



Bible Tracker User Guide

A practical guide to tracking reading, opening Scripture, logging chapters, and using notes and highlights in GNS.

Quick Start

Use this section when you just want to read and log without thinking about every control.

- **Choose your active books.** Check the box at the start of a book row to include it in your regular reading list.
- **Choose a reader and version.** Use Reader for Bible Gateway, ESV.org, Bible.com, or BibleHub, then choose Version when available.
- **Set quantity.** In the Qty box, enter how many chapters to open for that book. Multiple chapters are supported for Bible Gateway, ESV.org, and Bible.com.
- **Open reading.** Click a book row's Open link or the header's Open reading button to open the next unread target.
- **Jump directly anywhere.** Right-click any chapter square to choose any book/chapter combination and go directly to it. This is the fastest way to open a chapter outside the normal reading sequence.
- **Log reading.** After reading the selected daily targets, click Log reading to save them. You can also click a chapter square to quick-log a single chapter.
- **Use notes and highlights.** Right-click selected reader text or a book/chapter target to create a highlight or note. Highlight is the default.
- **Review later.** Click Notes to search, filter, edit, print, or report on your saved notes and highlights.

The color ramp shows how many times each chapter has been read: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9+. Chapter squares use the same color language.

Core Idea

Bible Tracker is a private GNS room for reading progress. Each book row represents a Bible book. Each numbered square represents a chapter. The tracker lets you choose active books, open your next reading, log history, and keep a single searchable repository of notes and highlights.

Header Controls

Control	What it does	Notes
Inventory	Returns to the main GNS inventory area.	This is a navigation link, not a Bible Tracker save action.
Refresh books	Reloads the book list, read counts, tracked status, notes, and available resources.	Use this if another device or user has changed Bible Tracker data.
Signed in	Opens the account menu for profile, password, user management, or sign out.	Admin-only items appear only for admins.
Search	Filters visible books by book name, category, testament, or book notes.	Clear the search box to show the full filtered list again.
Color ramp	Explains chapter square colors by read count from 0 through 9+.	The chapter cells use these same colors.
Tracked only	Shows only books you have marked for tracking.	Unchecked shows all active books returned by the tracker.
Chrono	Sorts books by chronology instead of canonical order.	Right-click Chrono to open the chronology editor.
Reader	Chooses where Open reading and row Open links send reading targets.	Bible Gateway opens browser tabs; ESV.org and Bible.com use the built-in API reader; BibleHub opens BibleHub pages.
Version	Chooses the preferred Bible version where supported.	Some API providers expose a fixed or fallback translation even when another version is selected.
Open reading	Opens the current reading set based on tracked books and each book's Qty value.	Multiple chapters are honored where the selected reader supports them.
Notes	Opens the notes/highlights repository.	Use filters to find notes by book, reference type, kind, and date range.
Log reading	Saves the current opened reading targets as read.	Enabled after a valid reading set has been opened.

Book Row Options

Row item	Meaning	How to use it
Tracking checkbox	Marks the book as part of your tracked reading list.	Check the box to include the book when Tracked only is active and when building daily readings.

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Qty	Number of chapters to open for that book.	Click into the box to select the value. Enter 1-9. It is disabled for readers that do not support multiple chapter opening.
Book name	Opens that book's reading log.	Use this to inspect or add reading history for a specific book. Right-click can start a note associated with the book.
Open	Opens the next target chapter or chapter range for that book.	The link remains even when only one chapter can be opened. Multiple tabs/ranges depend on the selected reader.
Resources	Opens available BibleProject or book-related resources.	Only appears when resources exist for the book.
Chapter squares	Each square is one chapter and its color shows how many times it has been read.	Click a chapter to quick-log it. Right-click to open the direct book/chapter menu, create chapter-associated notes, or use other chapter actions. Hover for read-count detail.

Reader Choices

- **Bible Gateway.** Best when you want browser tabs and flexible multi-chapter opening. Qty controls how many chapters open.
- **ESV.org.** Uses the built-in API reader for ESV text when configured. Supports the reader modal, font controls, footnotes, navigation, and notes/highlights decoration.
- **Bible.com.** Uses the built-in API reader when the YouVersion key is configured. The header may show the API translation and the selected GNS version when they differ.
- **BibleHub.** Opens external BibleHub pages. This is useful for quick outside reference and comparison.

Built-In API Reader

Reader control	Purpose
Footnotes	Shows or hides API-provided footnotes when available.
A- / A+	Decrease or increase the reader font size. The setting persists for the user.
Compact header	Collapses or expands the reader header to conserve vertical space.
X	Closes the reader.
Previous / Next	Moves to the previous or next chapter. If the reader was showing a range, navigation returns to a single-chapter view.
Drag / resize	On desktop, drag the reader header to move the reader and drag the lower-right handle to resize it. Layout persists for the user.

Notes And Highlights

- **Highlight is the default.** A highlight can be saved with no note body. Change the toggle to Note when you want note text to be required.
- **Create from selected text.** In the built-in reader, select text and right-click to open the note/highlight editor. The selected text is used as the default note text and as an exact-text reference when possible.
- **Associate references.** A note can be tied to a book, chapter, verse, verse range, or selected text range.
- **Passive decoration.** Existing highlights appear yellow in the reader. Notes appear gray. Verse markers also indicate related notes/highlights.
- **Review and report.** The Notes button opens a filterable list. Search text, filter by book, reference type, kind, and date range, then print/report as needed.

Chronology View

Chrono changes book order to chronological order. Right-click the Chrono control to open the chronology editor. In that editor, use move buttons to adjust order and enter short chronology comments. Save writes the updated order for Bible Tracker.

Recommended Workflow

- Start by checking the books you want to track.
- Set Qty for the books where you regularly read more than one chapter.
- Choose Reader and Version before opening reading.
- Click Open reading, read the opened chapters, then return and click Log reading.
- Use chapter squares for corrections or single-chapter quick logs.
- Capture highlights while reading; convert to Note when you want a written observation.

Troubleshooting

Symptom	What to check
Qty is disabled	The selected reader may not support multiple chapter opening. Choose Bible Gateway, ESV.org, or Bible.com.
Log reading is disabled	Open a valid reading first. The button enables when there is a current reading target to save.
API reader shows a key/configuration error	The provider API key is missing from the server configuration.
Version does not match reader text	Some providers expose only specific API translations. The reader header shows both provider and selected version when useful.
Notes/highlights do not appear immediately	Refresh books or reopen the reader. Decorations are based on the saved notes repository.