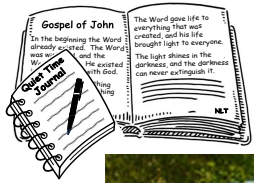


Quiet Time

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The Bible Museum.



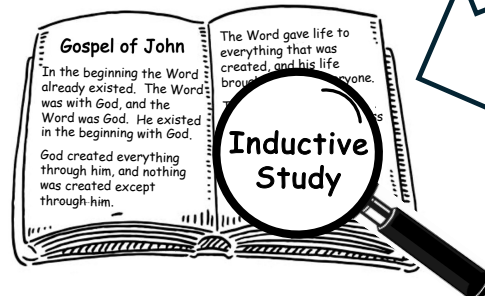
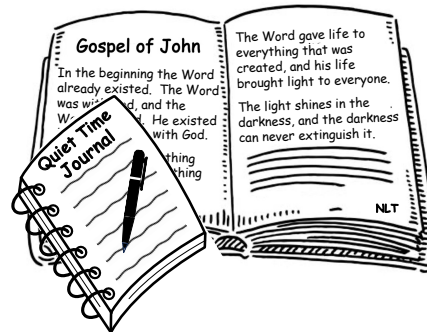
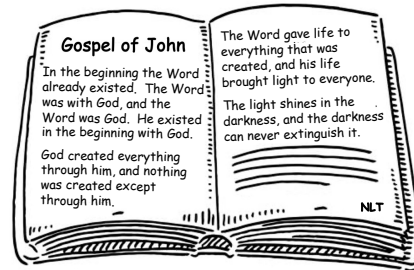
What are you looking for?

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalms 119:105

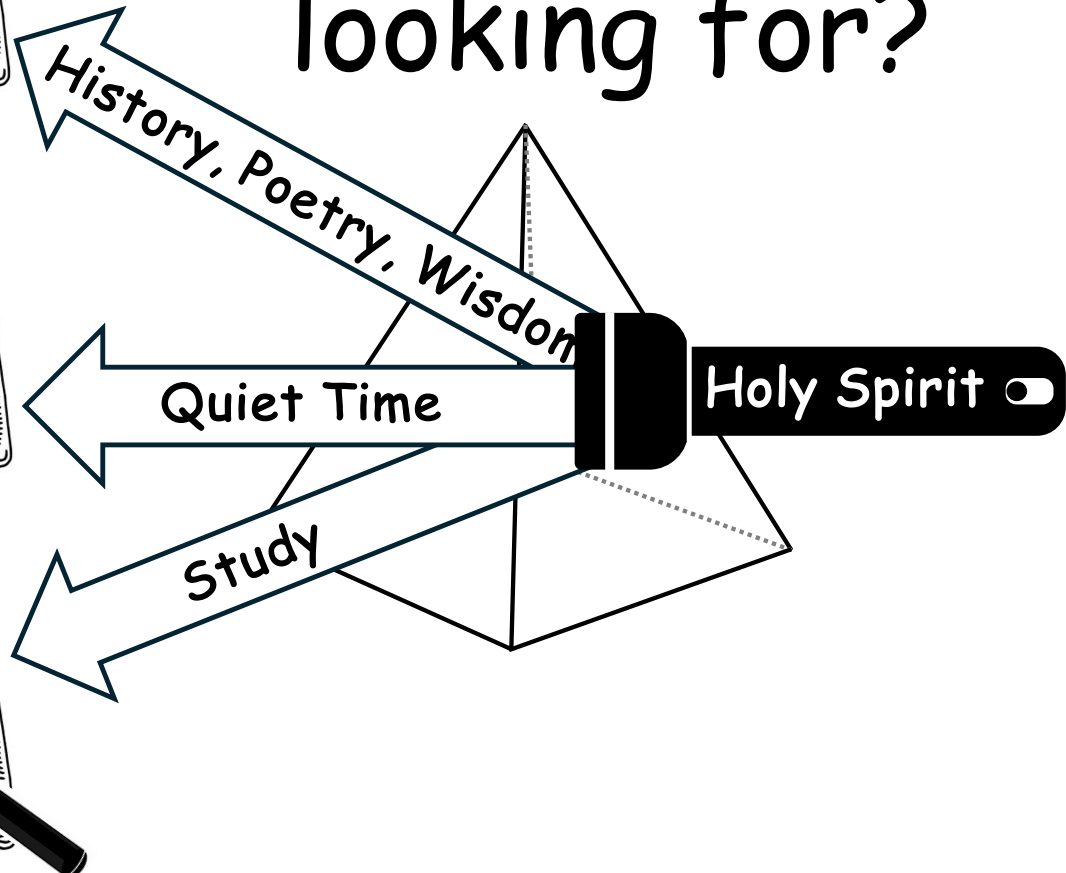
"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

