

A Great Way to Read Your Bible!

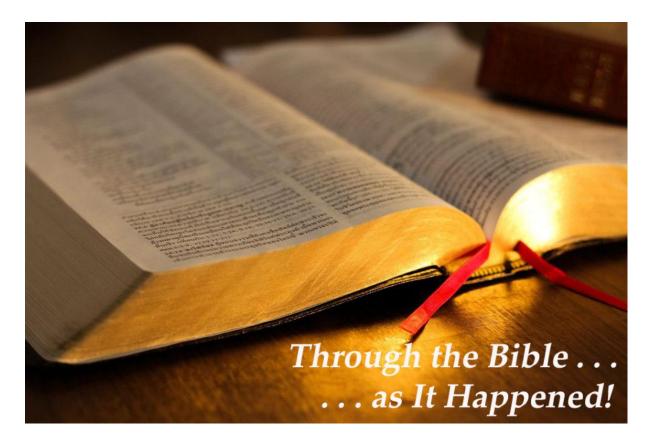
A new <u>Bible reading program</u> has been released which approaches the Bible in a new and unique way than most people are used to. It offers the reader an opportunity to read all of the way through the Bible - to do it chronologically - and to do it in just a year! For people who have never done that, which includes the vast majority of people, it offers them a chance to stand out in their peer groups, and to satisfy their deep desire to please the God they serve.

It is a known fact that:

- 1 Less than 10% of all Christians have ever read the Bible all of the way through. Many have never even considered doing it, or thought it was not attainable for them.
- 2 Most Christians have difficulty understanding many parts of the Bible. Although a few major Bible texts are familiar and well understood, large sections of the Bible remain obscure to the average layman.
- 3 Because 21st Century life is so fast paced, many Christians have left meaningful devotional times with God out of their lives. That may be because they have not known how to confidently approach this subject.

The new program is <u>"Through the Bible . . . as It Happened"</u>. The person who uses this program will gain a much better understanding of Scripture because of how the program works and because of what features are included in it.

In short, it is a chronological reading of the Bible, with extensive help included with it. Chronological means "in order". The Bible as it appears in its standard form takes a "themed" approach to its material. The authors who wrote the Scriptures were interested in their particular situations and events. So they compiled their work in what we call "book" formats, subject matter being their guide.



There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. They cover a time span of 4,500 years and they are not neatly placed in the order that the events occurred. In fact, everything jumps back and forth. That makes it hard for the reader to comprehend much of what takes place and the relationship of events to each other is largely lost.

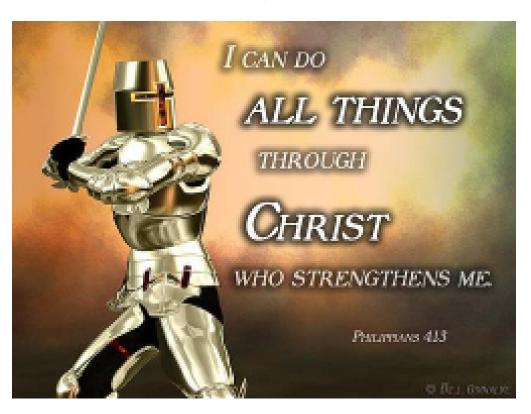
The author of the program. David Shreve, has re-arranged the Bible's material so that it flows smoothly in order. Event follows event in the order in which they happened. That's how most novels are written. From the beginning scenes, through the myriad of events, leading to a conclusion!

So, one of the great things about this program is how it works - that is its foundation.

But there are other chronological approaches to <u>the Bible in existence</u>. Some are simple general re-arrangements taking up no more than a piece of paper.

Some are complete hardcover volumes which take the Scripture text and rearrange it within the volume. What makes this program stand out from them?

- 1 The re-arrangement itself. The author began this effort in 1974, long before any such materials existed. Through the years, as he read through the Bible each year himself using this program, he researched and compared and revised and revised continually, until he released his program to the general public in 2018. There is probably not another chronological program this thorough in its development. Getting the order of events exactly right was a priority for him and a painstaking effort and the results prove the value of that effort.
- 2 The study helps which are included. It is hard to find a chronological reading program which explains some of the more difficult-to-understand portions of the Bible. Most simply attempt a re-arrangement of the Scriptures and let it go at that. That's not enough for most laymen. They need some good, solid explanations of material they are reading.



Mr. Shreve is degreed in the Bible and has a minor in Greek. He has spent his life studying the Bible, from his days at Cedarville University until the present.

His library consists of hundreds of volumes in theology and Bible related books. His views are mainstream and evangelical. In the few instances where he diverges from orthodoxy, he alerts the reader that he is expressing a minor view. The reader doesn't have to worry.

