

Reading Through the Bible Chronologically

18-Week Reading Schedule

This is a readings schedule that flows according to when the books of the Bible were written historically. Feel free to download this study guide and embark on your trip through the Bible. Start your own study group or go through it yourself! The most important thing is to begin your journey. ***To think about:*** What patterns do you see throughout the history of God's people? How do you see God's kingdom unfolding?

Week 1

Gen 1-3	Creation and Fall Formed & filled, man to rule, man's sin
Gen 12, 15 & 22	Abraham
Job 1-3 and 38-42	Job
Exodus 1-5, 12-14 and 20	Moses and the Law
Leviticus 1, 10-11, 25-26	Instructions

Week 2

Numbers 3-4, 6, 11-14	Journey to the Promised Land
Deuteronomy 5-8, 28-31 & 34	Moses' last message to the Israelites
Joshua 1-6 & 23-24	Joshua, Israelites enter the Promised Land (God's kingdom breaking into the world)
Judges 1-4 & 13-16	Period of the Judges (God leads the nations/charisma)
Ruth 1-4	Story of Ruth – God working in our everyday life to accomplish his purposes

Week 3

1 Samuel 7-10, 12 King Saul

1 Samuel 15- 20, 28 & 31 King Saul

Week 4

2 Samuel 5-8, 1 Chronicles 15-17 King David

2 Samuel 11-13, 15, & 18 King David

1 Chronicles 21-22 & 28-29 King David

Psalms 1, 8, 19, 23, 51 & 139 Psalms of King David

Week 5

1 Kings 3, 6-12 King Solomon

2 Chronicles 5-10 King Solomon

Ecclesiastes 1-5, & 12 King Solomon

Proverbs 1-3 King Solomon

Week 6

2 Chronicles 14-16 King Asa

1 Kings 17-19 & 21 Elijah, (875-848)

2 Kings 1-2, 6-7, 11-12 Elijah, Elisha, (848-797) Kings

2 Chronicles 24-26 Kings

Week 7

Joel 2, Jonah 1, Amos 4 & 5, Micah 6

Prophecies (Before the fall of Israel in 722)

Isaiah 1-2, 6, Hosea 1-4

Prophecies (Before the fall of Northern Kingdom, Israel)

2 Kings 17-20, 2 Chronicles 29-32

Hezekiah

Week 8

Isaiah 63-66

Consolation of Israel

2 Kings 21-23, 2 Chronicles 33-35

Manasseh, Josiah

Nahum 1, Zeph 3, Jer 27-31, Hab 1

Prophecies (Southern Kingdom –submission in exile, new covenant)

Week 9

Ezekiel 37, 18 & 33, Lam 1-3

Fall of Jerusalem (586)

Daniel 1-2, 4-6

Daniel

Ezra 3, 6-7, Haggai, Zechariah 1-2

Return, rebuilding of Jerusalem (finished temple in 516)

Week 10

Esther 1-4, 7-8

Story of Esther

Nehemiah 1-2, 4, 5, 6

Rebuilding the wall (444)

Malachi

Last Old Testament prophecy

Week 11

Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2

Birth of Jesus

John 1, Mark 1, John 3-4

Early ministry of Jesus

Luke 4-6, Mark 2-4

Teaching of Jesus

Week 12

Matthew 5-7

Sermon on the Mount

Mark 10, Luke 8-12, Matthew 17-18

Teaching of Jesus

Week 13

John 13-17

Jesus upper room discourse

Matthew 26-28, Mark 15-16

Death & Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 22-24, John 19-21

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Week 14

Acts 1-4, 8-10, 12-14

The church starts, scatters, expands

Galatians 2-6

New Covenant not like the old

James 1-3, Act 15

Teaching and ministry of James

Week 15

1 Thess 2 & 4; 2 Thess 1	Paul's letters on adversity and persecution
1 Corinthians 4, 6, 10, 13	Paul's writings on living, loving like Jesus
2 Corinthians 4-5 and 8-9	Paul's writings on authentic Christianity

Week 16

Romans 5-8 & 12	Paul's letter on Christian doctrine, practice
Philemon; Ephesians 1, 2, 4, 5	Paul's writings on practical Christian living
Colossians 2, Philippians 2 - 4	Paul's writings on growing in Christ

Week 17

1 Peter 1, 2	Peter's first letter to the Church
1 Timothy 1-3; Titus 2	Paul's teaching on Church leadership
Jude; 2 Peter 1	Jude and Peter's writings on true vs. false religion
2 Timothy 3-4	Paul's example, encouragement to Timothy

Week 18

Hebrews 10-13	Teachings about living for Jesus Christ
1 John 1-3	John's letter on loving Christ, each other
2 John; 3 John	John's postcard letters to friends
Revelation 1-4, 19-22	Jesus Christ's revelation to John