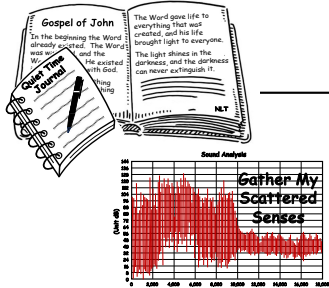
Joshua 1:8

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15



What are you looking for?





What does the Bible say about Quiet Time?

"Be _____ before the LORD, and wait _____ for him..."
Psalms 37:7

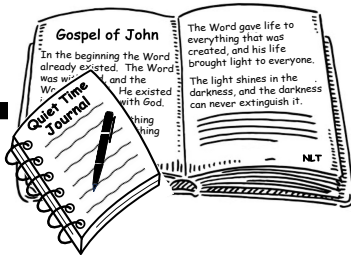
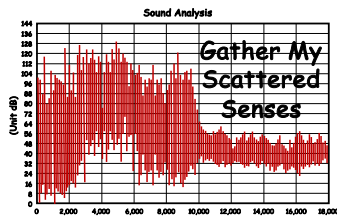
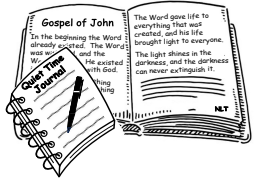
"I will _____ to what God the LORD _____; for he promises peace to his people..."
Psalms 85:8

"Rejoice always; _____ continually, give thanks in all _____; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Blessed is the one... ²"...whose _____ is in the law of the LORD, and who _____ on his law day and night."

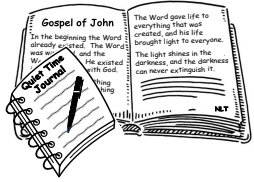
Psalms 1:2

"Do not merely _____ to the word, and so deceive yourselves. _____ what it says."
James 1:22



Approaches to Quiet Time.



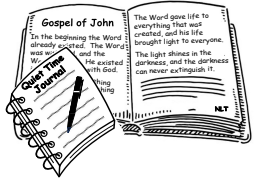


The Reality of Quiet Time.



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What does the text say?

Words Matter.

"...I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

Jeremiah 29:11

"...if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:19

"...the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe."

1 Timothy 4:10

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

Matthew 7:1

"I can do all this through him, who gives me strength."

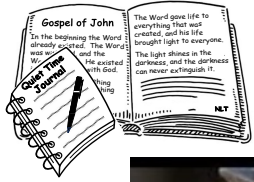
Philippians 4:13

"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalms 37:4

"...where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled..."

