

The Bible for Dummies

The New Testament

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The Old Testament institutes the preparation for Christ and contains prophecies of His divine person and redemptive work. The New Testament is the account of the realization of these predictions in the appearance of the Redeemer and the provisions of His glorious gospel. —The New Unger's Bible Handbook

Interesting facts about the New Testament:

- The term New Testament translated is New Covenant.
- The NT spans a time period of about fifty years.
- It was written by nine different authors.
- Although none of the original manuscripts has survived, thousands of New Testament fragments and manuscripts have been found, one dating from as early as about a.d. 125.

How The New Testament Breaks Down

The NT can be laid out into three categories:

<u>The Gospels</u>	<u>The Church</u>	<u>The Missions</u>
Matthew	Acts	1 Thessalonians James
Mark		2 Thessalonians 1 Peter
Luke		1 Timothy 2 Peter
John		2 Timothy 1 John
		1 Titus 2 John
		Philemon 3 John
		Colossians Jude
		Revelation

ERA	FIGURE	LOCATION	STORY LINE SUMMARY
Missions	Paul	Roman Empire	Paul <u>expands</u> the church into the Roman Empire during the next two decades.

The New Testament in Short

Matthew – proves that Jesus is the Messiah, the eternal King.

Mark – presents the person, work, and teachings of Jesus.

Luke – presents the accurate account of the life of Christ and to present Christ as the perfect human and Savior.

John – proves that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in him will have eternal life. **Acts** – gives an accurate account of the birth and growth of the church.

Romans – presents the powerful themes of salvation, righteousness, faith, justification, redemption, atonement and reconciliation.

1 Corinthians – practical instruction on a wide variety of personal and communal issues, emphasizing that the knowledge of Christ should transform believers.

2 Corinthians – serves as a model for the way we should serve even in the face of challenge.

Galatians – calls Christians to faith and freedom in Christ.

Ephesians – a treasury of spiritual blessings that are ours in Christ.

Philippians – to show believers that true joy comes from Jesus Christ alone.

Colossians – to show that believers have everything they need in Christ.

1 Thessalonians – a model for relational ministry with those whom we are privileged to serve.

2 Thessalonians – clarifies the Biblical teaching about the coming of Christ and promotes positive balance between waiting and working.

1 Timothy – extremely practical and particularly relevant to spiritual leaders.

2 Timothy – serves as a powerful manual for spiritual combat.

Titus – outlines principles for Christian conduct – beneficial for any leader.

Philemon – transformation with God should transform our relationships with others.

Hebrews – Christ's superiority and a clear exposition of the meaning and rewards of faith.

James – a powerful and practical manual for applying our faith to our everyday life.

1 Peter – a divine perspective on living as strangers in a world that is hostile to the message of Christ.

2 Peter – a message to help us stand strong in our faith.

1 John – to walk the talk and to enjoy true fellowship with God by walking in his light, love, and life.

2 John – encourages us to walk in God's way by loving and serving one another.

3 John – reminds us that we have a responsibility to support and encourage those who have been sent to teach and equip us in the truth.

Jude – a powerful word of warning and exhortation; to stand firm in the truth by strengthening ourselves in Christ.

Revelation – Describes God's coming judgment upon humanity and the creation of a new cosmos.

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Gospels	Jesus	Palestine	Jesus comes in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of a savior and offers salvation and the true kingdom of God. While some accept Him, most <u>reject</u> Him, and He is <u>crucified</u> , <u>buried</u> , and <u>resurrected</u> .
Church	Peter	Jerusalem	Peter, shortly after the Ascension of Jesus, is used by God to <u>establish</u> the <u>Church</u> , God's next major plan for man.