

The Ten Most Important Chapters in the Bible

Have you ever considered what the most important chapters in the Bible are? Certainly any attempt to list chapters as more important than others might inadvertently suggest that one chapter is inferior to another, but that is not the purpose of this list. Since I can't be familiar with all 1,189 chapters in the Old and New Testaments, it seems quite reasonable to ask: "What are the chapters I should be the most familiar with?" Twelve chapters would be the top 1% of chapters, so this list is actually less than the top 1 percent! On November 26, 2013 the pastors of Berean Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC assembled to create such a list. The discussion that ensued to construct the list was recorded and uploaded to sermonaudio.com for the purpose of educating the listener as to why each chapter was selected. The list below presents the top ten along with bullet comments below each chapter in an attempt to explain why each chapter made the list.

#1 Genesis 1

- God the Creator: Six Days of Creation
- Man Was Made in the Image of God
- Man is Mandated to Be Fruitful, Multiply, and Have Dominion Over the Earth

#2 II Timothy 3

- The Last Days Will be Perilous
- All Scripture is Given By Inspiration of God

#3 Genesis 3

- Fall of Man
- Promise of Redemption Through the Seed of a Woman

#4 Exodus 20

- Ten Commandments

#5 John 1

- Incarnation of Christ and His Preexistence
- John the Baptist the Forerunner of Christ

#6 Isaiah 53

- Christ, the "Suffering Servant"
- Prophetic description of the life and death of Christ
- Penal Substitutionary Atonement

#7 Acts 2

- Pentecost: Great Manifestation of the Holy Spirit
- The Church Begins in Earnest

#8 Romans 3

- All Have Sinned and Come Short of the Glory of God
- The Righteousness of God is a Gift Received Through Faith in Christ

#9 1 Corinthians 15

- The Gospel
- The Resurrection of Dead
- Death through the First Adam versus Life through the Last Adam

#10 Matthew 28

- Resurrection of Christ
- Great Commission to the Church

In addition to these chapters there are many more that should be considered: Genesis 2 (Creation, Part 2), Genesis 6-8 (The Flood), Genesis 12/17 (The Abrahamic Covenant), 2 Samuel 7 (The Davidic Covenant), Psalm 23, (The Lord Our Shepherd), Psalm 51 (David's Great Confession of Sin), Psalm 119 (176 Verses of Truth), Jeremiah 31 (The Promise of a New Covenant), Matthew 3 (Christ's Baptism), Matthew 5-7 (The Sermon on the Mount), Matthew 6 (The Model Prayer), Matthew 24-25, (The Olivet Discourse), John 3 (Nicodemus' Encounter with Christ), John 14 (The Promise of the Holy Spirit), John 17 (Christ's Prayer for Future Disciples), John 19 (The Death of Christ), Acts 1 (The Ascension of Christ), Acts 7 (Stephen's Amazing Sermon), Acts 9 (Saul's Conversion), Acts 10 (Cornelius the Gentile's Salvation), Acts 15 (The Jerusalem Council), Romans 12 (Marks of a True Christian), 1 Corinthians 13 (Love Is the Greatest Gift), Philippians 2 (Christ's Example of Humility), 1 Thessalonians 4 (The Rapture of the Church), 1 Timothy 3 (The Qualifications of a Bishop), and Revelation 21-22 (New Heaven and New Earth).