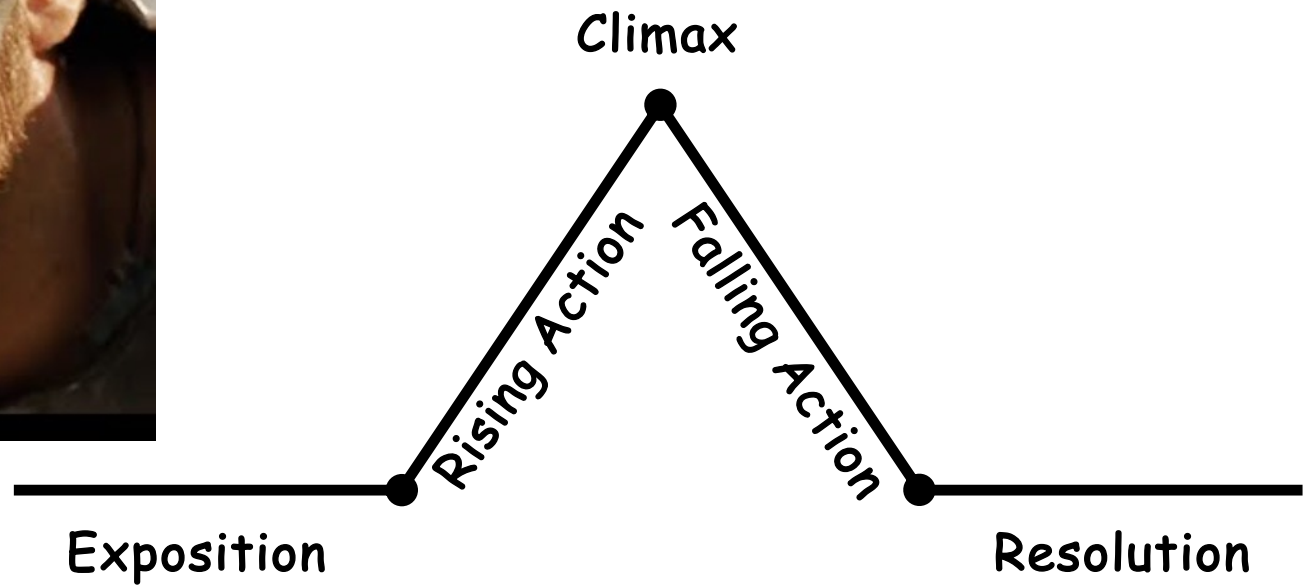
1 Corinthians 13:8

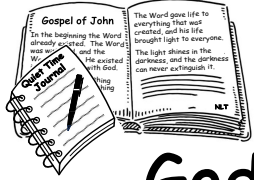


The Story Matters.



Story arc

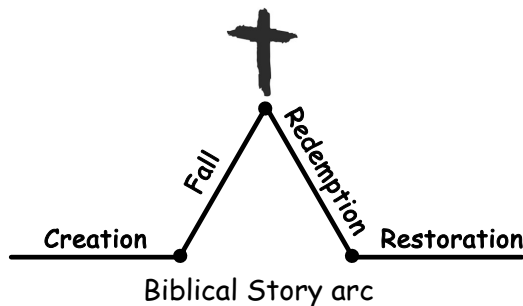




The Bible's Story arc.

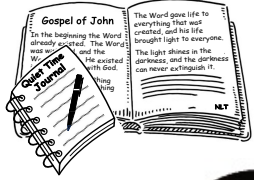
God is the greatest storyteller, and the Bible is His Story.

- There is a place.
- There are characters and dialog.
- There are events, action, tension, and conflict.
- God reveals Himself and His will in each story.
- Each scene, event, and character contributes to the Biblical story arc.

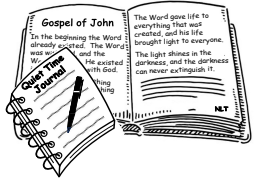


The Bible has a meta-theme.

- Exposition: Creation sets the stage and introduces the characters.
- Rising Action: The Fall introduces tension and conflict.
- Climax: The life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Falling Action: Redemption is the process of wrapping up loose ends.
- Resolution: Restoration is the conclusion and end of all conflicts.



What makes
reading by the
fire a pleasure?

