

# OUT OF THE GATE

## WHERE TO START WHEN YOU READ THE BIBLE

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A lot of people I meet say they want to “read the Bible cover to cover.” That’s great. Godspeed!

### A Recommended Approach

But here’s the approach I would recommend. It will help orient and root you in the big themes as you start your journey.

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Psalms
4. The Gospel of Matthew
5. The Book of Acts
6. Philippians

### What translation should I use?

A part of the reason why there are so many different translations is because many different individuals and translation committees have tried to interpret the oldest manuscripts of the Bible that we have. These manuscripts are mostly in Hebrew and Greek. So work needs to be done to interpret these ancient writings into modern English. Some use a word-for-word technique, and others try a thought-for-thought technique. Most of them are simply trying to help communicate, as best they can, what they feel the original authors were trying to convey.

Here are some translations you might find helpful:

- New International Version
- New Living Translation
- New Revised Standard Version
- English Standard Version

There are other helpful translations too. But these are popular, helpful, and quite easy to find. You can also read online at: [www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com) or download the free smart phone app called YouVersion.

