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About this collection

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo tradition is commonly associated with an 81-book canon. Narrower and broader lists group and name writings differently; a count alone does not identify the contents. These 15 study entries introduce additional writings and do not claim to reproduce a complete Ethiopian Bible.

Meqabyan is distinct from Greek Maccabees. Historical English texts do not always match Ethiopian chapter divisions or wording. Modern translations require separate permissions.

For canon context: Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, ethiopianorthodox.org/english/canonical/books.html; R. W. Cowley, *The Biblical Canon of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Today* (1974).

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ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

1 Enoch

Justice beyond what we can see

AUTHORSHIP · A composite work attributed to Enoch

DATE & CONTEXT · Sections developed across the last centuries BC and early Roman period; dates vary

The big picture

1 Enoch gathers visions, journeys, warnings, and hopes associated with Enoch. Its varied sections examine corrupted power, heavenly order, judgment, and the vindication of the righteous. The Ethiopian tradition preserved the complete work in Ge'ez. Read its imagery patiently: apocalyptic writing is more than a code for predicting events.

Reading to explore

1 Enoch 1-5; 6-16; 91-105

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Live it

01 Notice how power is used in your community.

02 Choose a truthful action even when injustice seems profitable.

03 Let hope deepen patient responsibility rather than speculation.

Pause & reflect

How does hope in justice shape the way I use influence today?

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Jubilees

Sacred time, covenant, and a remembered identity

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous; presented as revelation to Moses

DATE & CONTEXT · Usually dated to the second century BC

The big picture

Jubilees retells the story from creation through the early Exodus, arranging history in periods of seven and forty-nine years. It expands familiar narratives and gives sustained attention to worship, family, law, and the calendar. Compare it with Genesis to notice both shared stories and the distinct concerns of this ancient work.

Reading to explore

Jubilees 1-2; compare Genesis 1-2

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Live it

- 01 Give one daily routine a deliberate pause for gratitude.
- 02 Ask how your schedule reflects what you say matters.
- 03 Read a familiar Genesis passage beside its retelling and note differences.

Pause & reflect

What do my repeated habits teach me to remember?

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1 Meqabyan

Faithfulness when obedience is costly

AUTHORSHIP · Author unknown

DATE & CONTEXT · Date of composition uncertain

The big picture

This Ethiopian work tells of an idolatrous ruler and a family that refuses his demands. The account of suffering becomes an invitation to remain faithful to God under pressure. It is a distinct composition, not the story of the Maccabean revolt found in Greek 1 Maccabees.

Reading to explore

The opening account of Meqabis and his sons; chapter numbering varies by edition

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Live it

01 Identify one pressure to act against your conscience.

02 Practice a calm, respectful boundary.

03 Support someone whose integrity carries a real cost.

Pause & reflect

Where do I need courage without contempt for others?

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<https://www.islamic-awareness.org/bible/text/canon/ethiopian>

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2 Meqabyan

Repentance and the rejection of idolatry

AUTHORSHIP · Author unknown

DATE & CONTEXT · Date of composition uncertain

The big picture

The story follows a Moabite ruler called Meqabis, his conflict with Israel, and his repentance. It turns toward instruction in God's law and the consequences of renewed idolatry. This is Ethiopian 2 Meqabyan, not Greek 2 Maccabees.

Reading to explore

The account of Meqabis's repentance; consult a verified Ethiopian edition

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

- 01 Admit a wrong without defending it.
- 02 Make one concrete change that shows repentance.
- 03 Ask whether a good thing has become an ultimate loyalty.

Pause & reflect

What would genuine turning look like in my actions this week?

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3 Meqabyan

Accountability, salvation, and judgment

AUTHORSHIP · Author unknown

DATE & CONTEXT · Date of composition uncertain

The big picture

Unlike a continuous historical narrative, this short work teaches through reflections on salvation and punishment, drawing on figures such as Adam, Job, and David. Its moral urgency asks readers to consider the consequences of their choices. It is not Greek 3 Maccabees.

Reading to explore

The book as a whole; ten chapters in editions described by Cowley

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

- 01 Review a repeated choice and its effect on others.
- 02 Learn from a biblical figure without excusing their failures.
- 03 Choose one act of mercy alongside honest accountability.

