

## Further reading

It is important for Christians to have an overall view of the New Testament which can be divided into three periods.

### **The Gospel Period**

*Almost exclusively Jewish*

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

### **The Acts Period**

*Jews are in first place, but Gentiles have started to become Christians*

Letters to Jews:

Hebrews, James, 1,2 & 3 Peter, 1 & 2 John, Jude, Revelation

Letters to Jews & Gentiles:

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians

### **The Post Acts Period**

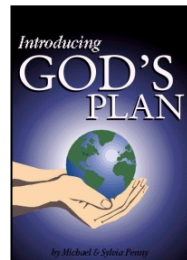
*No distinctions or differences between Jewish or Gentile Christians*

Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon.

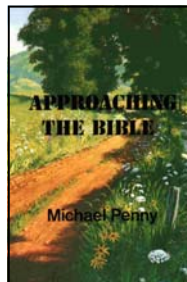
To gain a better overall view of the New Testament we suggest you read the following in the order given.

1. Luke—Acts—Ephesians
2. John—Romans—Colossians
3. Matthew—Hebrews—Philippians
4. Mark—James—Titus

If you are new to the Bible and have little knowledge of it, you may care to read *Introducing God's Plan* (£7.50) by Michael and Sylvia Penny, which is a simple and clear introduction to the Bible.



If you have a better knowledge of the Bible then you may care to read *Approaching the Bible* (£7.50) by Michael Penny. This book is an introduction on how to study the Bible, again simply and clearly written.

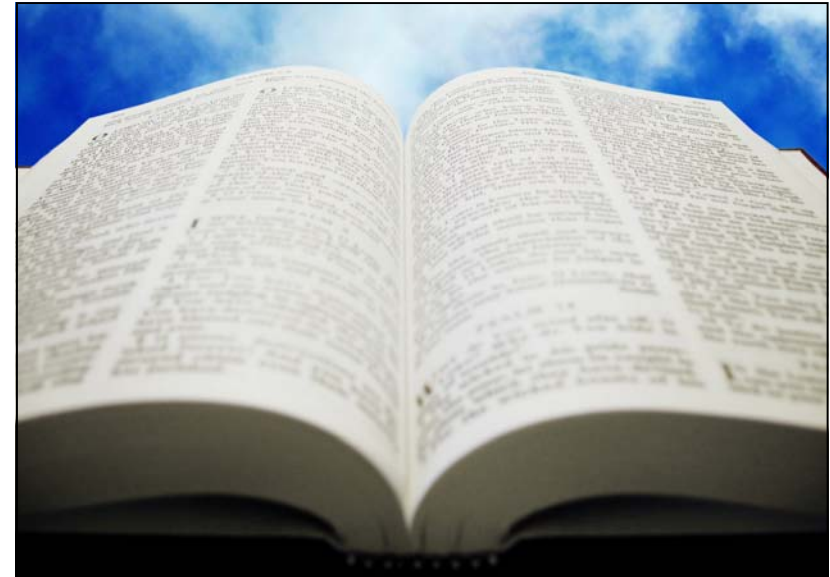


Both books are available from [www.obt.org.uk](http://www.obt.org.uk) and from The Open Bible Trust, Fordland Mount, Upper Basildon, Reading, RG8 8LU, GB.

# Reading the Bible

**in chronological order**

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A good thing to do is to read the Bible, and for many it is best if we read a little each day. You can read a chapter or two each day and as you read each one, you can cross it off the list of readings given on the next page.

However, we will understand the Bible better when we have an overall view of what God is doing. To help us gain such a view, we have tried to put the readings in chronological order. We have also grouped them together under sub-headings, which we hope are helpful.

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# The Old Testament

## *1. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden*

Genesis 1 2  
Ezekiel 28:11-19  
Genesis 3

## *2. Noah and the Flood*

Genesis 4 5 6 7 8 9

## *3. The Tower of Babel and God's New Plan*

Genesis 10 11 12 13 14 15

## *4. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*

Genesis 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26  
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

## *5. Joseph in the Land of Egypt*

Genesis 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47  
48 49 50

## *6. Moses leads the People of Israel out of Egypt*

Exodus 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
10 11 12 13 14 15

## *7. From the Wilderness to the Promised Land: and the Law of Moses*

Exodus 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28  
29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40  
Leviticus 23  
Numbers 13 14  
Deuteronomy 34  
Joshua 1 2 3 4 5 6

## *8. Israel in the Promised Land: Judges, Kings and Prophets*

Judges 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
1 Samuel 1 2 3 8 9 10  
2 Samuel 5 12  
1 Kings 3  
Isaiah 6 9 35 53  
Micah 5

# The New Testament

## *9. The Lord Jesus is born*

Matthew 1 2 Luke 1 2

## *10. The Ministry and Miracles of the Lord Jesus*

Luke 3 4  
John 2 5 6  
Luke 5 6

## *11. The Lord Jesus is rejected*

Matthew 12 14 15 16  
Luke 7 8 9 20  
John 6 7 11 12

## *12. The Lord Jesus goes back to Heaven*

Luke 22 23 24 Acts 1

## *13. Peter and the Apostles and the Jews*

Acts 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

## *14. Paul and the Jews and Gentiles*

Acts 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
Galatians 2  
2 Corinthians 11 12  
Romans 1 2 3 9 10 11  
Acts 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

## *15. God's Plan for Today*

Ephesians 1 2 3 4 5 6  
Colossians 1 2 3 4  
Philemon 1  
Philippians 1 2 3 4  
Titus 1 2 3  
1 Timothy 1 2 3 4 5 6  
2 Timothy 1 2 3 4

## *16. God's Plan for the Future*

Matthew 24  
1 Thessalonians 4  
2 Thessalonians 2  
Revelation 11 12 13 20 21