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*The Ethiopian Canon*

# Teacher & Educator Starter Kit

*Lead Your Class Through the Ethiopian Canon*

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## Teaching the Full Biblical Tradition

Whether you lead a Sunday school class, a home study group, or a formal academic setting, the Ethiopian Canon gives you 22 additional books to teach — books with rich narrative, theological depth, and historical significance. This guide gives you a complete lesson plan and discussion framework to begin immediately.

### What This Guide Gives You

- A complete 60-minute lesson plan on the Ethiopian Canon
- 10 discussion questions for group engagement
- A visual comparison chart (66-book vs 88-book canon)
- Student take-home summary
- Resources for continued class study

## **60-Minute Lesson: 'The Bible's Hidden Library'**

Suitable for ages 14+ and adult classes. Adaptable for 30-minute or 90-minute formats.

### **[0–10 min] Opening Activity**

Ask students to list every book of the Bible they can name in 2 minutes. Reveal that the Ethiopian Orthodox Bible contains 88 books — and discuss what might be in the extra 22.

### **[10–25 min] Core Teaching**

Introduce the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, the Council of Nicaea, and the history of canon formation. Use the Ethiopian Canon Series as a visual reference.

### **[25–40 min] Text Study**

Read together from the Book of Jubilees, Chapter 2:1-16 (the expanded creation account). Compare with Genesis 1. Note similarities and differences.

### **[40–55 min] Discussion**

Use the discussion questions on the next page. Encourage students to ask their own questions.

### **[55–60 min] Close & Assignment**

Assign one chapter from Volume 1A for next week. Direct students to [echelonexuspress.com/start](http://echelonexuspress.com/start) for free resources.

## 10 Discussion Questions for Your Class

1. Why do you think different Christian traditions preserved different books?
2. What does it mean for a book to be 'canonical'? Who decides?
3. How does the Book of Jubilees expand your understanding of Genesis?
4. Why might the Ethiopian Church have preserved texts that others removed?
5. What does the existence of 88 books tell us about the richness of the biblical tradition?
6. How should we approach texts that are canonical in one tradition but not another?
7. What surprised you most about what you read today?
8. How does this change how you think about the Bible you grew up with?
9. What question does this raise that you want to research further?
10. How would you explain the Ethiopian Canon to someone who had never heard of it?

## Build Your Teaching Series

<p><b>1</b> <b>Order the Series</b> Get the Ethiopian Canon Series for your class library. One set covers a full semester.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Download the PDFs</b> Get the free Ethiopian Canon Reading Guide for each student from the PDF Library.</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Plan 4 Lessons</b> Use the 4-week framework: Canon Overview → Jubilees → Enoch → Kebra Nagast.</p>
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