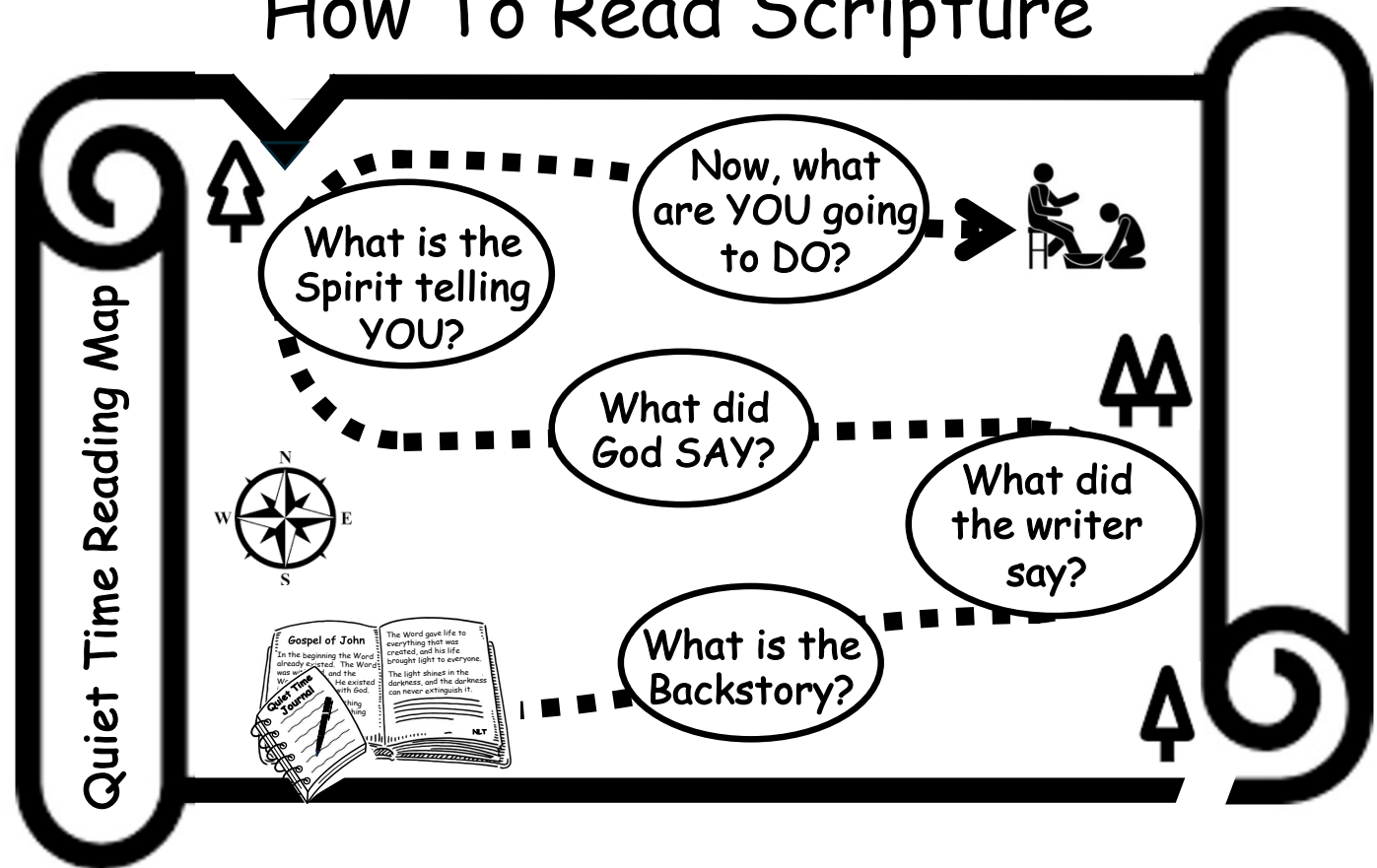


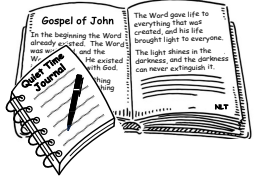
If Only I Had A Map...

How To Read Scripture

The Holy Spirit will,
"guide you into all the
truth. He will not speak
on his own; he will speak
only what he hears..."
from God.

John 16:13





Treasure Hunt

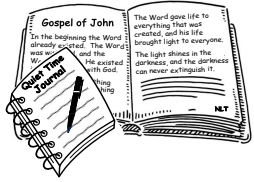


Sometimes, you must ask the right questions in the right order to find the treasure.

What are some of the treasures from reading God's word?

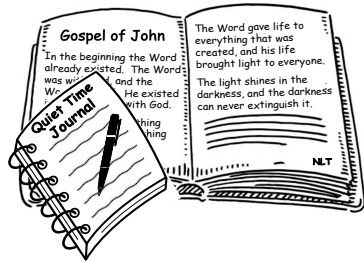
- Grow your _____.
- Recognize the _____ of the Lord.
- Discover God's _____ for your life.
- _____ to share.





Bible Reading: Questions to ask of the text. (1:2)

1st Understand



Backstory.

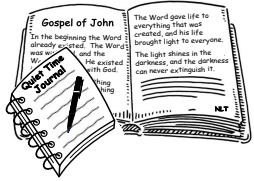
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Words Matter.

Q: In the full context of this story, what words did the writer actually say and emphasize to the original audience?

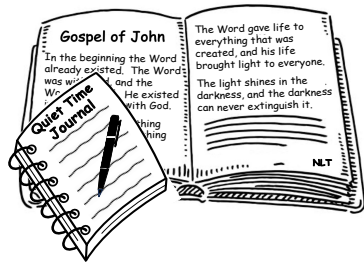
What did God say?

Q: What issue did God expose in the original audience, and what action did He prescribe?



Bible Reading: Questions to ask of the text. (2:2)

1st Understand



Then Apply

Backstory.

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Words Matter.

Q: In the full context of this story, what words did the writer actually say and emphasize to the original audience?

What did God say?

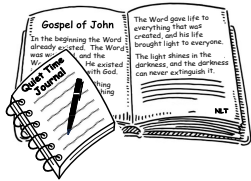
Q: What issue did God expose in the original audience, and what action did He prescribe?

So What?

Q: What lesson/insight/principle from this story does the Spirit keep bringing to my attention?

Now What?