Pause & reflect

How can awareness of consequences make me more compassionate and responsible?

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ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom, righteousness, and enduring hope

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous, writing in a Solomonic voice

DATE & CONTEXT · Often placed in the late first century BC or early first century AD

The big picture

Wisdom of Solomon encourages the pursuit of justice and a life shaped by divine wisdom. It contrasts the outlook of the righteous with the misuse of power and the worship of created things. Reflections on Israel's deliverance connect wisdom to history. The work is also received in other Orthodox and Catholic traditions.

Reading to explore

Wisdom 1–3; 7–9

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Live it

- 01 Seek wisdom before defending your own advantage.
- 02 Notice a person whose quiet integrity deserves support.
- 03 Ask whether success has displaced justice in one decision.

Pause & reflect

What kind of person are my ambitions helping me become?

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Sirach

Wisdom practiced in ordinary relationships

AUTHORSHIP · Jesus ben Sira; Greek translation by his grandson

DATE & CONTEXT · Hebrew work commonly dated to about 180 BC

The big picture

Sirach, also called Ecclesiasticus, offers sustained instruction on speech, friendship, money, worship, work, and family life. Its wisdom is rooted in reverence for God and attentiveness to inherited teaching. The final chapters remember figures from Israel's past. Read particular sayings in their historical setting and alongside the work's wider moral vision.

Reading to explore

Sirach 2; 6; 24

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Live it

- 01 Speak one fewer careless word today.
- 02 Thank a teacher or elder for something specific you learned.
- 03 Make a financial choice with generosity and responsibility in view.

Pause & reflect

Where does everyday wisdom ask more of me than merely knowing the right words?

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ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

Tobit

Mercy and faithful living in exile

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous

DATE & CONTEXT · Often dated between the third and second centuries BC

The big picture

Tobit follows a family living far from its homeland, with suffering, prayer, a journey, marriage, and healing woven into the story. Acts of mercy remain significant when life becomes difficult. The narrative joins household faithfulness to a wider sense of divine care and asks readers to attend to people who are easily overlooked.

Reading to explore

Tobit 1-4; 12

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Live it

- 01 Offer practical care to someone isolated.
- 02 Include your household's needs in prayer.
- 03 Choose generosity that respects the dignity of the recipient.

Pause & reflect

Who nearby needs care that I have been too hurried to notice?

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Judith

Courage and deliverance in a threatened community

AUTHORSHIP • Anonymous

DATE & CONTEXT • Composition date debated; often placed in the second or first century BC

The big picture

Judith tells of a community under military threat and a widow who acts when its leaders have lost courage. Prayer, resolve, and a dramatic reversal shape the story. Its unusual historical setting calls for attention to literary purpose rather than a quick identification with modern conflicts. Judith's agency challenges assumptions about who can act decisively.

Reading to explore

Judith 8-9; 13-16

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Live it

- 01 Listen to a voice your community may overlook.
- 02 Pair prayer about a difficult situation with responsible action.
- 03 Ask what courage would look like without copying ancient violence.

Pause & reflect

Whose wisdom have I underestimated because of their social position?

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1 Esdras

Restoration, worship, and the power of truth

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous compiler

DATE & CONTEXT · Date uncertain; Greek form generally associated with the later Second Temple period

The big picture

Also called Greek Ezra, this work retells material related to Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. It includes the debate of three royal guards about what is strongest, leading to praise of truth. The return from exile and the restoration of worship invite reflection on the patient rebuilding of a community.

Reading to explore

1 Esdras 3-4; 8-9; names and numbering vary

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

01 Tell the truth in a situation where exaggeration would benefit you.

02 Help restore something useful in your community.

03 Remember a difficult beginning before judging slow progress.

Pause & reflect

What needs rebuilding, and what part of that work can I faithfully undertake?

