

## Core Biblical Texts

### Old Testament

Genesis 1:1—2:3	Creation 1
Genesis 2:4—3:24	Creation 2
Genesis 6—8	Noah narrative
Genesis 22:1-18	
Exodus 12:1-20	Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread
Exodus 14	The Exodus event
Exodus 20	The Ten Commandments
Leviticus 16	The priestly sacrifice, Aaron, Day of Atonement, <i>Yom Kippur</i>
Numbers 6:24-26	The blessing—an act by word or speech transmitting power for life to another individual or party—more happens than can be explained, like the sacraments
Deuteronomy 5:6-21	The Ten Commandments
Deuteronomy 6:4-9	
Deuteronomy 7:6-8	Election
Deuteronomy 10:14-15	Chosenness
1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer
1 Samuel 3	Samuel's calling
1 Samuel 8	The people determined to have a king
1 Samuel 20:12-42	David and Jonathan's friendship
Psalms 6, 8, 22, 32, 51, 77, 88, 100	
Ecclesiastes 1:1-12	
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	
Isaiah 6, 12, 35, 42, 43, 52, 53	

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Jeremiah 1:1-13	Jeremiah's unwillingness
Jeremiah 9:25-26	Circumcised (baptized?)—only in the foreskin, not the heart
Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Daniel 7—12	Apocalyptic literature
Hosea 6:6	
Joel 2:1-24	
Micah 6:8	
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### **New Testament**

On Matthew texts, also see parallel texts in Mark and Luke

Matthew 3:13-17	
Matthew 5:1-12	
Matthew 5:13-16	Discipleship
Matthew 7:1-5	Forgiveness
Matthew 10:5-23	Discipleship
Matthew 11:28-30	
Matthew 13:44-46	Kingdom parables
Matthew 16:24-26	
Matthew 17:1-8	Transfiguration
Matthew 20:1-16	The Kingdom's upside-down protocols
Matthew 21:1-16	Overtaken temple tables—the risk of the prophetic movement, upsetting religious sensibilities
Matthew 22:34-40	The Great Commandment

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Matthew 23:37-39	Lament over Jerusalem
Matthew 26:36-47	The spirit is willing; the flesh is weak
Matthew 27:45-50	It is completed
Matthew 28:18-20	The Great Commission
Mark 10:35-45	Whoever wishes to be first among you must be servant of all
Mark 12:41-44	Widow's mite—she gave all she had
Luke 1:46-56	<i>Magnificat</i>
Luke 1:67-79	Zechariah's prophecy
Luke 12:25-35	<i>Nunc dimittis</i> , Simeon's song
Luke 6:27-36	Love of enemies
Luke 10:1-20	Commission of the Seventy
Luke 15:1-32	Parables of the lost
Luke 18:18-26	The rich ruler
Luke 24:13-35	Emmaus Road resurrection appearance
John 1:1-5, 14	Prologue to John's Gospel
John 3:16-21	
John 6:35-51	Jesus as the Bread of Life
John 11:17-26	The Resurrection and the Life
John 13:1-9, 31-34	Foot washing, commandment to love
John 17:1-28	High priestly prayer of Jesus
Acts 2:37-47	Signs, wonders, conversions
Acts 5:1-6	Stewardship is serious business; you are only lying to God in withholding

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Acts 6:1-7	From apostles to deacons
Acts 7:51-60	Telling the truth can be costly—Stephen’s martyrdom, the first Christian martyr
Acts 10:34-48	Peter’s preaching
Acts 15 Acts 17:22-34	Jerusalem council Paul’s preaching
Acts 19:1-7	Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ
Romans 5:1-14	
Romans 6:1-11	
Romans 8:1-17	
Romans 11: 1-24	Chosen people remain chosen
Romans 12:9-21	Instructions for disciples
1 Corinthians 1:20-25	Divine wisdom
1 Corinthians 3:5-9	God gives the growth
1 Corinthians 12	The Body of Christ
2 Corinthians 4:1-12	We have this treasure (Gospel) in clay pots, broken vessels
Galatians 5:1-6	
Galatians 5:16-26	
Ephesians 2:1-10	By grace you have been saved through faith
Ephesians 4	Oneness in Christ Jesus
Philippians 2:1-11	Christ hymn
Philippians 4:4-7	Joy and peace
Colossians 1:3-20	Vital text on the supremacy of Christ and the efficacy of the church

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Colossians 3:1-17	Living the transformed life
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Children of the light awaiting the fulfillment of God's promises
Hebrews 11	Recounting faith—great connection between the Old and New Testaments
Hebrews 12:1-3	The great cloud of witnesses
James 2:1-13	Instruction to the Christian community
James 5:1-16	Instruction to the Christian community
1 Peter 1:3-9	New birth and living hope
1 Peter 3:13-22	Christian apologetic—significance of baptism
1 Peter 4:7-11	Maintain love, be good stewards—awaiting the end of all things
1 John 2:7-17	
1 John 3:11-24	Love in Christ, the world will hate you
Revelation 11:15	Watching the ultimate prayer of the church
Revelation 22:30	
Revelation 21:1-4	