Q: How will I respond to this lesson and put it into practice today?



Example: Backstory of Mark

The Gospel According To Mark

Chapter 1

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"³ — "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."



Questions To Ask Scripture

Backstory.

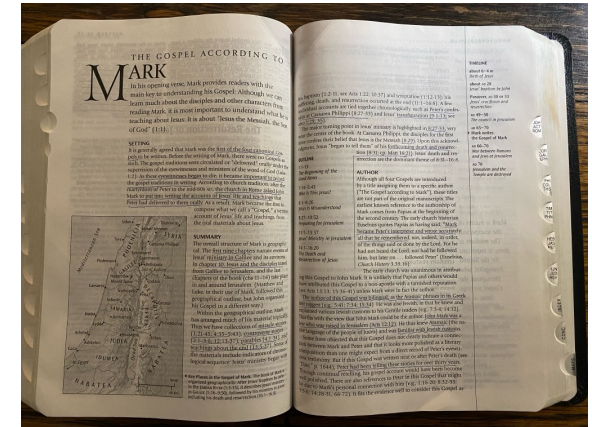
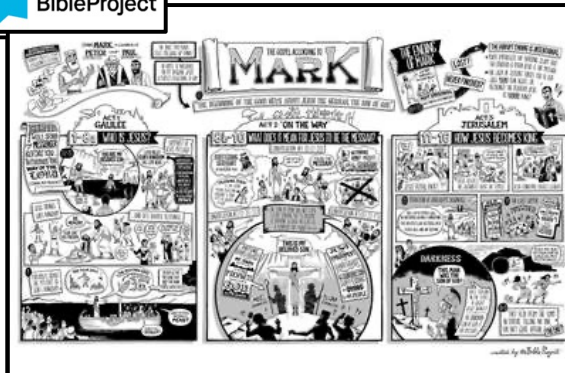
Q: How did the geography, resources, and historical characters influence this story? _____

Q: _____ wrote this text. What was his historical relationship with the original audience? _____

Q: What circumstance caused this story to be written to the original audience? _____

Q: What is the genre of the text? _____

BibleProject



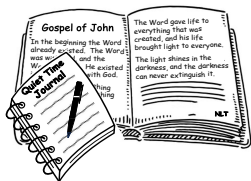
The Book of Mark

1. Take the: *The Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Personal Assessment* (before reading Mark, we will take it again after.)
2. Read a chapter a day Starting with Monday December 30

Introduction to the Book of Mark: A Journey into Discipleship

The Gospel of Mark is like an action-packed highlight reel of Jesus' ministry, where every word and every step points us toward the heart of discipleship. It's not just a story we read; it's an invitation to step into the life Jesus is calling us to live. Mark's fast-paced narrative shows Jesus constantly on the move, teaching, healing, and transforming lives. It's not a Gospel that lets us sit still—it's one that compels us to move with Him. What makes Mark especially powerful is how it reveals discipleship as a hands-on, real-life journey. It's messy, beautiful, challenging, and deeply rewarding. Mark shows us the highs and lows of what it means to follow Jesus, giving us not only insight but practical steps to take in our own lives.





Questions To Ask Scripture

1st Understand

Backstory.

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Q: What is the genre of the text? _____

Words Matter.

Q: In context, which words or phrases did the writer emphasize to make key points to the original audience? _____

Q: Who are the main characters in this story, and were they role models or object lessons? _____

Q: What are the tensions, conflicts, and actions that drove this story? _____

Q: Where does this story fit into the biblical meta-story? _____

What did God say?

Q: What did God reveal about Himself in this story? _____

Q: What issue (sin) did God expose to the original audience? _____

Q: What (Truth, Insight, or Principle) did God teach in this story? _____

Q: What action did God prescribe for the original audience? _____

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Discipleship

(L1. 1)

Bible Reading Sample Questions



Questions To Ask Scripture

Then Apply

So What?

Q: What lesson or example in this story is the Spirit encouraging me to follow? _____

Q: Is there something in this story that highlights my sin? _____

Q: Is there a lesson in this story that the Spirit wants me to learn? _____

Q: If I believed that God is God, how would this lesson change my life? _____

Now What?

