

**Journey
Through The
Bible
2022**

What Is The Bible?

THE BIBLE IS

A COLLECTION



The Bible is the authoritative collection of works given by God to humanity. The Bible, then, is what we call a canon, a complete and authoritative collection of one person's written works.

COMPOSED OF TWO TESTAMENTS

The most significant division in the Bible is the division between two Testaments, or two smaller collections of writing: The Old Testament and the New Testament.



A STORY



The complete collection of God's revelation to humanity is in the form of story—the story of what God is accomplishing in this world.

ABOUT JESUS

The focus and hero of the Bible is Jesus. In some way, every part of the Bible points forward to Christ or points back to him.



GOD'S WORD



God is present in and through the Bible in a special way so that he continues to speak to us today. His voice reaches out to us today through the Bible.

COMPLETE

God has spoken and given us the Bible, and there is no reason to believe that he will ever add to it. What he means to tell us he has told us.



TRUSTWORTHY



Because the Bible originates with God, it reflects the character of God. For that reason, we can believe that the Bible is without error and perfectly reliable. What God says is true.

A Collection of Books

- At least 40 human authors
- Written over 1600 years
- Singular message
- Attestation of time

Two Major Sections: Old and New Testaments

- Old Testament: Scripture written before the coming of Jesus Christ
- New Testament: Scripture written after the coming of Jesus Christ

Old Testament

- 39 books by at least 30 different authors
- Covers from creation to about 400 years before Christ, about 4000 to 6000 years
- Will take us 9 months to read

New Testament

- 27 books by 9 or 10 authors
- Covers from about 4 BC to 95 AD
- Will take us 3 months to read

A Story

- Not a textbook, self-help guide, encyclopedia, etc.
- A story of God's creation
- A story of God's sovereignty
- A story about God's plan of redemption
- A story told from God's perspective
- A story with all the parts of a good story
- A story about us

Story Plot Sequence

- Conflict: The fall of Mankind
- Rising Action: God promises and brings the Redeemer
- Climax: The Redeemer comes, lives, dies, and rises again
- Falling action: The mission of the Church
- Resolution: The consummation of all things in Christ

