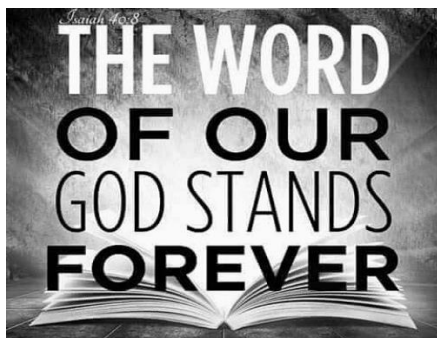


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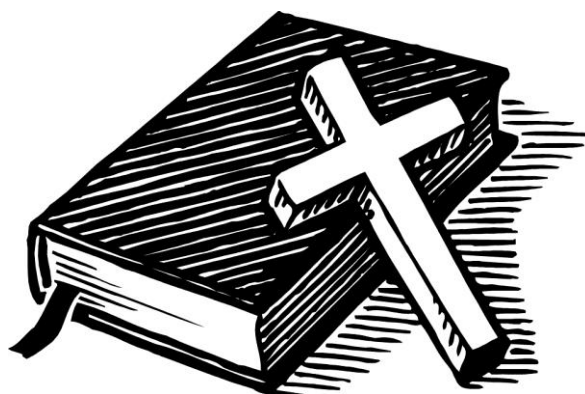
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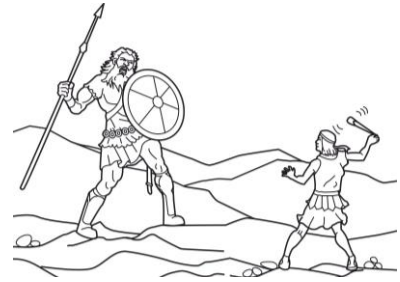
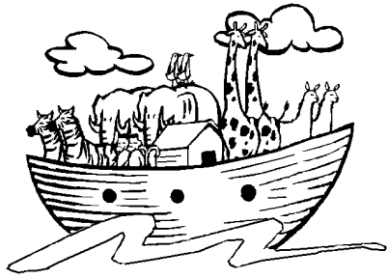
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ADVENTURES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT



<i>The Story</i>	<i>Book: Chapter: Verses</i>
The Creation	Genesis 1 to 2: 1 to 3
The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2: 4 to 25; Chapter 3
The First Murder	Genesis 4: 1 to 15
Noah and the Flood	Genesis Chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9
The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11: 1 to 9
Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed	Genesis 18: 16 to 33; 19: 1 to 29
Abraham's Offering of Isaac	Genesis 22: 1 to 19
The Story of Jacob	Genesis 25: 19 to 35: 29
The Story of Joseph	Genesis Chapters 37 to 47
Moses In Egypt	Exodus Chapters 1 to 4
The Plagues	Exodus Chapters 7 to 11
The Exodus from Egypt	Exodus Chapters 12, 13 and 14
Wilderness Wanderings	Exodus 15:22 to 20:26
The Tabernacle	Exodus Chapters 22 to 28; 36 to 40
The Golden Calf	Exodus 32; Deuteronomy 9
Wilderness Wanderings	Numbers 20 to: 21:25; Chapter 33 and 34
The Covenant	Deuteronomy 29
Moses Farewell and Death	Deuteronomy 31 to 34
The Promised Land	Joshua 3
Joshua – Military Strategist	Joshua Chapters 3, 6 and 8:
The Walls of Jericho	Joshua 5: 9 to 6:27
The Story of Samson	Judges 13:24 to 16:31
The Story of Ruth	Ruth Chapters 1 to 4
The Story of Samuel	1 Samuel Chapters 1 to 3; 7 to 10; 12; 15; 16
Saul – The First King	1 Samuel 8 to 11; 13; 15; 28; 31
David – The Shepherd King	1 Samuel 16 to 27; 29 to 30:25
David – The Shepherd King	2 Samuel 9; 11;12; 15: 1 to 18; 18
David – The Shepherd King	1 Kings 1: 1 to 31; 2: 1 to 11
David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17: 20 to 51
King Solomon	1 Kings 2: 12 to 11:43
Elijah – The Great Prophet	1 Kings Chapters 17 to 19; 21
Elisha – His Successor	2 Kings 2; 4 to 6: 13: 14 to 21
Nehemiah – The Heroic Builder	Nehemiah 1 and 2
Esther – The Queenly Heroine	Esther 1 :9 to 7: 10
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego	Daniel 3
Belshazzar's Feast	Daniel 5
Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6
Jonah – The Reluctant Missionary	Jonah Chapters 1 to 4

