

the Word

New Testament

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Luke

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Acts

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Romans

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James

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Galatians

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Ephesians

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Philippians

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Colossians

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2 Thessalonians

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1 Timothy

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Jude

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Revelation

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Encounter the Word

Congratulations! Whether this is your first time through the Bible, or one more encounter with the Bible as an old “friend”—you’re in for an adventure. You’ll be inspired by some of the greatest literature ever written. Some parts will puzzle you or possibly disturb you. But overall, you’ll be immersed in the great story of God’s loving work in the world.

Facts about the Bible

Bible means both book and books. The word **bible** is taken from the Latin word **biblia**, or “book.” But **biblia** is also the Greek word for “books,” which also make sense because...

The Bible is actually a library of books, written and edited by many people over hundreds of years. The Old Testament contains 39 books originally written in Hebrew, and the New Testament 27 books originally written in Greek. In total, these 66 books contain 1,189 chapters, and 31,173 verses.

It's the bestselling book of all time. Since printing was invented, about six billion copies have rolled off the press, in more than 2,000 languages and dialects.

It contains all the variety you could wish for: action-packed stories; love poetry; happy songs of praise; angry and complaining poems; personal letters; family trees; rules about diet and cleanliness; accounts of wild dreams; thought-provoking parables.

We often refer to the Bible as God’s Word. It is the written record of God’s loving involvement with the world, and with us. The heart of the story is Jesus—his life, teachings, death, and resurrection. As you read the Bible, you will encounter the living Word!

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Adult Bible reading chart.
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A reading record for the whole Bible

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Old Testament

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Ezra

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Nehemiah

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Job

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Psalms

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