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Welcome to Route 66: God's Royal Highway

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“As for God, his way is perfect: the LORD’s word is flawless . . .” (Psalm 18:30)



ROUTE 66: GOD’S ROYAL HIGHWAY

WELCOME TO ROUTE 66: GOD'S ROYAL HIGHWAY

- The Pilgrim's Ultimate Journey
- From the Garden of Eden to the City of Gold
- The safest, most secure and satisfying stretch of road ever built

A UNIQUE, USEFUL, AND UNDERSTANDABLE STUDY PLAN IN REGARD TO THE OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

Undoubtedly the most famous U. S. main highway ever constructed was Route 66. On November 11, 1926 a bill was signed in Washington creating the American Highway System. Route 66, along with the rest of the early two-lane roads, became a reality. Our country had entered a new era. The great roads would be built—roads to carry a nation on the move through hard times, war, and rebirth. Route 66 would become the most celebrated and famous of these two lanes. Route 66 was about to become the Main Street of America—the Mother Road. The 2,400-mile route winds from Jackson Boulevard and Michigan Avenue in Chicago to Los Angeles, through the most romantic and celebrated portions of the American West. Route 66 was a lifeline through much of America connecting the small Midwestern towns of Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas with the big cities of Los Angeles and Chicago.

With this background in mind, consider the Ultimate Route 66, God’s Royal Roadway—the 66 biblical books! Often in the scriptures, believers are presented as sojourners and pilgrims en route to glory as seen by the following verses:

“For we are aliens and pilgrims before You, as were all our fathers; our days on earth are as a shadow . . . “ (1 Chron. 29:15); *“I am a stranger in the earth; do not hide Your commandments from me”* (Psa. 119:19); *“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth”* (Heb. 11:13); *“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul”* (1 Peter 2:11).

It will never be known just how many millions of travelers have used U. S. Route 66 to reach their destination. In essence, the overriding goal of this concept is similar, that is, Route 66, providing both insights and inspiration along the way!

STATISTICS ON THIS ROYAL ROADWAY

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16).

I. Number of Major Highway Sections: Ten

A. Five covering the 39 Old Testament books

- Law—5 books
- History—12 books
- Poetry—5 books
- Major Prophets—5 books
- Minor Prophets—12 books

B. Five covering the 27 New Testament books

- The Gospels—4 books
- History—1 book
- Paul’s letters to churches—9 books
- Paul’s letters to the pastors—4 books
- General Epistles—9 books

II. Number of Total Mile Markers (Chapters): 1189

III. Main Contractor: The Holy Spirit

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

IV. Sub-Contractors

“The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it” (Psa. 68:11).

A. 32 Old Testament writers

B. 8 New Testament writers

V. Time Involved in Highway Construction

Approximately 1500 years

VI. Quality of the Highway

A. It is perfect

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:7).

B. It is permanent

“Because all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, But the word of the LORD endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you” (1 Peter 1:24, 25).

VII. Point of Initial Highway Entrance

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

VIII. Historical Landmarks

A. Noah’s Ark

B. Tower of Babel

C. Call of Abraham

D. Giving of the Law

E. Completion of Solomon’s Temple

IX. Famous Old Testament Passengers Who Have Traveled Down This Highway

A. Men

1. Adam
2. Abraham
3. Joseph
4. Moses
5. Joshua
6. David
7. Solomon

B. Women

1. Eve
2. Sarah
3. Rebekah
4. Rachel
5. Hannah
6. Ruth
7. Esther

X. Famous New Testament Passengers Who Have Traveled Down This Highway

A. Men

1. John the Baptist
2. John the Apostle
3. Joseph
4. Peter
5. Paul
6. Luke
7. Stephen

B. Women

1. Mary, Mother of Jesus
2. Mary Magdalene
3. Mary, Sister to Lazarus
4. Martha, Sister of Lazarus
5. Priscilla
6. Elisabeth
7. Dorcas

XI. Point of First Highway Exit

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5, 6).

This ends section five, causing all Old Testament traffic to exit, awaiting the completion of highway sections six through ten.

