

## TOP TEN DATES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

<b>2166 B.C.</b>
The Birth of Abraham
<b>1876 B.C.</b>
The Migration to Egypt
<b>1446 B.C.</b>
The Exodus from Egypt
<b>1406 B.C.</b>
The Entrance into Canaan
<b>1010 B.C.</b>
The Accession of David
<b>931 B.C.</b>
The Division of the Kingdom
<b>722 B.C.</b>
The Destruction of Samaria
<b>586 B.C.</b>
The Destruction of Jerusalem
<b>538 B.C.</b>
The Edict of Return
<b>c. 420 B.C.</b>
The Completion of the Old Testament

## OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS, AUTHORS AND DATES

BOOK	DATE
Genesis	1446
Exodus	1446
Leviticus	1445
Numbers	1406
Deuteronomy	1406
Joshua	1360
Judges	1045
Ruth	1015
1 Samuel	970
2 Samuel	970
1 Kings	560
2 Kings	560
1 Chronicles	457
2 Chronicles	457
Ezra	456
Nehemiah	420
Esther	425
Job	1425
Psalms	420 (final form)
Proverbs	950
Ecclesiastes	940
Song of Solomon	965
Isaiah	680
Jeremiah	560
Lamentations	586
Ezekiel	570
Daniel	536
Hosea	725
Joel	835
Amos	750
Obadiah	845
Jonah	763
Micah	725
Nahum	660
Habakkuk	635
Zephaniah	630
Haggai	520
Zechariah	518
Malachi	430

## TOP TEN DATES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

<b>2 B.C</b>
Jesus is Born
<b>29 A.D.</b>
The Baptism of Jesus
<b>33 A.D.</b>
Jesus crucified, died, buried and resurrected, and ascended into heaven
<b>36 A.D.</b>
Steven Stoned
The Conversion of Paul
<b>47-48 A.D.</b>
Paul's 1st Missionary Journey
<b>49 A.D.</b>
Jerusalem Council
<b>49-51 A.D.</b>
Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey
<b>52-55 A.D.</b>
Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey
<b>68 A.D.</b>
Peter and Paul Martyred in Rome
<b>70 A.D.</b>
The Temple in Jerusalem De- stroyed

## NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS, AUTHORS AND DATES

BOOK	AUTHOR	DATE
Matthew	Matthew	50-60
Mark	Mark	c 60
Luke	Luke	65-69
John	John	90-100
Acts	Luke	69
Romans	Paul	56
1 Corinthians	Paul	55
2 Corinthians	Paul	55
Galatians	Paul	48
Ephesians	Paul	59-61
Philippians	Paul	59-61
Colossians	Paul	59-61
1 Thessalonians	Paul	50
2 Thessalonians	Paul	50
1 Timothy	Paul	62-63
2 Timothy	Paul	65-67
Titus	Paul	63
Philemon	Paul	59-61
Hebrews	? Paul	65-70
James	James the Less	c 45
1 Peter	Peter	61-62
2 Peter	Peter	62
1 John	John	90-100
2 John	John	90-100
3 John	John	90-100
Jude	Jude	60-70
Revelation	John	95

A QUICK GUIDE TO  
READING THE SCRIPTURES

**Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, Teach me Your Word of truth, that I might know Your Son, my Lord Jesus, and believe Your great love for me. Amen.

Make a note of what you are reading (BOOK OF THE BIBLE, CHAPTER: VERSES).

How long did you read?

Write down any words or ideas that you did not understand.

FIND THE LAW

- What commands are in the text?
- Where does the text show me my sins?

FIND THE GOSPEL

- What promises are in the text?
- Where does the text show me Jesus, God’s love and mercy, the forgiveness of my sins?

Write a short summary of the teaching of this text?

What questions to you have about this text?

**Closing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me the treasure of Your Word. Amen.

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LAW AND GOSPEL  
WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

LAW	GOSPEL
Tells us what to do	Tells us what God has done for us
Shows us our sin	Shows us our Savior
Always accuses	Always forgives
Brings death	Brings life
Demands perfect righteousness	Gives the righteousness of God
Kept by works	Had by faith
The Ten Commandments	The Apostle's Creed
Revealed in nature and creation	Revealed in the Scripture alone
Threatens	Promises
Demand	Gift

The Law and the Gospel

This difference between the Law and the Gospel is the height of knowledge in Christendom. Every person and all persons who assume or glory in the name of Christian should know and be able to state this difference. If this ability is lacking, one cannot tell a Christian from a heathen or a Jew; of such supreme importance is this differentiation. This is why St. Paul so strongly insists on a clean-cut and proper differentiating of these two doctrines. [Martin Luther, Sermon On Galatians, 1532]

THE WORD OF GOD  
CREATES FAITH

**Matthew 17:5** He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

**John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

**John 15:3-5** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you....

**John 17:17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

**Acts 10:44** While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

**Romans 1:16-17** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

**Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**1 Corinthians 1:21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

**Galatians 3:2** Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

**James 1:18** Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

See also **Galatians 3:5, Ephesians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 2:14-17, 1 Peter 1:23-25**

A QUICK GUIDE TO  
PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

Martin Luther wrote a letter to his barber Peter, teaching him to weave the Scriptures into a four-fold strand of prayer. He writes:

If I have had time and opportunity to go through the Lord's Prayer, I do the same with the Ten Commandments. I take one part after another and free myself as much as possible from distractions in order to pray. I divide each commandment into four parts, thereby fashioning a garland of four strands. That is, I think of each commandment as, first, **instruction**, which is really what it is intended to be, and consider what the Lord God demands of me so earnestly. Second, I turn it into a **thanksgiving**; third, a **confession**; and fourth, a **prayer**.

**INSTRUCTION:** What has the text taught me?

“Lord, You teach me...”

**THANKSGIVING:** What gift of God does the text give?

“Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me the gifts of...”

**CONFESSION:** How does the text show me my sin?

“O Lord, I have sinned by...”

**PRAYER (or PETITION):** What does God want to give me?

“Have mercy on me, O God, and, according to Your Word, give me...”