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John the Baptist

<i>The Story</i>	<i>Book: Chapter: Verses</i>
His Birth	Luke 1: 5 to 20; 1: 57 to 80
His Ministry	Matthew 3
His Ministry	Mark 1: 1 to 11
His Ministry	Luke 1: 19 to 28
Preparing the Way	Luke 3: 1 to 20
His Execution By Herod	Matthew 14: 1 to 12
His Execution By Herod	Mark 6: 14 to 29



The Life Of Jesus



<i>The Story</i>	<i>Book: Chapter: Verses</i>
The Birth of Jesus	Matthew 1:18 to 2:18
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 1:5 to 2:40
The Young Jesus	Luke 2: 41 to 52
The Baptism of Jesus	Matthew 3
The Baptism of Jesus	Mark 1: 1 to 11
The Baptism of Jesus	Luke 3: 21 and 22
Calling the First Disciples	Matthew 4: 18 25
Calling the First Disciples	Mark 3: 13 to 19
Calling the First Disciples	Luke 5: ,1 to 11; 6: 12 to 16
Calling the First Disciples	John 1: 35 to 51
The Temptation of Jesus	Mathew 4: 1 to 11
The Temptation of Jesus	Mark 1: 12 and 13
The Temptation of Jesus	Luke 4: 1 to 13
The Sermon on the Mount	Matthew Chapters 5 to 7
The Sermon on the Mount	Luke 6: 20 to 49
The Transfiguration	Matthew 17: 1 to 13
The Transfiguration	Mark 9: 2 to 13
The Transfiguration	Luke 9: 28 to 36
Jesus sends out The Twelve	Matthew 10: 1 to 23
Jesus sends out The Twelve	Mark 6: 6 to 13
Jesus sends out The Twelve	Luke 9: 1 to 9
Jesus sends out the Seventy-two	Luke 10: 1 to 24
Lord of the Sabbath	Matthew 12: 1 to 13
Lord of the Sabbath	Luke 6: 1 to 11
Meeting Zacchaeus	Luke 19: 1 to 10
The Rich Young Man	Matthew 19: 16 to 30
The Rich Young Man	Mark 10: 17 to 31
The Woman at the Well	John 4: 1 to 26
Signs of the End of the Age	Matthew 24: 1 to 51
Signs of the End of the Age	Luke 21: 5 to 38