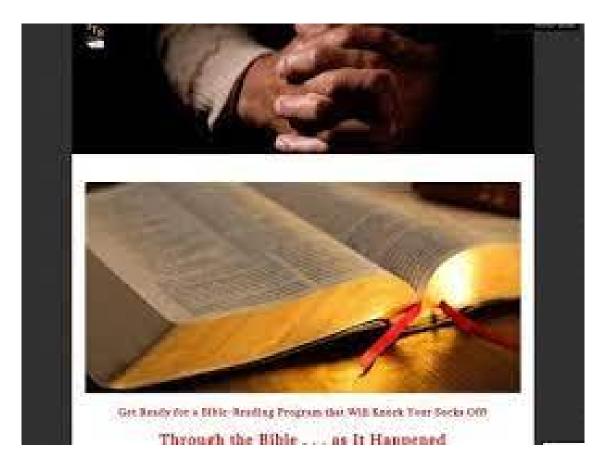
The notes are extensive, too. The project is over 1,200 pages, so not much is left out. He treats some of the Biblical material from a theological perspective and some from a devotional perspective. He feeds the head and the heart!

That's a great question! One that many Christians haven't much thought about! In fact, the vast majority of Christians have never even considered it, let alone done it.

That's about to change for many of them!

The reason is because of a new reading program called "<u>Through the Bible...</u> as It <u>Happened!</u>" It re-arranges the Bible material into a chronological format. That means the events are re-arranged so the reader reads them in the order they occurred - much like a novel. The normal way the Bible is arranged is "themed." That means the material is all put together according to subject, not according to when it happened.

For example, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, and 1 & 2 Chronicles all cover much of the same material. It is a theme: the history of Israel from the time of the kings until the country's dissolution. If read as they appear in the Bible, the reader reads about that history not once, not twice, but three times. The chronological version puts all of them together seamlessly - so the reader reads that part of Israel's history just once, and with the ability to compare the nuances of each of the three accountings. And they do differ in many of the details.



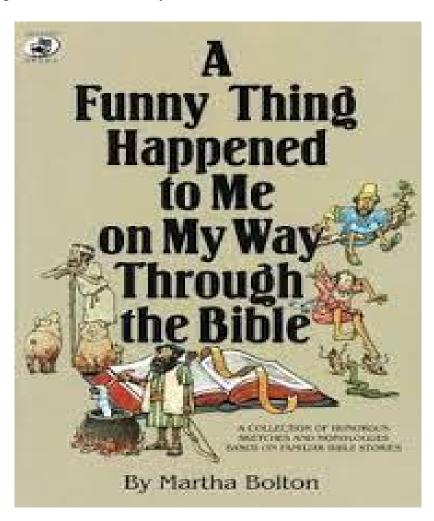
That's just the start of it! Most of the prophets had their ministries during that part of Israel's existence, but their books appear long after those books, way back in the end section of the Old Testament.

The author of the program, David Shreve, has put all of those prophetic writings where they belong, verse by verse. It completely changes a person's understanding of the Bible! The same is true of Job, the Psalms, Proverbs and the other books of the Old and New Testaments. Each is placed where they occurred. Imagine reading a psalm when the event which precipitated its writing occurred. That psalm just comes to life!

All of the Bible - from Genesis to Revelation - has been re-arranged. It's just fascinating!

And there's more. The author has filled "Through the Bible . . . as It Happened" with over 1,200 pages of commentary notes, all written by himself. His education comes from Cedarville University, where he received a degree in Bible and in Greek. He has researched and taught the Bible for nearly 50 years, so he is certainly not a novice in this field. He would be described as an evangelical conservative.

This program began in 1974, when there were no chronological Bible reading systems in place, and has been continually revised since that time. Launched to the general public in 2018, it may become a standard in Christian circles.



Read the Bible – All of the Way Through – This Year!

This is the most comprehensive <u>chronological Bible reading program</u> available – period! The program is for both the new and the experienced Christian – the layman, the teacher, the pastor. It not only gives you a well-rounded view of Scripture, but a detailed analysis as well.

You will read the entire Bible – as it happened – in one year!

You will have insightful commentary on hundreds of Scripture texts – explaining God, His work, and How it relates to you!

You will have the most thorough and accurate chronological Bible reading plan available anywhere!

Here Is What You Can Expect!

