



TXT Message part 2
“How can I understand it?”
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“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8

Trying to understand the text can be intimidating!

Testament means Testimony!

The Bible is a witness to God’s love for us revealed to us by God interacting in human history. The Bible tells a story. It is the story of God’s self revealing love to all of us. First God reveals Godself to the people call Hebrews, whose mission was to share God with the world; this is in the Old Testament. Then God reveals Godself to all people through Jesus Christ and the community of disciples that follows Jesus. This is the New Testament.

Old vs. New Testament
Can’t have one without the other!

#1 RULE: The Bible is a why book, not a how book.

The Bible isn’t in chronological order and it is made up of lots of different types of books.

Old Testament Books:

History: Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuels, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel (some of it).

Law: Leviticus, Deuteronomy, and parts of Exodus

Prophet: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the Book of the 12

Wisdom: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes,, Job

Poetry: Psalms, Song of Solomon

New Testament Books:

The Gospels: Matthew + Mark + Luke = the synoptic gospels

John is in a category by himself.

History: Acts

Letters: The rest of the books

Revelation: apocalyptic

If they were in chronological order

Old Testament

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Samuels, Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah
Ruth Chronicles
Daniel, Esther
The prophets

The rest of the books really can't be dated....
Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

New Testament

Paul's letters, the Gospels, James and other letters, Revelation



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