The Miracles Of Jesus



<i>The Miracle</i>	<i>Book: Chapter: Verses</i>
Healing a Leper	Matthew 8: 1 to 4
Healing a Leper	Mark 1: 40 to 45
Healing a Leper	Luke 5: 12 to 16
The Centurion's Servant	Matthew *: 5 to 15
The Centurion's Servant	Luke 7: 1 to 10
Healing Peter's Wife's Mother	Matthew 8: 14 and 15
Healing Peter's Wife's Mother	Mark 1: 29 to 31
Healing Peter's Wife's Mother	Luke 4: 38 and 39
Stilling the Storm	Matthew 8: 23 to 27
Stilling the Storm	Mark 4: 35 to 41
Stilling the Storm	Luke 8: 22 to 25
The Demoniacs of Gadara	Matthew 8: 28 to 34
The Demoniacs of Gadara	Mark 5: 1 to 20
The Demoniacs of Gadara	Luke 8: 26 to 39
The Man with Palsy	Matthew 9: 1 to 8
The Man with Palsy	Mark 2: 1 to 12
The Man With Palsy	Luke 5: 17 to 26
The Daughter of Jairus	Matthew 9: 18 to 26
The Daughter of Jairus	Mark 5: 21 to 43
The Two Blind Men	Matthew 9: 27 to 31
The Man with the Evil Spirit	Matthew 9: 32 to 34
The Man with a Withered Hand	Matthew 12: 9 to 14
The Man with a Withered Hand	Mark 3: 1 to 6
The Man with a Withered Hand	Luke 6: 6 to 11
The Demon-Possessed Man	Matthew 12: 22 to 37
The Demon-Possessed Man	Mark 3: 20 to 30
The Demon-Possessed Man	Luke 11: 14 to 23
Feeding the Five Thousand	Matthew 14: 13 to 23
Feeding the Five Thousand	Mark 6: 30 to 44
Feeding the Five Thousand	Luke 9: 10 to 17
Feeding the Five Thousand	John 6: 1 to 15
Feeding the Four Thousand	Matthew 15: 32 to 39
Feeding the Four Thousand	Mark 8: 1 to 21
The Daughter of the Canaan Woman	Matthew 15: 21 to 28
The Daughter of the Canaan Woman	Mark 7: 24 to 30
The Boy Possessed	Matthew 17:14 to 21
The Boy Possessed	Mark 9: 14 to 29
The Boy Possessed	Luke 9: 37 to 43
Two Blind Men	Matthew 2: 29 to 34
Two Blind Men	Mark 10: 46 to 52
Two Blind Men	Luke 18: 35 to 43
The Fig Tree	Matthew 21: 18 to 22
The Fig Tree	Mark 11: 12 to 14

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Another Demoniac	Mark 1: 21 to 28
Another Demoniac	Luke 4: 31 to 37
The Deaf and Mute Man	Mark 7: 31 to 37
The Draught of Fishes	Luke 5: 1 to 11
The Widow's Son	Luke 7: 11 to 17
The Woman Healed on the Sabbath	Luke 13: 10 to 17
The Man with Dropsy	Luke 14: 1 to 6
The Ten Lepers Cleansed	Luke 17: 11 to 19
The Ear of Malchus	Luke 22: 49 to 51
The Water to Wine	John 2: 1 to 11
The Nobleman's Son	John 4: 46 to 54
The Infirm Man at Bethesda	John 5: 1 to 9
The Raising of Lazarus	John 11: 1 to 46
Jesus Walks on the Water	Matthew 14: 22 to 36
Jesus Walks on the Water	Mark 6: 45 to 56
Jesus Walks on the Water	John 6: 1 to 15
The Last Breakfast	John 21: 1 to 14

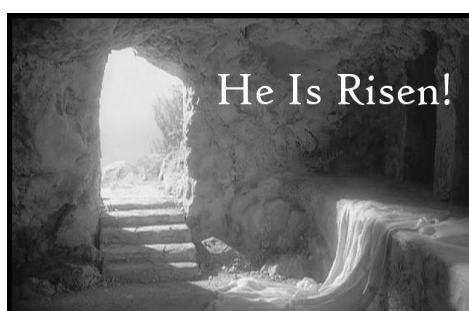


The Parables Of Jesus



<i>The Parable</i>	<i>Book Chapter: Verses</i>
The Grain of Mustard Seed	Matthew 13: 31 and 32
The Grain of Mustard Seed	Mark 4: 30 to 33
The Grain of Mustard Seed	Luke 13: 18 and 19
The Sower (The Four Soils)	Matthew 13: 1 to 23
The Sower (The Four Soils)	Mark 4: 1 to 20
The Sower (The Four Soils)	Luke 8: 1 to 15
The Seed Springs Up	Mark 4: 26 to 29
The Tares	Matthew 13: 24 to 30; 36 to 43
The Leaven	Matthew 13: 33
The Leaven	Luke 13: 20 and 21
The Found Treasure	Matthew 13: 44
The Precious Pearl	Matthew 13: 45 and 46
The Net	Matthew 13: 47 to 52
The Unmerciful Servant	Matthew 18: 23 to 35
Labourers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20: 1 to 16
The Two Sons	Matthew 21: 28 to 32
The Vineyard	Matthew 21: 33 to 46
The Vineyard	Mark 12: 1 to 11
The Vineyard	Luke 20: 9 to 19
The Vine and the Branches	John 15: 1 to 17
The Great Feast	Matthew 22: 1 to 14
The Great Feast	Luke 14: 15 to 24
The Ten Maidens	Matthew 25: 1 to 13
The Talents	Matthew 25: 14 to 30
The Sheep and the Goats	Matthew 25: 31 to 46
Wise and Foolish Builders	Matthew 7: 24 to 28
Wise and Foolish Builders	Luke 6: 46 to 49

