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*For Students, Schools and Groups*



# The Essential 100® Challenge

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## How to Take The Essential 100 Challenge

The Essential 100 Challenge is an easy way to get a quick overview of the whole Bible by reading 100 short Bible passages. Read the Complete Passage or just the Key Verse for each. Either way, you'll get the big picture of the Bible...without getting bogged down.

To take the Challenge, follow these steps:

1. Register your name on the "I Took the E100 Challenge" section of [www.BibleCity.org](http://www.BibleCity.org).
2. Find a Bible translation that's easy for you to understand
3. Set aside a time and place to read the Bible each day. Read the Bible passage, perhaps more than once, thinking about what it means to you.
4. Use the List below to track your progress through The Essential 100 Challenge

Go to [www.BibleCity.org/freebible](http://www.BibleCity.org/freebible) and request a Free Bible from the National Bible Association. You can also go to the "Literature" Section of the Bible City website and browse study guides, reading guides, and many other helpful tools to guide you as you read the Bible.

## 3 Easy Steps for Finding Any Bible Passage

The Bible is divided into 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books. Each book is sub-divided into chapters and verses. If you are new to the Bible, here are 3 easy steps for finding any of The Essential 100 passages:

1. Bible references are listed in this order—name of book, chapter, verse.
2. Find the page number of the Bible book from the Table of Contents in your Bible.
3. Locate the chapter and verse(s) in that book. It's easy once you get the hang of it.

# Old Testament

	Key Verse	Complete Passage
<u><i>In the Beginning</i></u>		
1. Creation	Genesis 1:1	Genesis 1:1—2:25
2. The Fall	Genesis 3:1	Genesis 3:1-24
3. The Flood	Genesis 6:17	Genesis 6:5—7:24
4. God's Covenant with Noah	Genesis 9:8-11	Genesis 8:1—9:17
5. The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:5-7	Genesis 11:1-9
<u><i>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob</i></u>		
6. The Call of Abram	Genesis 12:1-3	Genesis 12:1-20
7. God's Covenant with Abram	Genesis 15:5-6	Genesis 15:1-21
8. Isaac's Birth and "Sacrifice"	Genesis 22:11-12	Genesis 21:1—22:19
9. Jacob and Esau Compete	Genesis 27:36	Genesis 27:1—28:22
10. Jacob and Esau Reconcile	Genesis 33:4	Genesis 32:1—33:20
<u><i>The Story of Joseph</i></u>		
11. Sold Into Slavery	Genesis 37:26-28	Genesis 37:1-36
12. Prison and a Promotion	Genesis 41:14-16	Genesis 39:1—41:57
13. Ten Brothers Go to Egypt	Genesis 42:3-5	Genesis 42:1-38
14. The Brothers Return	Genesis 43:14	Genesis 43:1—44:34
15. Joseph Reveals His Identity	Genesis 45:4-5	Genesis 45:1—46:7
<u><i>Moses and the Exodus</i></u>		
16. The Birth of Moses	Exodus 2:10	Exodus 1:1—2:25
17. The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:10	Exodus 3:1—4:17
18. The Ten Plagues	Exodus 11:9-10	Exodus 6:28—11:10
19. Passover and Exodus	Exodus 12:12-13	Exodus 12:1-42
20. Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14:13-14	Exodus 13:17--14:31
<u><i>The Law and the Land</i></u>		
21. The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-3	Exodus 19:1—20:21
22. The Golden Calf	Exodus 32:7-8	Exodus 32:1—34:35
23. Joshua Succeeds Moses	Joshua 1:5-6	Joshua 1:1-18
24. Crossing the Jordan	Joshua 3:15-16	Joshua 3:1—4:24
25. The Fall of Jericho	Joshua 6:20	Joshua 5:13—6:27

### The Judges

26. Israel's Disobedience	Judges 2:11-12	Judges 2:6—3:6
27. Deborah Leads Israel	Judges 4:4-5	Judges 4:1—5:31
28. Gideon Defeats the Midianites	Judges 7:7	Judges 6:1—7:25
29. Samson Defeats the Philistines	Judges 16:29-30	Judges 13:1—16:31
30. The Story of Ruth	Ruth 4:13-17	Ruth 1:1—4:22

### The Rise of Israel

31. Samuel Listens to God	1 Samuel 3:10	1 Samuel 1:1—3:21
32. King Saul	1 Samuel 10:1	1 Samuel 8:1—10:27
33. David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:10	1 Samuel 16:1-18:16
34. David and Saul	1 Samuel 24:10-11	1 Samuel 23:7-24:22
35. King David	2 Samuel 7:8-9	2 Samuel 5:1—7:29

### The Fall of Israel

36. David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 12:9-10	2 Samuel 11:1--12:25
37. King Solomon	1 Kings 3:27-28	1 Kings 2:1—3:28
38. Solomon's Temple	1 Kings 8:29-30	1 Kings 8:1—9:9
39. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:20-21	1 Kings 16:29--19:18
40. The Fall of Jerusalem	2 Kings 25:10-11	2 Kings 25:1-30

