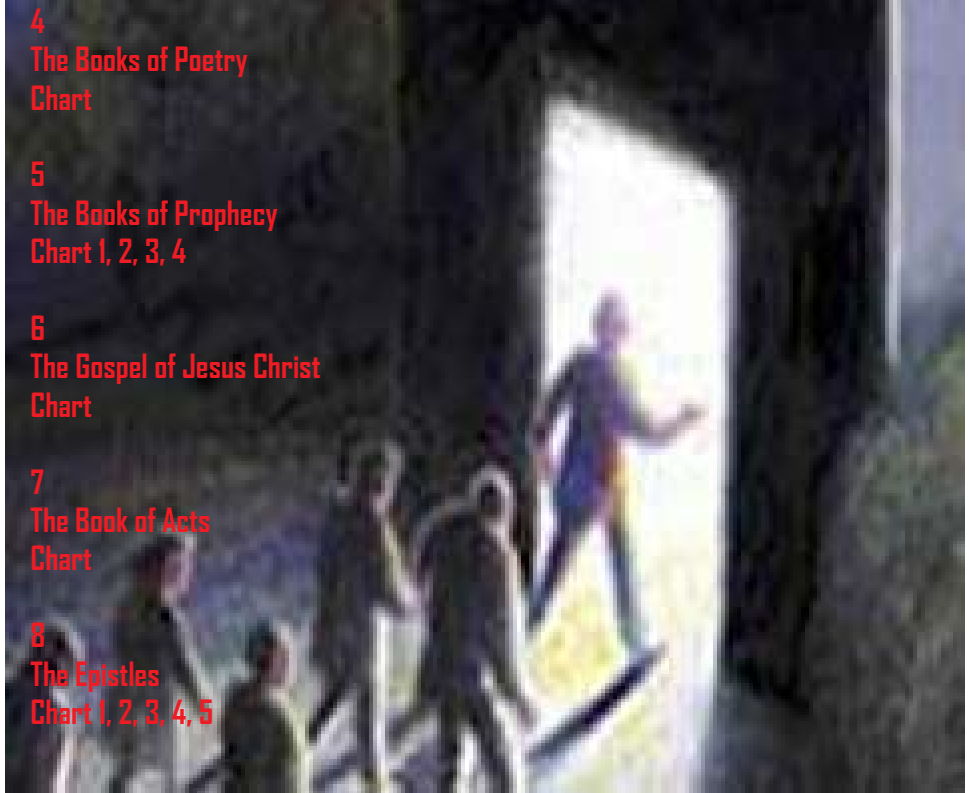
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WELCOME...

to a book that can help you learn to read the Bible and begin to (or further) understand its precepts, parables, meaning, tone, timelines and parallel to life today.

There are many truly exciting things that you can learn about the books containing events that God inspired men to write about.

1st Corinthians 10:6 says things in the Bible occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as the people of Israel did back then. Verse 11 says these things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

Before you begin, and while you're going through it, ask God to open the scriptures to you, but you also need to open your mind and your heart, so you can receive what it is God has for you. There are **11** points and **7** tips in this booklet. I pray that you use them to begin or strengthen your walk with Christ and to help others do the same.

I thank God and give Him glory for using my gifts to put this book together and I pray that you will use it as the tool it was created to be.

In the Mighty Name of Jesus,
Amen.



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UNDERSTANDING THE BOOKS

The Word Bible is a Greek word (Biblia) meaning books or collections of books. It was first translated into the English language by the Church of England in 1611. It is commonly called the “King James version” because the King had to give permission for the work to be done.

The Bible is a collection of 66 books that contain events God selected for men to write about. They are designed to give hope and inspiration, wisdom and understanding, rules and regulations, insight and revelation, knowledge and instruction, to a world full of people who were created to worship God. 2nd Timothy 3:16 says that all Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man (and woman) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2nd Peter 1:20-21 says above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God, as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1st Corinthians 14:36-38 asks the question, did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord’s command. If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored.

THE BIBLE IS A COLLECTION OF BOOKS, NOT A NOVEL

UNDERSTANDING THE ORDER

In order to read the bible we must first understand the books of the Bible. The books are organized by period of time. Here is a chart to show what that means:

LAW	HISTORICAL	POETICAL
GENESIS EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH 1ST SAMUEL 2ND SAMUEL 1ST KINGS	2ND KINGS 1ST CHRON. 2ND CHRON. EZRA NEHEMIAH ESTHER
		JOB PSALMS PROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SOLOMON

PROPHETICAL	GOSPEL	MIRACLE
ISAIAH JEREMIAH LAMENTATIONS EZEKIEL DANIEL HOSEA JOEL AMOS OBADIAH	JONAH MICAH NAHUM HABUKKUK ZEPHANIAH HAGGAI ZECHARIAH MALACHI	MATTHEW MARK LUKE JOHN
	*to remember the books of the Gospel, just remember the acronym "Make Me Like Jesus"	ACTS *the book of acts details the power of God's Holy Spirit working in and through mere ordinary men, to perform miracles "after" Jesus had ascended into Heaven.

EPISTLE	APOCALYPTICAL
ROMANS 1ST CORINTHIANS 2ND CORINTHIANS GALATIANS EPHESIANS PHILLIPIANS COLLOSSIANS	PHILEMON 1ST THESSALONIANS 2ND THESSALONIANS 1ST TIMOTHY 2ND TIMOTHY TITUS HEBREWS
JAMES 1ST PETER 2ND PETER 1ST JOHN 2ND JOHN 3RD JOHN JUDE	REVELATION *the book of revelation is a glimpse into the future and the events showing the return of Jesus and judgement day.

THE ORDER OF THE BOOKS IS VERY SIGNIFICANT

UNDERSTANDING THE TESTAMENT

The Word Testament means evidence. The Old Testament is the evidence of the covenant God made with man about his salvation before Christ. And, the New Testament is the evidence of the agreement God made with man about his salvation in Christ. This is the reason we have the period of time **BC** which means “before Christ” and **AD** which means “after His death.”

The Old Testament is a covenant of law.

The New Testament is the covenant of grace.

The Old Testament begins what the **New Testament** completes. 2nd Corinthians 3:14-15 says to this day a veil covers the Old Testament until we’ve given our lives to Christ. Some may ask why the need for a “new testament.” The New Testament was needed because even the priests became corrupt. The priests were offering blind and lame animals as sacrifices to God, and keeping the good ones for themselves. As shown in Malachi 1:6-14, this angered God to the point that He was reminded of the covenant with Levi, of life and peace. Levi turned many away from sin. But the priests broke the old covenant because of the way they “robbed God” of tithes and offerings, with the blind and lame animals.

The New Testament was needed because God gave them another chance to atone for the grievous sins they had committed. No man was worthy enough, so God sent the only acceptable sacrifice to atone for man’s sin. He sent His only son, the High Priest named Jesus Christ, to be the pure blood sacrifice once and for all.

A TESTAMENT IS A COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

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Brother Keith is a born again Christian. He is a Spirit-led man of God, teacher and author. His life has been transformed from things such as pride and prison to passion and purpose.

God is the author of the Bible. It is meant to be our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ. Amen.

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