You read all of the way through the Bible in one year (a novel endeavor in the eyes of many – a realized accomplishment for others

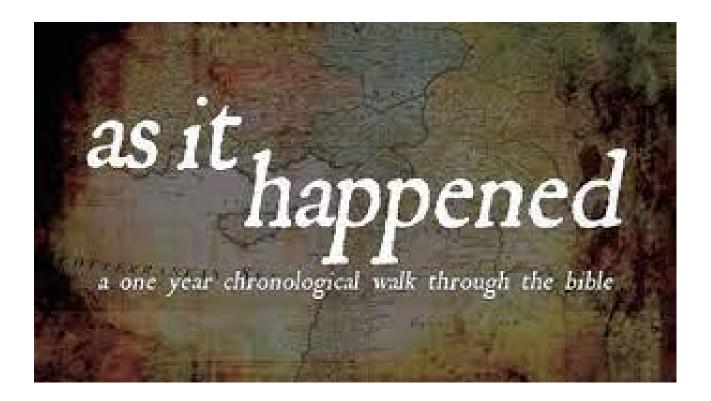
You read the Bible in chronological order – as it occurred – much like a novel reads

You have an extensive set of notes to help you understand the difficult parts of the Bible – and bring to radiant beauty many of your most favorite passages

The entire Bible has been put to dates – even up to the time of day for some passages

The notes are both theological and inspirational – you will learn and your heart will be moved as you do

You will have the single best program to fully and completely acquaint you with all of the Bible – and with the God who lives on its pages.



Why Is This Chronological Bible Reading Program the Best Available Today?

The author has spent over 40 years in arranging, and rearranging, and structuring the order of events.

Most chronological reading plans are very general and not at all specific. They will order the events in a general sense. Not this one! The author has carefully considered each Scripture text – verse by verse – to make sure that no single verse is in its wrong chronological setting. There is simply no reading plan this thorough that you can buy today – anywhere.

Even the Psalms have been placed in their historical settings. While the Psalms are beautiful generally, each one was written from a specific event. Reading the event which precipitated the psalm – then reading the psalm itself – brings the psalm to its radiant beauty. You will understand the Psalms in a completely different way than you ever have before.

The Proverbs, too, are placed into probable historic settings. While we cannot be sure what caused the writing of a proverb, many of the events of the Bible are a perfect match for incorporating one or more proverbs into their setting.

Nothing has been left out – the prophets, the "wisdom" books, the "literature" books. All are in their proper historical place – for your pure joy as you read them this way.

The New Testament, too! All of the Gospels are intertwined together so a beautiful picture of the life of Christ – all in perfect order – emerges from the pages of Scripture.

Acts, along with the epistles, are interwoven for historical accuracy. It is just plain thrilling to read the words of Paul, and other New Testament authors, when the correct historical setting surrounds their material. You will understand and appreciate the epistles as you never have before.

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Through the Bible . . .
. . . as It Happened!

* Read the Whole
Bible This Year

* As It Happened
- Like a Novel

* Full Commentary
on All Passages
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How Do You Read the Bible?

#* Do you read it mostly at church?

#* Do you read it occasionally at home?

#* Do you read it somewhat regularly at home?

#* Are you an avid Bible reader?

Not many Christians can claim to have read all of the way through the Bible – (it is a very, very small percentage) from Genesis to Revelation – in order – and in one year! Now that's an accomplishment.

Why Do You Need This Program?

You will learn like you never have before – you will really understand the Bible

You will grow spiritually like you never have before – that's because you will be establishing and maintaining a proper heart relationship to the Lord

It's one of the most meaningful accomplishments of the Christian life

God wants you to do it

Satan doesn't want you to do it

What it takes is – determination – discipline – and inspiration!

You Have to Supply the Determination and Discipline I'll Supply the Inspiration!

Yes, the determination and discipline are yours!

You can decide right now if this is something you want to do – and if it is something you can do.

You already know the answer to the can-do part. That's because in Christ is the full ability to do everything He wants us to do. And surely, He wants us the be fully acquainted with all of His Word, doesn't He?

The want-to part is the questionable part. That's the determination part. God will not force you to do this – you'll have to want to do it. And, if you are like most people, you probably want to!



My Part Is the Inspiration Part! Through the Bible . . . as It Happened:

It took me over 40 years to begin, develop, restructure, and complete this chronological Bible reading plan. Even with a degree in Bible and a minor in Greek, the task was very involved. Painstaking research, extensive comparison, and review upon review was required to rearrange the <u>Bible chronologically</u> – and correctly.

The result is a printable chronological Bible reading plan which may become the new standard for this type of reading! The value of a chronological reading plan cannot be overstated. You would not read pages 1-5 of a novel, and then pages 97-100, then back to 46-60, and back again to 9-10, would you? You would never understand the book!

If you want to really understand your Bible, you'll need to read it chronologically, in order.



Click here to get Thru-the-Bible . . . as It Happened