The Two Debtors	Luke 7: 36 to 50
The Good Samaritan	Luke 10: 25 to 37
Patching Old Clothes	Matthew 9:16
The Rich Fool	Luke 12: 13 to 21
The Servants who Waited	Luke 12: 35 to 48
The Barren Fig Tree	Luke 13: 6 to 9
The Lost Sheep	Luke 15: 3 to 7
The Good Shepherd	John 10: 1 to 21
The Lost Coin	Luke 15: 8 to 10
The Prodigal Son/The Lost Son	Luke 15: 11 to 32
The Dishonest Steward	Luke 16: 1 to 13
The Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 16: 19 to 31
The Persistent Widow	Luke 18: 1 to 8
Two Prayers (Pharisee and tax collector)	Luke 18: 9 to 14
The Pounds (The Minas)	Luke 19: 11 to 27



The Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus

<i>The Story</i>	<i>Book: Chapter: Verses</i>
Jesus predicts His Death	Matthew 16: 21 to 28
Jesus predicts His Death	Mark 8: 31 to 38; 10: 32 to 34
Jesus predicts His Death	Luke 18: 31 to 34
Jesus predicts His Death	John 12: 20 to 35. 13: 18 to 30
The Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21: 1 to 17
The Triumphal Entry	Mark 11: 1 to 11
The Triumphal Entry	Luke 19: 29 to 44
The Triumph of Jesus	John 12: 12 to 19
The Last Supper	Matthew 26: 17 to 35
The Last Supper	Mark 14: 12 to 26
The Last Supper	Luke 22: 7 to 38
Jesus in Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36 to 46
Jesus in Gethsemane	Mark 14: 32 to 42
Jesus in Gethsemane	Luke 22: 39 to 46
The Crucifixion	Matthew 26:47 to 27:66
The Crucifixion	Mark 14:43 to 15:47
The Crucifixion	Luke 22: 47 to 23: 56
The Crucifixion	John Chapters 18 and 19
The Resurrection	Matthew 28: 1 to 10
The Resurrection	Mark 16
The Resurrection	Luke 24: 1 to 31
The Resurrection	John Chapters 20 and 21
Jesus appears to His Followers	Luke 24: 13 to 49
Jesus appears to His Followers	John 21: 1 to 25

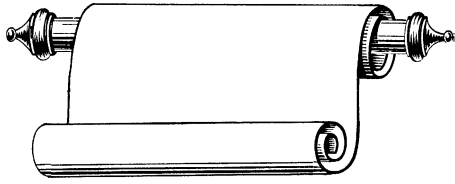
OTHER NEW TESTAMENT ADVENTURES

<i>The Story</i>	<i>Book: Chapter: Verses</i>
The Ascension of Jesus	Luke 24: 50 and 53. Acts 1: 1 to 12
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2
Stephen – The First Martyr	Acts 6: 1 to 15; 7: 54 to 60
Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8: 26 to 39
The Conversion of Saul (later Paul)	Acts 9: 1 to 31
Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10
Peter in Prison	Acts 12: 1 to 10
Paul's travels	Acts Chapters 13 to 22
The Riot at Ephesus	Acts 19: 23 to 41
Paul in Danger	Acts Chapters 23 to 25
Paul's Voyage to Rome	Acts 27 and 28
Paul's Letters to Young Churches	See Romans to Thessalonians
Paul writes to his Friends	1 st and 2 nd Timothy; Titus; Philemon
Disciples' Messages	James; Peter; and John
A Grand Overview	Hebrews
The Final Victory of God	Revelation 21 and 22

