Your Bible Journal

You have a writing page for every book in this journal. They all ask the same questions on purpose. Remember this is not meant to be a line by line exegetical study of the Bible. The goal of this year of reading and watching (or listening) is simply to make you familiar with the Bible, help you understand the overarching narrative and to create a hunger to know more.

But the Bible is a living book in that while it was written to specific people in a specific time in history and a particular geographic space, it is also applicable for us today who are Jesus followers and lovers of Yahweh. Therefore it will minister to you as you read and you want to record those moments too.

These writing pages are a place to record a few thoughts as you complete each book. Don't agonise or overthink this, just write :) You may not find a personal application in every passage! Sometimes the most valuable outcome is simply understanding what the book meant in its original setting and how it contributes to the story of God's purposes.

1. **What is the main theme of this book?**
   Take a moment once you have finished reading this book to jot down some notes to summarise its central message in a sentence or two.

2. **Where does this book fit into the big story of the Bible?**
   To answer this question ask yourself how does it connect with what comes before and after it?

3. **What does this book teach me about God and His purposes?**
   Keeping the BIG picture in mind, ask yourself: what do I learn about His character, His promises or His relationship with people?

4. **What key verse or passage stood out to me?**
   This is the first of two personal questions where you can write down a verse or passage and explain briefly why it caught your attention.

5. **How has this book challenged, encouraged or changed my understanding?**
   Was something confusing? Challenging? Do you need to remember something the Holy Spirit stirred in you? Is there something I want to remember, reflect on or put into practice? This is where you write this down.



TORAH AND HISTORICAL BOOKS

- [ ] Genesis
- [ ] Exodus
- [ ] Leviticus
- [ ] Numbers
- [ ] Deuteronomy
- [ ] Joshua
- [ ] Judges
- [ ] Ruth
- [ ] 1 & 2 Samuel
- [ ] 1 & 2 Kings
- [ ] 1 & 2 Chronicles
- [ ] Ezra
- [ ] Nehemiah
- [ ] Esther

GENESIS

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EXODUS

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LEVITICUS

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NUMBERS

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DEUTERONOMY

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JOSHUA

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JUDGES

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RUTH

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1 & 2 SAMUEL

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1 & 2 KINGS

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1 & 2 CHRONICLES

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EZRA

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NEHEMIAH

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ESTHER

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WISDOM LITERATURE, POETRY AND PROPHETS

- [ ] Job
- [ ] Psalms
- [ ] Proverbs
- [ ] Ecclesiastes
- [ ] Song of Songs
- [ ] Isaiah
- [ ] Jeremiah
- [ ] Lamentations
- [ ] Ezekiel
- [ ] Daniel
- [ ] Hosea
- [ ] Joel
- [ ] Amos
- [ ] Obadiah
- [ ] Jonah
- [ ] Micah
- [ ] Nahum
- [ ] Habakkuk
- [ ] Zephaniah
- [ ] Haggai
- [ ] Zechariah
- [ ] Malachi

JOB

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PSALMS

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PROVERBS

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ECCLESIASTES

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SONG OF SONGS

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ISAIAH

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JEREMIAH

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LAMENTATIONS

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EZEKIEL

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DANIEL

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HOSEA

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JOEL

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AMOS

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OBADIAH

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JONAH

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MICAH

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NAHUM

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HABAKKUK

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ZEPHANIAH

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HAGGAI

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ZECHARIAH

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MALACHI

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- [ ] Matthew
- [ ] Mark
- [ ] Luke
- [ ] John
- [ ] Acts

MATTHEW

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MARK

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LUKE

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JOHN

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ACTS

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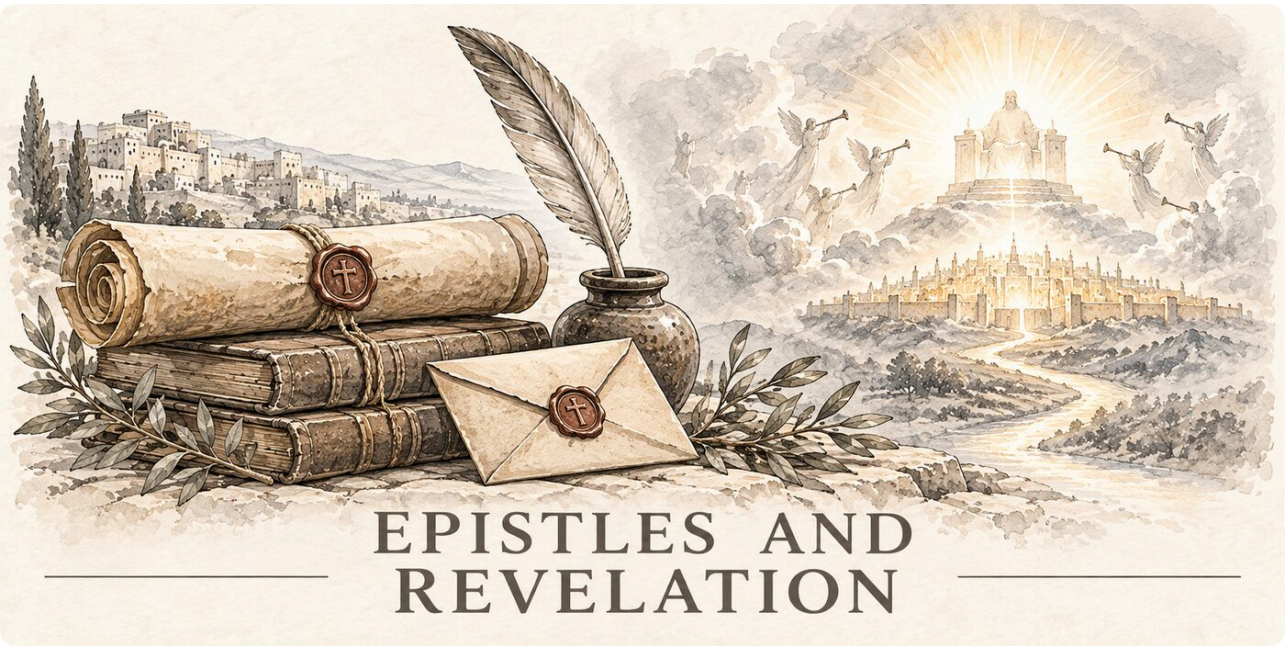

- [ ] Romans
- [ ] 1 & 2 Corinthians
- [ ] Galatians
- [ ] Ephesians
- [ ] Philippians
- [ ] Colossians
- [ ] 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- [ ] 1 & 2 Timothy
- [ ] Titus
- [ ] Philemon
- [ ] Hebrews
- [ ] James
- [ ] 1 & 2 Peter
- [ ] 1, 2 & 3 John
- [ ] Jude
- [ ] Revelation

ROMANS

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1 & 2 CORINTHIANS

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GALATIANS

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EPHESIANS

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PHILIPPIANS

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COLOSSIANS

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1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

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1 & 2 TIMOTHY

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TITUS

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PHILEMON

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HEBREWS

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JAMES

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1 & 2 PETER

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1, 2 & 3 JOHN

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JUDE

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REVELATION

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