### Psalms and Proverbs

41. The Lord is My Shepherd	Psalms 23:1	Psalms 23:1-6
42. Have Mercy on Me	Psalms 51:10-11	Psalms 51:1-19
43. Praise the Lord	Psalms 103:1	Psalms 103:1-22
44. Godly Wisdom	Proverbs 3:5-6	Proverbs 1:1—4:27
45. Proverbs of Solomon	Proverbs 16:8	Proverbs 16:1--18:24

### The Prophets

46. The Suffering Servant	Isaiah 53:5	Isaiah 51:1—53:12
47. Jeremiah's Call and Message	Jeremiah 1:9-10	Jeremiah 1:1—3:5
48. Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:21-22	Daniel 6:1-28
49. The Story of Jonah	Jonah 1:15-17	Jonah 1:1—4:11
50. The Day of Judgment	Malachi 3:5	Malachi 1:1—4:6

## New Testament

Key Verse                      Complete Passage

### The Early Years of Jesus

51. The Word	John 1:14	John 1:1-18
52. Gabriel's Messages	Luke 1:30-31	Luke 1:1-80
53. The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:10-11	Luke 2:1-40
54. John the Baptist	Luke 3:15-16	Luke 3:1-20
55. Baptism and Temptation	Matthew 3:16-17	Matthew 3:13—4:17

### The Teachings of Jesus

56. Sermon on the Mount—Part 1	Matthew 5:14-16	Matthew 5:1—6:4
57. Sermon on the Mount—Part 2	Matthew 6:33	Matthew 6:5—7:29
58. The Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:45-46	Matthew 13:1-58
59. The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:36-37	Luke 10:25-37
60. Lost and Found	Luke 15:10	Luke 15:1-32

### The Miracles of Jesus

61. Feeding the Five Thousand	Luke 9:16-17	Luke 9:1-36
62. Walking on Water	Matthew 14:31-33	Matthew 14:22-36
63. Healing a Blind Man	John 9:6-7	John 9:1-41
64. Healing a Demon-Possessed Man	Mark 5:18-20	Mark 5:1-20
65. Raising Lazarus from the Dead	John 11:43-44	John 11:1-57

### The Final Days of Jesus

66. The Last Supper	Luke 22:19-20	Luke 22:1-46
67. Arrest and Trial	John 18:38-40	John 18:1-40
68. The Crucifixion	John 19:17-18	John 19:1-42
69. The Resurrection	John 20:19-20	John 20:1—21:25
70. The Ascension	Acts 1:9-11	Acts 1:1-11

### The Church is Born

71. The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4	Acts 2:1-47
72. Growth and Persecution	Acts 4:1-4	Acts 3:1—4:37
73. The First Martyr	Acts 7:59-60	Acts 6:8—8:8
74. Sharing the Word	Acts 8:34-35	Acts 8:26-40
75. Good News for All	Acts 10:34-35	Acts 10:1—11:18

### The Travels of the Apostle Paul

76. The Road to Damascus	Acts 9:3-5	Acts 9:1-31
77. The First Missionary Journey	Acts 14:21-22	Acts 13:1—14:28
78. The Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15:5-6	Acts 15:1-41
79. More Missionary Journeys	Acts 16:9-10	Acts 16:1—20:38
80. The Trip to Rome	Acts 28:15-16	Acts 25:1—28:31

### Letters to the Early Churches

81. More Than Conquerors	Romans 8:28	Romans 8:1-39
82. The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-23	Galatians 5:16—6:10
83. The Armor of God	Ephesians 6:10-11	Ephesians 6:10-20
84. Rejoice in the Lord	Philippians 4:4	Philippians 4:4-9
85. A Description of Jesus	Colossians 1:17-18	Colossians 1:1-23

### Letters to the Early Church Leaders

86. Elders and Deacons	1 Timothy 3:1-3	1 Timothy 3:1-16
87. The Love of Money	1 Timothy 6:10	1 Timothy 6:3-21
88. God's Workman	2 Timothy 2:15	2 Timothy 2:1-26
89. All Scripture is God-breathed	2 Timothy 3:16-17	2 Timothy 3:10—4:8
90. The Coming of the Lord	1 Thessalonians 4:16-17	1 Thessalonians 4:13—5:11

### The Apostles' Teaching

91. The Most Excellent Way	1 Corinthians 13:13	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
92. A New Creation	2 Corinthians 5:17	2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2
93. A Living Hope	1 Peter 1:3	1 Peter 1:1—2:12
94. Faith and Works	James 2:17	James 1:1—2:26
95. Love One Another	1 John 4:7	1 John 3:11—4:21

### The Revelation

96. A Voice and a Vision	Revelation 1:17-18	Revelation 1:1-20
97. Messages to the Churches	Revelation 3:21-22	Revelation 2:1—3:22
98. The Throne of Heaven	Revelation 7:11-12	Revelation 4:1—7:17
99. Hallelujah!	Revelation 19:6-7	Revelation 19:1--20:15
100. The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21:2-4	Revelation 21:1--22:21

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