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The Bible as History

The following is a guide to reading the Bible as a text of history. So often we focus on Bible “verses,” that we forget that the Holy Spirit breathed out full, complete stories rather than snippets of truth here and there. This isn’t meant to be a guide to reading the Bible cover-to-cover. If you want that, well, just read the Bible cover to cover! Rather, this is meant to immerse you, as a Christian, in the history of your people. A people who were created, fell, wandered, returned, rebelled, and eventually saw “Immanuel” (God-with-us) in the form of a little child. Interspersed in the stories of old are also the songs of old: the Psalms. When we read the Psalms in (or close to) their historical context, we can also see the emotional, spiritual, and liturgical response of God’s people to God’s actions.

So also, this is to remind you that you are a continuation of that ancient Church, and a member of a

congregation that is named – with good reason – Saint John’s.

Everything recorded in Holy Scripture is for our instruction, and reading the Bible as a record of God’s actions will expand your mind and work to shape you into the image of a mature Christian.

For the apocryphal (non-scriptural) content between the Old and New Testaments, you can find articles online (Britannica or Wikipedia), or refer to the listed page numbers found in *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition With Notes*, available through our LWML bookstore, or by borrowing my copy.

I hope this little guide helps your personal devotion and makes you excited to learn more about how the Holy Trinity works in and through history to accomplish the salvation of all mankind.

- Pastor Benson,
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^{10.8} 2 Samuel 1-4

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