

BIBLE READING PLANS

To gain a better understanding of the Bible's grand story, it's helpful to read through entire chapters and books of Scripture like you would any other work of literature. Included below are three different plans to help you get started. It only takes about fifteen minutes a day or two hours a week of reading to follow these plans. Don't limit yourself to only one block a day—read ahead if you want. And if you get behind, don't give up! Just start again where you last stopped. Blocks of reading are provided according to book and chapter. To locate a book, utilize the Table of Contents at the beginning of your Bible.

Bible Reading Plan #1: Exploring Jesus in Twenty-one Days

There are four different accounts that tell the story of Jesus' life: the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This reading plan explores two of these accounts, which are found at the beginning of the New Testament about three-quarters of the way into the Bible.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 1: Luke 1-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 8: Luke 16-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 15: John 7-8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 2: Luke 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 9: Luke 19-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 16: John 9-10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 3: Luke 5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 10: Luke 21-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 17: John 11-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 4: Luke 7-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 11: Luke 23-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 18: John 13-15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 5: Luke 9-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 12: John 1-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 19: John 16-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 6: Luke 11-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 13: John 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 20: John 18-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 7: Luke 13-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 14: John 5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 21: John 20-21 |

Bible Reading Plan #2: Sampling Scripture in Ten Weeks

This reading plan includes entire books or significant portions of books from different time periods and literary genres in the Bible. For example, it includes historical narrative, songs, prophetic messages, travel accounts and personal letters. This plan also traces the well-known stories of creation, the exodus, King David, the prophet Jonah, Jesus and the early Christian movement. By reading these blocks of Scripture, you'll begin to discover the grand storyline of the Bible. In this plan, blocks of reading are delineated by week rather than day. But don't feel the need to accomplish an entire week's reading in one sitting. Pace yourself by reading a little bit each day.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Week 1: Genesis 1-25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Week 6: Esther, Ezra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Week 2: Exodus 1-20, Ruth | <input type="checkbox"/> Week 7: Mark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Week 3: 1 Samuel 16-31, 2 Samuel 1-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Week 8: Acts 1-12, 1 Peter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Week 4: Psalm 1-41 | <input type="checkbox"/> Week 9: Acts 13-28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Week 5: Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah | <input type="checkbox"/> Week 10: Romans, Ephesians |

Bible Reading Plan #3: Reading the Bible in One Year

Many people benefit from reading through the entire Bible in a year. If you follow this plan, you'll accomplish this goal! These readings are also delineated by week rather than day. The plan begins with the Old Testament and moves into the New Testament, but does not follow the exact order of books in your Bible (which is not always chronological anyway). For example, the books of poetry and wisdom literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs) are interspersed into the first half of the