

How to Study the Bible

The Bible is divided into two sections:

These are 39 books written before Jesus walked on Earth as a man.

The Bible is God's living Word. It's alive and will come alive in your life as you read it.

17	historical books (creation of man and Israel's history)
5	poetic and wisdom books
17	prophetic books

The New Testament

These 27 books were written after Jesus died and rose from the dead.

5	historical books (life and teaching of Jesus and His disciples)
13	books known as Paul's Epistles
9	books that are called the General Epistles

A good way to study the Bible is to keep a notebook, and as you read, ask these questions:

1. Who is speaking?
2. What's the setting?
3. What's happening?
4. What are the main points?
5. How does this apply to me?

If you are just beginning to study the Bible, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are good books to start with. These four books begin the New Testament and are known as the Gospels. They were written by men who knew Jesus personally.