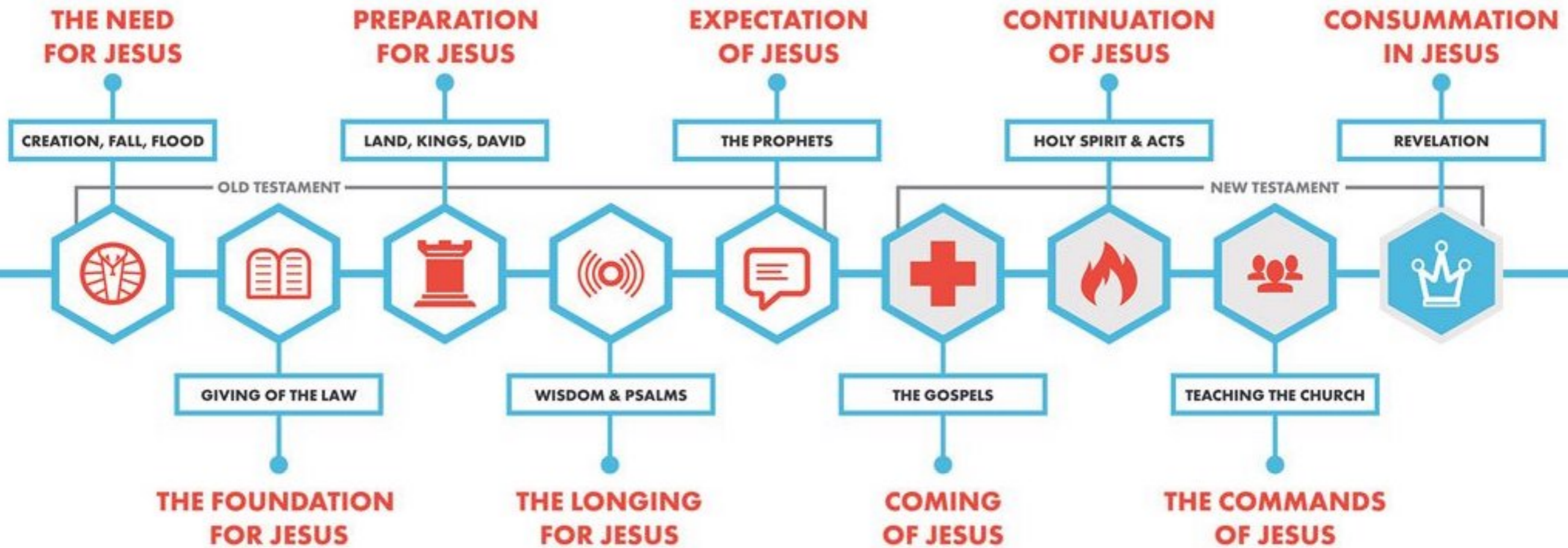
A story about us

- The story tells us of our greatest problem
- The story tells us of our greatest hero
- The story tells us who we are and how we got here

All About Jesus

- Old Testament - Anticipation of the Christ
- Gospels - Manifestation of the Christ
- Acts - Proclamation of the Gospel of Christ
- Epistles - Explanation of the Gospel of Christ
- Revelation - Consummation of all things in Christ

JESUS COVER TO COVER



In every chapter of every book, Jesus is the hero. “Using these reading glasses throughout the Old and New Testament will enable us to see the gracious nature of God who provides redemption as he gives strength to the weak, rest to the weary, deliverance to the disobedient, faithfulness to the unfaithful, food to the hungry, and salvation to sinners. We also learn something about the human nature that requires redemption when heroes fail, patriarchs lie, kings fall, prophets cower, disciples doubt, and covenant people become idolaters. These lenses prevent us from setting up characters in the Bible only as moral heroes to emulate, rather than as flawed men and women who themselves needed God’s grace.”

Bryan Chapell, “4 Ways Your Whole Bible Points to Jesus”

God's Word

- All Scripture was “breathed out” by God
- God's word has power to give life
- God's word is authoritative

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

**‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.’**

Matthew 4:4

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8

Complete

- God's word needs no additional revelation
- We will never find a "lost gospel"
- We will never hear a message directly from God

Trustworthy

- Psalm 19:7-9
- v. 7 - Because Scripture is comprehensive it has the power to restore
- v. 7 - Because Scripture is reliable it has the power to renew
- v. 8 - Because Scripture is right it has the power to refresh
- v. 8 - Because Scripture is clear it has the power to reveal
- v. 9 - Because Scripture is holy it has the power to remain relevant
- v. 9 - Because Scripture is sure it has the power to enable righteousness

