

First Things First!



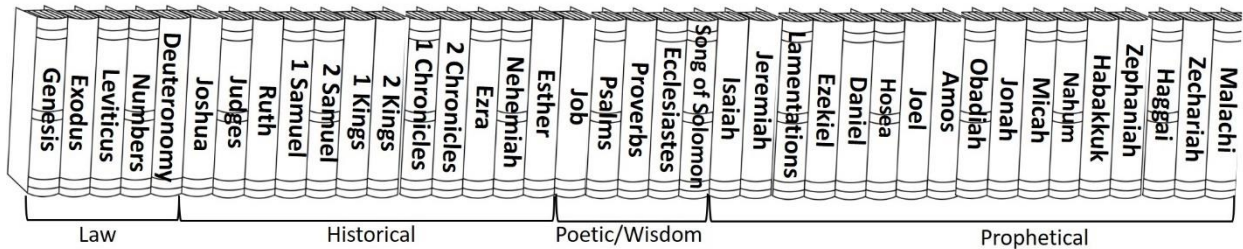
The _____ is the only book you will ever read where the _____ appears every time you read it.

More than anything else, God wants _____ with us.

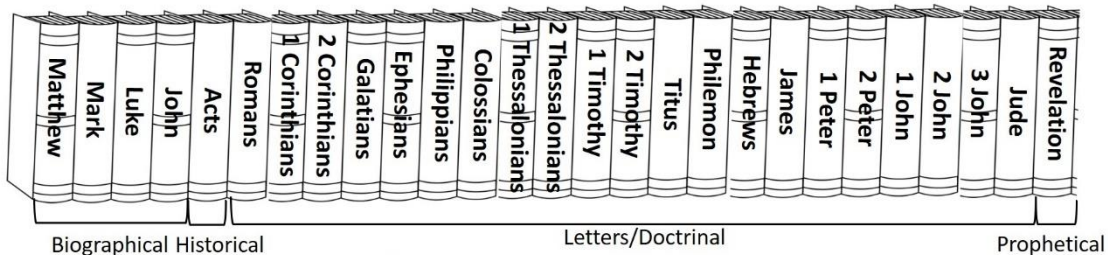
It is worth your while to make knowing God's word your life's _____

The Bible is a book about _____. It is God's history with mankind, and it is all about _____.

The Bible



Old Testament – 39 Books



New Testament – 27 Books

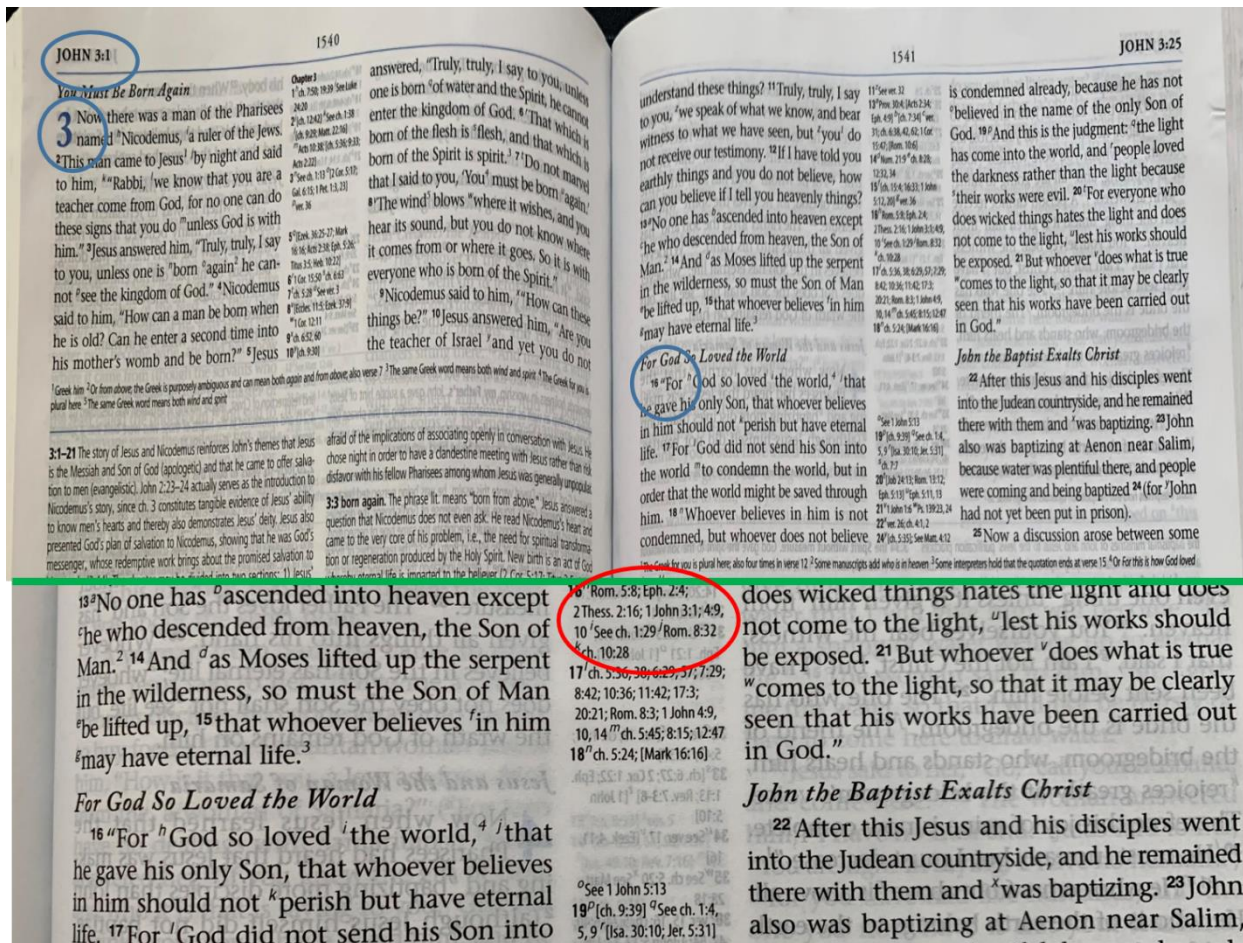
The Bible literally spans the entire history of planet earth from when God created it until when He will end earth as we know it and bring us into His heavenly kingdom.

