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*The Ethiopian Canon*

# Pastor & Ministry Leader Starter Kit

*Equip Your Church With the Full Biblical Tradition*

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## Preaching From the Full Canon

The Ethiopian Canon gives pastors access to 22 books that most congregations have never heard preached. These are not apocryphal additions — they are canonical texts preserved by the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, one of the world's oldest Christian bodies. This guide gives you a framework for introducing them to your congregation with confidence.

### What This Guide Gives You

- A complete sermon outline using an Ethiopian Canon text
- A teaching structure for introducing the canon to your congregation
- Talking points for common questions and objections
- A 4-week preaching series framework
- Resources to equip your leadership team

## Sample Sermon: 'The Bible You Were Never Given'

This outline is ready to adapt for a Sunday message. Estimated delivery time: 35–45 minutes.

### Opening (5 min)

Ask the congregation: 'How many books are in your Bible?' Most will say 66. Introduce the fact that the Ethiopian Orthodox Church uses 88 — and has for over 1,600 years.

### Text (10 min)

Read from the Book of Jubilees, Chapter 1:1-18. Compare with Exodus 24:12. Show how Jubilees expands and illuminates the Sinai narrative.

### Teaching (15 min)

Explain the Council of Nicaea, the Ethiopian tradition, and why these books were preserved. Use the Ethiopian Canon Series as a visual reference.

### Application (10 min)

Challenge the congregation to read one book from the Ethiopian Canon this month. Provide the [echelonxpress.com/start](http://echelonxpress.com/start) link as a resource.

### Close (5 min)

Pray over the tradition. Remind the congregation that recovering ancient truth is an act of worship.

## 4-Week Preaching Series: 'The Complete Word'

<p><b>Week 1</b> <b>The Canon Question</b> What is the Ethiopian Canon and why does it matter for your faith?</p>	<p><b>Week 2</b> <b>The Book of Jubilees</b> The expanded history of Genesis — what was preserved and why.</p>	<p><b>Week 3</b> <b>The Book of Enoch</b> Angels, judgment, and the cosmic narrative behind the New Testament.</p>
<p><b>Week 4</b> <b>The Kebra Nagast</b> Ethiopia, Solomon, and the Ark of the Covenant — the sacred history.</p>		

### Congregation Resource Pack

Order one copy of Volume 1A for each small group leader. Provide the free PDF guides as take-home resources. Direct your congregation to [echelonexuspress.com/start](http://echelonexuspress.com/start) for self-guided study between sessions.

## Equip Your Ministry This Month

<p><b>1</b> <b>Order the Series</b> Get the full Ethiopian Canon Series for your church library or leadership team.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Plan the Series</b> Use the 4-week framework above to schedule your preaching calendar.</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Share the Resources</b> Send your congregation to <a href="http://echelonexuspress.com/start">echelonexuspress.com/start</a> for free guided access.</p>
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