



the bible in
two pages

description

Have you ever wished you could view the Bible in its entirety, all at once? If you've ever felt disconnected or intimidated by the major events or themes of the Bible, or even the structure of the book itself, this resource is for you! In just two beautifully designed pages, author Angie Smith gives an overview of every book of the Bible in less than a sentence for each.

Keep these pages in your Bible, in your Bible study notebook or journal, or just keep them saved to your computer for easy reference.

introduction

I have had more Bibles than I can count since I began my journey with God over 15 years ago. Many of them are weathered, marked and littered with notes and prayers. It took me years and years of reading to begin to understand the story of Scripture, but when I began to, the world came into sharp focus for the first time.

The entire Bible is a vast library, written by 40 authors over 1,600 years. You can explore the nooks and crannies for a lifetime. A lot of the time, you know a verse or a story, but you don't know where it lands in the bigger picture, so you miss the significance. How does it all fit into the grand narrative?

This resource won't magically turn you into a Bible scholar just because you fold it up and slip it into your Bible, but I hope it helps you orient yourself a little bit more the next time you try to read God's Word. Because the more we understand the full story of Scripture, the more we understand who God is and what He has for us. And that, my friend, changes everything.

Blessings,
Angie Smith

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THE PENTATEUCH: THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Genesis = the beginning

Exodus = God rescues His people

Leviticus = laws God gave the Israelites

Numbers = time period after Exodus, before entry to the Promised Land

Deuteronomy = Moses' final speeches

THE HISTORICAL BOOKS: THE OBEDIENCE AND DISOBEDIENCE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Joshua = the Israelites enter the Promised Land

Judges = God gives the Israelites judges to rule them

Ruth = a story of redemption

1 Samuel = God gives His people a king

2 Samuel = the kingdom of David

1 Kings = King Solomon

2 Kings = the various kings of Israel and Judah

1 & 2 Chronicles = religious history of Israel at the time of the kings

Ezra = restored worship in the temple

Nehemiah = rebuilds the wall of Jerusalem

Esther = God uses a woman to save His people

THE POETIC AND WISDOM WRITINGS

Job = faithfulness amidst suffering

Psalms = songs of worship expressing all types of emotion

Proverbs = wise teachings largely from King Solomon

Ecclesiastes = wisdom about life from a somewhat cynical viewpoint

Song of Solomon = a love poem between human lovers that illustrates how God loves His people

THE MAJOR PROPHETS (DECLARED "MAJOR" BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH OF TEXT, NOT BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANCE COMPARED TO THE MINOR PROPHETS)

Isaiah = tells of Jesus hundreds of years before His birth

Jeremiah = tells God's people they would be conquered by the Babylonians

Lamentations = mourns the downfall of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple

Ezekiel = preaches judgment and then forgiveness when the people repent

Daniel = remaining faithful to God during the Babylonian exile

THE MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea = an illustration of God's love for His people

Joel = preaches during a locust plague

Amos = urges God's people to turn back to Him

Obadiah = preaches to Edom

Jonah = preaches God's message to the Assyrians

Micah = predicts the birthplace of Jesus

Nahum = preaches to Nineveh

Habakkuk = the just shall live by faith

Zephaniah = warnings about the Day of the Lord

Haggai = urges the rebuilding of the temple

Zechariah = also urges the rebuilding of the temple

Malachi = last prophet of the Old Testament

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THE GOSPELS AND ACTS

Matthew = the gospel directed to the Jewish people

Mark = the action-packed gospel

Luke = a gospel known for its attention to detail

John = the gospel urging everyone to believe

Acts = the beginning of the Church

PAUL'S EPISTLES (LETTERS) AND HEBREWS (IT'S DEBATED WHETHER OR NOT PAUL IS THE WRITER OF HEBREWS)

Romans = Paul's explanation of Christian beliefs

1 Corinthians = Paul to the turbulent church in Corinth

2 Corinthians = Paul encouraging the church in Corinth to be comforted in Christ

Galatians = Jesus came to set us free

Ephesians = wisdom and practical advice for Christians living in the world

Philippians = encouragement to rejoice, no matter the circumstances

Colossians = Christ freed us from the law

1 & 2 Thessalonians = Paul encouraging the church at Thessalonica

1 Timothy = how to minister in the church

2 Timothy = the last letter of Paul

Titus = advice on leadership

Philemon = a plea for a brother in Christ

Hebrews = Jesus is the Prophet, Priest and King

GENERAL EPISTLES (LETTERS WRITTEN BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN PAUL)

James = practical instruction on how to live as a Christian

1 & 2 Peter = perseverance in the truth

1 John = how to walk as Jesus walked

2 John = walk in truth and love

3 John = encouragement to Gaius

Jude = warnings about false teachers

REVELATION

Revelation = prophecy about the end of the world and the new earth