XII. Point of the Second Highway Entrance

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham” (Matt. 1:1).

XIII. Historical Landmarks

A. Birth of Christ

B. Death of Christ

C. Resurrection of Christ

D. Ascension of Christ

E. Day of Pentecost

XIV. Final and Ultimate Highway Exit

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen” (Rev. 22:20, 21).

Thus with the completion of section ten all interested pilgrims may now freely travel unhindered from the original tree of life (Gen. 2:9) to the eternal tree of life (Rev. 22:2).

XV. The Grand and Glorious Three-Fold Purpose for the Building of the Highway

A. To inform the traveler where he or she came from

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth” (Gen. 1:26).

“Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (Psa. 100:3).

B. To inform the traveler why he or she is here

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Eccles. 12:13).

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Rev. 4:11).

C. To inform the traveler where he or she is eventually bound

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).

THE FIVE MAIN OLD TESTAMENT HIGHWAY SECTIONS

1	2	3	4	5
LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	MAJOR PROPHETS	MINOR PROPHETS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis • Exodus • Leviticus • Numbers • Deuteronomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua • Judges • Ruth • 1 Samuel • 2 Samuel • 1 Kings • 2 Kings • 1 Chronicles • 2 Chronicles • Ezra • Nehemiah • Esther 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job • Psalms • Proverbs • Ecclesiastes • Song of Solomon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah • Jeremiah • Lamentations • Ezekiel • Daniel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosea • Joel • Amos • Obadiah • Jonah • Micah • Nahum • Habakkuk • Zephaniah • Haggai • Zechariah • Malachi
FIVE BOOKS	TWELVE BOOKS	FIVE BOOKS	FIVE BOOKS	TWELVE BOOKS

THE FIVE NEW TESTAMENT HIGHWAY SECTIONS

1	2	3	4	5
GOSPELS	HISTORY	LETTERS TO CHURCHES	LETTERS TO PREACHERS	GENERAL EPISTLES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew • Mark • Luke • John 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Book of Acts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans • 1 Corinthians • 2 Corinthians • Galatians • Ephesians • Philippians • Colossians • 1 Thessalonians • 2 Thessalonians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Timothy • 2 Timothy • Titus • Philemon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews • James • 1 Peter • 2 Peter • 1 John • 2 John • 3 John • Jude • Revelation
FOUR BOOKS	ONE BOOK	NINE BOOKS	FOUR BOOKS	NINE BOOKS

<p>A TWELVE-FOLD GROUPING OF THE 39 OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS</p>
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- **The Foundational Five: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy**
- **Victory, Defeat, and a Love Story: Joshua, Judges, Ruth**
- **A Tale of Two Kings and Three Kingdoms: 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles**
 1. The two kings (Saul and David)—1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles
 2. The three kingdoms—
 - a. The United Kingdom—1 Kings 1-11; 2 Chronicles 1-9
 - b. The Divided Kingdom—1 Kings 12-22; 2 Kings 1-16; 2 Chronicles 10-27
 - c. The Single Kingdom—2 Kings 17-25; 2 Chronicles 28-36
- **The Two Groups Which Returned, the One Group Which Didn't: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther**
 1. The books describing the two which returned (from Persia to Jerusalem)—Ezra, Nehemiah
 2. The book describing the one group which remained—Esther
- **When Heaven and Hell Argued Over a Man: Job**
- **Welcome to the Business Office and the Philosopher's Chamber: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes**
 1. The Business Office—Proverbs
 2. The Philosopher's Chamber—Ecclesiastes
- **Welcome to the Choir Loft and the Wedding Altar: Psalms, Song of Solomon**
 1. The Choir Loft—Psalms
 2. The Wedding Altar—Song of Solomon
- **The Prince of Prophets—Isaiah**
- **The Weeping Prophet—Jeremiah, Lamentations**
- **God's Priest in Babylon—Ezekiel**
- **God's Prime Minister in Babylon—Daniel**
- **These Twelve are Minor in Name Only:**