Pastor Mike Summers, October 20, 2019

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.**

Psalm 19:10–11

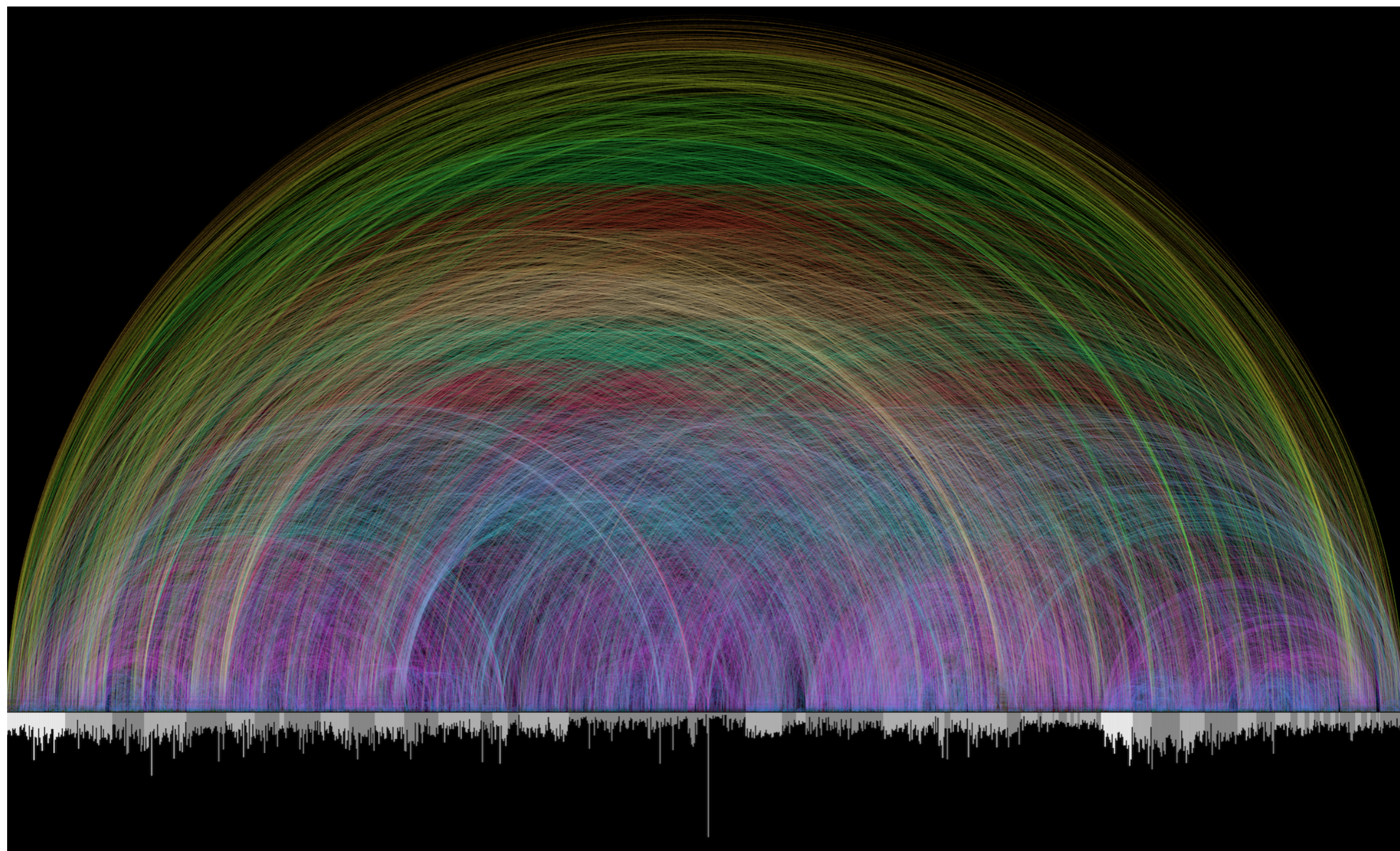
**Why read through the
Bible in a year?**

Why read the Bible?

- Because it is God's Word to us
- It reminds us of our deepest need
- It points us to the only One who can meet that need
- To be able to view the world around us Biblically

Why read the Bible in year?

- To take in the complete story arc of redemption
- To be able to see the forest and not get hung up “examining the leaves”
- To become Biblically literate; to have a familiarity with the background of each book of the Bible
- To better understand how the various parts of the Bible interrelate



63,779 cross references within the text of the Bible

Source: <https://www.chrisharrison.net/index.php/Visualizations/BibleViz>

What is Journey Through The Bible?

Journey Through The Bible is:

- A guided journey, with myself and our pastors as our guides.
- A community of fellow journeyers.
- A custom reading plan with an app to keep us on track.
- Reset points allow you to catch up by skipping some parts.

**Why a custom
reading plan?**

Reading Plan Changes:

- First and Second Chronicles have been broken out of the harmony with 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings and moved to just before Ezra.
- Obadiah and Joel have been moved to what I think are better places in the chronological timeline of the Old Testament.
- The four gospels have been broken out so that each book will be read separately.
- Acts follows the gospel of Luke, as both books were written by Luke.
- John has been moved to the end of the New Testament: the gospel of John, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation.

**How do I use the
JTTB reading plan?**

JTTB Web App:

<https://jttb.netlify.app/>

Smartphone and Tablet Instructions

- iPhone, iPad: <https://youtu.be/eCIAU1jUYQI>
- Android: <https://youtu.be/LTALJZYsZ10>

PC and MacBook Instructions

- Just go to the link: <https://jttb.netlify.app/>
- The text of the Bible will be opened in your browser.