Translations

English Standard Version

New International Version

Books, Chapters and Verses



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For God So Loved the World

16 "For (A) God so loved (B) the world, (C) that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not (D) perish but have eternal life. 17 For (E) God did not send his Son into the world (F) to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 (G) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 (H) And this is the judgment: (I) the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because (J) their works were evil. 20 (K) For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, (L) lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever (M) does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John the Baptist Exalts Christ

22 After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them. 23 John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming to be baptized (for (N) John had not yet been put in prison).

25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over (O) purification. 26 And they came to John and said to him, (P) "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, (Q) to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and (R) all are going to him." 27 John answered, (S) "A person cannot receive even one thing (T) unless it is given him (U) from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, (V) 'I am not the Christ, but (W) I have been sent before him.' 29 (X) The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; he stands and hears him, (Y) and (Z) rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore

CROSS REFERENCES
ch. 10:28
John 10:28
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

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Inductive Bible Study Method

All you will need your Bible and a notebook!

Before you begin studying, make sure you know the 5Ws,

Who is the writer, who is speaking, who is in the story...?

When was it written, when does it take place?

Where was it written, where does it take place?

What is the scene or what is going on?

Why is this happening?

The Inductive Study Method consists of three questions

- What does it say? – Just write the facts as a reporter would do
- What does it mean? – What meaning do I see? Is there an example to follow or a command to obey? What do I learn about God? Why does God want us to know this?
- How do I apply it to myself? – How does this section relate to my life? What questions do I need to ask myself and then answer?

Inductive Study Method Example Using Matthew 6:24-35

Pray and ask God to teach you

Read Matthew 6:24-35

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Ask the questions:

What does it say?

Jesus is telling his disciples not to worry about provisions for their bodies, like food and clothing. Their lives are not about eating and outward appearance. God takes care of animals and provides food for them and they don't even have to work for it. If He will take care of them, He will take care of us. We are more valuable than wildlife. God knows what we need. We cannot add time to the end of our lives by worrying. If we cannot add even one hour to the end of our lives, it doesn't make sense to worry about the rest of our lives. Seek God's kingdom first, seek His righteousness for ourselves. He will take care of everything else. Take each day as it comes and don't worry about tomorrow.

What does this mean?

Don't worry, trust God to provide for us. Worry accomplishes absolutely nothing. Worry is just borrowing trouble from a future we know nothing about.

How do I apply?

I worry about my grandkid's safety. I can let my imagination run wild and worry about anything from them being kidnapped to falling and getting a stick in the eye. God says, this accomplishes absolutely nothing. Instead of worry, I will pray and lay it before God and not take it back up again. He may deal with me in any way He likes about it.

What next? Start with any one of the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. Go section by section (about 10 to 20 verses at a time) and use the Inductive Study Method to find out what God has to say.

Enjoy studying God's word and growing closer to Him!

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