

# THE NEW TESTAMENT

## StoryGuide Scriptures Reading Chart

THE GOSPELS		
<b>MATTHEW</b>		
Jesus's birth	c. 1 AD	1 2
<b>Ministry</b>	c. 31 AD	
Beginning of ministry		3 4
Ministry to the multitudes		5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Teaching the disciples		16 17 18
Going to Jerusalem		19 20
<b>Final week</b>	c. 34 AD	
Teaching in Jerusalem		21 22 23 24 25 JS-M
Last supper and atonement		26 27 28
<b>MARK</b>		
<b>Ministry</b>	c. 31 AD	
Beginning of ministry		1
Ministry to the multitudes		2 3 4 5 6 7
Teaching the disciples		8 9
Going to Jerusalem		10
<b>Final week</b>	c. 34 AD	
Teaching in Jerusalem		11 12 13
Last supper and atonement		14 15 16
<b>LUKE</b>		
Jesus's birth	c. 1 AD	1 2
<b>Ministry</b>	c. 31 AD	
Beginning of ministry		3 4 5
Ministry to the multitudes		6 7 8
Teaching the disciples		9
Going to Jerusalem		10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
<b>Final week</b>	c. 34 AD	
Teaching in Jerusalem		19 20 21
Last supper and atonement		22 23 24
<b>JOHN</b>		
<b>Ministry</b>	c. 31 AD	
Beginning of ministry		1
Feasts of the Jews		2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
<b>Final week</b>	c. 34 AD	
Passover in Jerusalem		12
Last supper		13 14 15 16 17
The atonement		18 19 20 21

HISTORY		
<b>ACTS</b>		
Jerusalem	c. 34 AD	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Judea and Samaria	c. 36 AD	8 9
Journey of Peter	c. 40 AD	10 11 12
<b>The uttermost part of the earth</b>		
Journey of Barnabas and Paul	c. 46 AD	13 14 15
Second journey of Paul	c. 50 AD	16 17 18
Third journey of Paul	c. 55 AD	19 20
Imprisonment of Paul	c. 60 AD	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
<b>LETTERS</b>		
<b>Epistles of Paul</b>		
<b>ROMANS</b>		
Doctrines		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Practices		12 13 14 15 16
<b>1 CORINTHIANS</b>		1 2 3 4 5 6
Answers to questions		7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
<b>2 CORINTHIANS</b>		1
God's creations		2 3 4 5 6
Visits to Corinth		7 8 9 10 11 12 13
<b>GALATIANS</b>		1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>EPHESIANS</b>		1 2 3 4 5 6
<b>PHILIPPIANS</b>		1 2 3 4
<b>COLOSSIANS</b>		1 2 3 4
<b>1 THESSALONIANS, 2 THESSALONIANS</b>		1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3
<b>1 TIMOTHY, 2 TIMOTHY</b>		1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4
<b>TITUS</b>		1 2 3
<b>PHILEMON</b>		1
<b>General epistles</b>		
<b>HEBREWS</b>		
The greater high priest		1 2 3 4 5 6 7
The new covenant		8 9 10 11 12 13
<b>JAMES</b>		1 2 3 4 5
<b>1 PETER, 2 PETER</b>		1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3
<b>1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN</b>		1 2 3 4 5 1 1
<b>JUDE</b>		1
<b>PROPHECY</b>		
<b>REVELATION</b> c. 90 AD		
Letters to the seven churches		1 2 3
Sealed book and seven trumpets		4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Wonders and seven vials		12 13 14 15 16
The new heaven and earth		17 18 19 20 21 22

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 The subdivisions of the books on this chart are based on the StoryGuide Scriptures, which you can download for free at [NathanRichardson.com](http://NathanRichardson.com).

The structure used here is suggested by Dennis Bratcher, "The Shape of the Gospel Story." [📄](#)

# ≡ ACTS–REVELATION ≡

## in Approximately Chronological Order

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#### HISTORY

#### ACTS

<b>Jerusalem</b>	c. 34 AD
<b>Judea and Samaria</b>	c. 36 AD
Journey of Peter	c. 40 AD
<b>The uttermost part of the earth</b>	
Journey of Barnabas and Paul	c. 46 AD
Second journey of Paul	c. 50 AD
Third journey of Paul	c. 55 AD
Imprisonment of Paul	c. 60 AD
Later journeys of Paul	c. 65 AD
Later imprisonments and deaths	

1	2	Heb.	3	4	5	6	7
8	9						
10	11	12	James				
13	14	Gal.	15				
16	17	18:1-17	1-2 Thes.	18:18-28'			
19	1-2 Cor.	Rom.	20				
21	22	23	24	1 Pet.	Eph.	25	26
27	28	Philip.	Philem.	Col.			
		Jude	2 Pet.	Titus	1 Tim.		
		2 Tim.	1-3 John	Rev.			

- YELLOW: Letters by Peter
- GREEN: Books by Luke
- BLUE: Books by John
- PURPLE: Letters by Paul

Since many books of the New Testament are difficult to pinpoint chronologically, some book placements were made based instead on thematic commonality with passages from Acts. For example, James was inserted right after the person James is introduced and when there is a famine that led him, with Peter and John, to urge the church to remember the poor, a major theme of the book of James. Likewise, Hebrews has a large range of possible dates, but because it deals largely with temple imagery, it was inserted during the time that the temple is discussed the most in Acts, where the Christians' new understanding of the temple seems most salient.

1 Peter also has quite a range of possible dates. It was placed during Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea in order to (1) remind readers that Paul was not the only disciple active during this time, and (2) impress upon them the passage of time (since Paul was imprisoned there for two years) by leaving the narrative of Acts and then returning.

Galatians could fit around the time of the council on circumcision (Acts 15) or with Romans, and valid reasons exist for both placements. It was placed before Acts 15 in part because I found those arguments more persuasive (Herrick, Bible.org [link](#)), but also because (1) it spreads out the epistles, keeping the reader more engaged with storyline, (2) it fits thematically with the discussion of Acts 15, helping the reader recall and apply the cultural context when reading the epistle, and (3) it comes right after Paul's mission to the area of Galatia, helping the reader recall and apply the historical and geographical context.

#### LETTERS

##### HEBREWS

The greater high priest  
The new covenant

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	

##### JAMES

1	2	3	4	5
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##### GALATIANS

1	2	3	4	5	6
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##### 1 THESSALONIANS, 2 THESSALONIANS

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3
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##### 1 CORINTHIANS

Answers to questions

1	2	3	4	5	6				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

##### 2 CORINTHIANS

God's creations  
Visits to Corinth

1						
2	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

##### ROMANS

Doctrines  
Practices

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16						

##### 1 PETER

1	2	3	4	5
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##### EPHESIANS

1	2	3	4	5	6
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##### PHILIPPIANS

1	2	3	4
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##### PHILEMON

1
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##### COLOSSIANS

1	2	3	4
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##### JUDE

1
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##### 2 PETER

1	2	3
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##### 1 TIMOTHY

1	2	3	4	5	6
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##### TITUS

1	2	3
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##### 2 TIMOTHY

1	2	3	4
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##### 1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN

1	2	3	4	5	1	1
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##### REVELATION

c. 90 AD

Letters to the seven churches  
Sealed book and seven trumpets  
Wonders and seven vials  
The new heaven and earth

1	2	3							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12	13	14	15	16					
17	18	19	20	21	22				

Third journey of Paul

Imprisonment

Later journeys

Later imprisonments

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