WELL-KNOWN READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

<i>The Reading</i>	<i>Book: Chapter: Verses</i>
The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5
The Shepherd's Psalm	Psalms 23
I lift up my eyes to the hills ...	Psalms 121
The Prince of Peace	Isaiah 9:6
To everything there is a season ...	Ecclesiastes 3: 1 to 8
The Eight Beatitudes	Matthew 5: 1 to 11
Salt and Light	Matthew 5: 13 to 16
The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6: 9 to 13
"Come to me..."	Matthew 11: 28
The Greatest Commandment	Matthew 22: 34 to 40
The Greatest Commandment	Mark 12: 28 to 34
Mary's Song	Luke 1: 39 to 56
The Word Became Flesh	Gospel of John 1: 1 to 19
Jesus, the Bread of Life	Gospel of John 6: 25 to 51
"Let not your heart be troubled ..."	Gospel of John 14: 1-4; 6, 21
"I am the Good Shepherd ..."	Gospel of John 10: 1 to 18
"I am the resurrection and the life ..."	Gospel of John 11: 25-26
"I am the way	Gospel of John 14: 6
"God so loved the World ..."	Gospel of John 3: 16
"Nothing shall separate us ..."	Romans 8: 18, 28, 35, 37, - 39
Life Through The Spirit	Romans 8
"But now Christ has risen ..."	1 st Corinthians 5: 20-23, 54-57
The "Love" Chapter	1 Corinthians 13
The Significance of the Resurrection	1 Corinthians 15: 1 to 11
The Fruits of the Spirit	Galatians 5: 22 and 23
The Armour of God	Ephesians 6: 10 to 18
The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21
A blessing: "The Lord bless you ..."	Numbers 6: 24 to 26

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE



The Bible can be a complex set of books – written across 16 centuries by different writers, each with own style. And yet it is the greatest story ever told – the ultimate love story – the biography of God himself and His loving purposes for His world and its people.

THE OLD TESTAMENT (39 Books)

GROUP	BOOKS	NOTES
Books of the Law (5)	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers	Named the “Pentateuch” meaning 5 books. An account of creation of the earth and the human race, and the early history of the Israelites. Stories of the life of Moses.
Books of History (12)	Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First Samuel, Second Samuel, First Kings, Second Kings, First Chronicles, Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	The Hebrews in Canaan, and the story of the Exile Period.
Books of Poetry (5)	Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (The Song of Songs)	Songs filled with the charm and imagery of the East. Psalms is the best loved of these books, much read in private and in public
Books of Prophecy (17)	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah.	The first five are described as “major” because they are larger, with the other known as “minor”. It includes Isaiah’s prophecy about Christ and His kingdom and Malachi’s prophecy of the reign of the Messiah.

THE NEW TESTAMENT (27 Books)

GROUP	BOOKS	NOTES
The Gospels (4)	Matthew, Mark, Luke and John	The Gospels - meaning “Good News” - centre on Jesus, the Christ, his life and teachings.
History (1)	Acts (The Acts of the Apostles)	This book records the deeds of Peter and Paul and their friends during the early history of the Christian church.
Epistles (21)	Romans, First Corinthians, Second Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, First Thessalonians, Second Thessalonians, First Timothy, Second Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, First Peter, Second Peter, First John, Second John, Third John, Jude.	The first 13 were written by Paul – mostly to young churches established in the region. They correct certain faults and beliefs, defend Christian doctrine, and show Christ as the head of the Church.
Prophecy (1)	Revelation	Sometimes called “Apocalypse”, this is a book of prophetic visions bringing comfort and strength to a persecuted church. The theme is the triumph of Christ’s kingdom.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.”
Revelation 22:21 (NIV)