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Ezra Apocalypse

Lament, difficult questions, and hope after catastrophe

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous, speaking in the voice of Ezra

DATE & CONTEXT · Commonly associated with the period after AD 70

The big picture

Known in the Ethiopian tradition as Ezra Sutu’el, this work corresponds to the central apocalypse often called 4 Ezra. Ezra struggles with suffering, justice, and the fate of God’s people through dialogues and visions. It is not identical in extent to every English edition labeled 2 Esdras, which may include additional works.

Reading to explore

The core apocalypse, corresponding to 2 Esdras 3–14 in many English editions

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Live it

01 Bring a difficult question to prayer without forcing an easy answer.

02 Listen to someone grieving without correcting their feelings.

03 Make space for hope that does not deny loss.

Pause & reflect

What question have I been afraid to bring honestly before God?

Original SELAH37 introduction. Read the text in context; historical dates and attributions are approximate.

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ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

Baruch

Confession, wisdom, and restoration

AUTHORSHIP · Attributed to Baruch, Jeremiah's scribe; composition debated

DATE & CONTEXT · A composite work; dates of its sections are disputed

The big picture

Baruch brings together confession, prayer, instruction in wisdom, and hope for a displaced people. The community names its failures while looking toward renewal. Ethiopian arrangements and the length of Baruch can differ from Greek editions, so compare titles and contents carefully when moving between translations.

Reading to explore

Baruch 1–3; Ethiopian and Greek textual forms differ

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

- 01 Confess a failure without shifting blame.
- 02 Choose one practical repair within your responsibility.
- 03 Learn from your community's past with both honesty and hope.

Pause & reflect

What would communal repentance require beyond saying the right words?

Original SELAH37 introduction. Read the text in context; historical dates and attributions are approximate.

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The Rest of Jeremiah

Memory, exile, and a hope of return

AUTHORSHIP · Multiple traditional attributions

DATE & CONTEXT · Texts and their transmission developed in different periods

The big picture

This title points to material associated with Jeremiah beyond the arrangement familiar in a 66-book Bible. Ethiopian collections can include the Letter to the Captives, a short oracle against Pashhur, and the Rest of the Words of Baruch, often called 4 Baruch. Titles, divisions, and placement vary. Approach the collection through a clearly identified edition rather than assuming all works called Baruch are the same.

Reading to explore

The Letter to the Captives and the Rest of the Words of Baruch; verify the edition's contents

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

- 01 Name a loss that needs remembrance.
- 02 Ask a trusted teacher about a text unfamiliar to your tradition.
- 03 Carry out one action that helps a displaced person feel welcomed.

Pause & reflect

How can I learn from another Christian tradition without flattening its differences?

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ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO · BONUS STUDY

Susanna

Truth and the defense of the falsely accused

AUTHORSHIP · Anonymous

DATE & CONTEXT · Date uncertain; preserved in ancient Greek forms of Daniel

The big picture

Susanna tells of a woman falsely accused by men who misuse their authority. Daniel exposes the accusation by questioning the witnesses separately. The story insists that status does not make a claim true and that justice requires careful attention to evidence. It appears within Daniel or as a separately titled section, depending on the tradition and edition.

Reading to explore

Susanna, read as a complete narrative; often Daniel 13 in other traditions

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

- 01 Refuse to repeat an accusation you have not examined.
- 02 Listen seriously to a person whose voice has been dismissed.
- 03 Support fair procedures that hold powerful people accountable.

Pause & reflect

Where do I confuse authority with trustworthiness?

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ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO • BONUS STUDY

The Rest of Daniel

Worship, integrity, and the exposure of false gods

AUTHORSHIP • Anonymous

DATE & CONTEXT • Dates uncertain; material transmitted in ancient Greek and other versions

The big picture

Additional Daniel material includes the Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three, together with Bel and the Dragon. Prayer and praise arise in danger, while narrative episodes challenge idolatry and deceit. The placement and numbering differ across Bible traditions. These readings complement the Daniel synopsis without replacing its twelve-chapter outline in the main library.

Reading to explore

Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three; Bel and the Dragon

Reading references are not quotations. Names, contents, and numbering can differ between editions.

Live it

01 Practice gratitude without pretending that difficulty is absent.

02 Examine a claim before following it.

03 Keep worship connected to integrity in your daily choices.

Pause & reflect

What practice helps me remain truthful when I feel under pressure?

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