Q: How will I remember this lesson? _____

Q: What will I do today to put this lesson into practice? _____

Q: Who will I share this lesson with today? _____

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Discipleship

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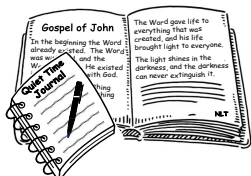
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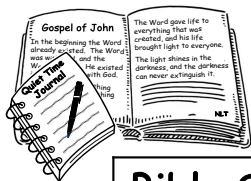
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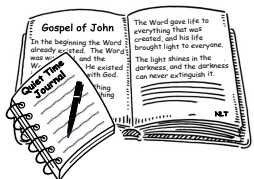
Biblical Context - Genre

Genre	Purpose	Readers Prompt	Books
Law	<p>The Pentateuch is largely descriptive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 1-3 Creation and Fall of Man. Epic stories of God's redemptive work through Abraham's family. The law (criminal, civil, and ceremonial) separates the Jews from all others. 	How does God reveal his nature, attributes, values, and purposes to the nation of Israel?	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
History	<p>Historical books are largely descriptive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reveal the pattern of God's relentless pursuit of rebellious people.. 	How do the stories and characters relate to the Gospel Meta theme?	OT: Joshua, Judges, Ruth 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther NT: Acts
Wisdom/Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wisdom literature uses stories and sayings to describe a life well lived and how to experience a meaningful life that is pleasing to God. Poetry literature uses literary devices, including parallelism, to reveal the writer's most intimate experiences with God. 	How do I apply the teachings to live wisely and savor the poetry to experience deeper intimacy with God?	Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
Prophecy	<p>The primary subject of prophetic books is warning the Nation of Israel to return to God. Prophetic books include both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foretelling: What God will do. Forth-telling: Applying God's warning to the current situation. 	How can I trust God as the prophets did and avoid the sins that the Israelites committed?	Major: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel. Minor: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
Gospels	<p>The Gospels are both descriptive and prescriptive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four eyewitness accounts describe the life, manner, miracles, death, and resurrection of Jesus in 1st Century Judea. Jesus was highly prescriptive in his teachings and commands and promises. 	How am I living the great commission every day: being a disciple of Jesus and making disciples?	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
Letters	<p>The Epistles are largely prescriptive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each letter is directed to an individual, group or church, to encourage audience's faith, or correct an error in doctrine or behavior. 	How am I living in the power of the Holy Spirit as a disciple of Jesus?	Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter, 1,2&3 John, Jude
Apocalyptic	<p>John's vision of the end times, including the tribulations, judgement, punishment and a tiny glimpse of the glory of God's and eternal life.</p>	When all is crumbling around me, do I trust God's sovereignty?	Revelation



Additional Resources

Bible Study Resource	Example
Bible Translation	Pick a reputable translation from a scholarly committee, e.g. , ESV, NIV, NLT, CSV, NASB, NET, etc. (Mark Ward Ph.D.)
Study Bible with Notes	Pick a reputable publisher, e.g., Tyndale, Lifeway, Crossway.
Integrated Study Tool	Logos.com
Systematic Theology	Wayne Grudem, Ken Boa, Louis Berkoff, Norman Geisler
Concordance	Strong's
Bible Dictionary	Vines, Zondervan's
Biblical Themes	Bibleproject.com
Verse Comparison	Biblehub.com
Study Tool	GotQuestions.org (Do not rely upon for Spirit, or Gifts of Spirit)
Study Tool	Blueletterbible.org
Study Tool	Biblestudytools.com
Commentary	Choose carefully, considering the author's strengths and weaknesses on a book-by-book or topic-by-topic basis.



Old Testament

39 Books

31 Writers, penned in Hebrew.

The Hebrew Bible, aka Tanakh

- Torah: The Law (Pentateuch)
- Nevi'im: Prophets
- Ketuvim: Poetry & Wisdom

Septuagint: Greek translation of the Tanakh.

Canon: At the time of Jesus, the Tanakh recognized by the Temple had the equivalent of 39 books.

New Testament

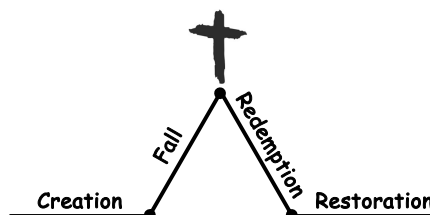
27 Books

9 writers, penned in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic.

- Gospels: Four perspectives of Jesus' life.
- Acts: Launch of the early church.
- Epistles: Letters to the early churches.
- Revelation: Prophecy of end times.

Canon: the NT was formally ratified at the Councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397).

Biblical Overview



The Meta-Theme of Scripture

Chronological View of Scripture

The Bible is a collection of 66 Books written by 40 people over 1,500 years. It is unified by a central character, Jesus, and a meta-theme of God's love for rebellious people.