1. Hosea	7. Nahum
2. Joel	8. Habakkuk
3. Amos	9. Zephaniah
4. Obadiah	10. Haggai
5. Jonah	11. Zechariah
6. Micah	12. Malachi


A TWELVE-FOLD GROUPING OF THE 27 NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

- **Four Men Who Knew the God-Man (Their Personal Evaluation): Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**
 1. Matthew—*I saw Him as the King of Israel!*
 2. Mark—*I saw Him as the Obedient Servant!*
 3. Luke—*I saw Him as the Perfect Man!*
 4. John—*I saw Him as the Mighty God!*
- **Wind and Fire—and the Birth of the Bride (the Church): Acts**
- **Justification by Faith—The Long and Short of It: Romans and Galatians**
 1. The long defense—Romans
 2. The short defense—Galatians
- **God’s Medical Journal—A Description of and Prescription for Various Local Church Diseases: First Corinthians**
- **An Absolute Must Reading for the Ministry: Second Corinthians**
- **Profound and Praise-Filled Messages from a Prison House: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon**
- **Don’t Worry, You Haven’t Missed the Glorious Rapture—Don’t Worry, You’re Not in the Great Tribulation: First Thessalonians, Second Thessalonians**
 1. Assurance in regard to the Rapture—1 Thessalonians
 2. Assurance in regard to the Great Tribulation—2 Thessalonians
- **Stay in Ephesus! Stay in Crete! Come to Rome: First Timothy, Titus, Second Timothy**
 1. Stay in Ephesus—First Timothy
 2. Stay in Crete—Titus
 3. Come to Rome—Second Timothy
- **The Two Most Oriented Old Testament Epistles in the New Testament: Hebrews, James**
- **Steadfastness in the Hour of Affliction—Steadfastness in the Hour of Apostasy: First Peter, Second Peter, Jude**
 1. In the hour of affliction—1 Peter
 2. In the hour of apostasy—2 Peter, Jude
- **Love Letters to the Father’s Family Members: First John, Second John, Third John**
- **It’s a Fact! The Story Has a Happy Ending: Revelation**

Overview of Old Testament

SCRIPTURE	THE ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT		
SUBJECT	Creating the Planets	Choosing a People	To serve as a channel for the Scriptures
			To serve as a channel for the Savior
SPECIFICS	NINE BASIC STAGES	1 The Creation Stage	2 The Patriarchal Stage
		4 The Conquest Stage	5 The Judges Stage
		7 The Divided Kingdom Stage	8 The Babylonian Captivity Stage
SAINTS AND SINNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David 		
SENTENCE SUMMARIES	O. T. Verses 	<i>The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes (Psa. 19:8, 10)</i>	
	N. T. Verses 	<i>For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled (Matt. 5:18).</i> <i>For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 2:21).</i>	

SCRIPTURE	THE ENTIRE NEW TESTAMENT	
SUBJECT	The Anointed of God (Christ) and the Assemblies of God (Churches)	
SPECIFICS	THREE BASIC STAGES	<p>As recorded in the Gospel Stage (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth of Jesus • His Early Years • His Baptism • His Temptations • His Transfiguration • His Death • His Resurrection
		<p>As recorded in the Early Church Stage (Book of Acts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascension of Jesus • Pentecost • Martyrdom of Stephen • Conversion of Saul • First Missionary Journey • Jerusalem Council • Imprisonment of Paul
		<p>As recorded in the Epistle Stage (Romans-Revelation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Explanation of the Faith <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meaning of salvation, justification, etc. 2. Book of Romans, Galatians, etc. • An Exhortation to the Faithful <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding pastors (1 & 2 Timothy, etc.) 2. Regarding parishioners (1 & 2 Corinthians, etc.) • A Revelation of the Future <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Great Tribulation, the Millennium, etc. 2. Books of 2 Peter, 1 Thessalonians, Revelation, etc.
SAINTS AND SINNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John the Baptist, John the Apostle, Peter, Paul, Mary, etc. • Herod, Pilate, Judas, Herod Antipas, etc. 	
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