

Bible Reading Plan



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Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. Joshua 3:9

DECEMBER	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Rom 5-8:11	Psalms 102
2	Rom 8:12-10:15	103
3	Rom 10:16-13:10	104
4	Rom 13:11-16:16	105
5	Rom 16:17-27; Acts 20:4-21:36	106
6	Acts 21:37-24:9	107
7	Acts 24:10-26:31	108
8	Acts 27-28	109
9	Col 1-4:6	110-111
10	Col 4:7-18; Philemon; Eph 1-2	112
11	Eph 3-6:17	113
12	Eph 6:18-24; Phil 1-3:14	114
13	Phil 3:15-4:23; 1 Tim 1-4:5	115
14	1 Tim 4:6-6:21; Tit 1-2:5	116-117
15	Tit 2:6-3:15; 1 Pet 1-2	118
16	1 Pet 3-5; Heb 1	119:1-48
17	Heb 2-5	119:49-96
18	Heb 6-9:22	119:97-144
19	Heb 9:23-11:40	110:145-176
20	Heb 12-13; 2 Tim 1-2:7	120-121
21	2 Tim 2:8-4:22; 2 Pet 1-2:3	122-123
22	2 Pet 2:4-3:18; Jude	124-125
23	1 John 1-4:12	126-128
24	1 John 4:13-5:2; 2 John; 3 John; Rev 1:1-8	129-130
25	Rev 1:9-3:13	131-132
26	Rev 3:14-7:4	133-134
27	Rev 7:5-11:6	135
28	Rev 11:7-14:5	136
29	Rev 14:6-17:14	137-138
30	Rev 17:15-19:18	139
31	Rev 19:19-22:21	140

I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.
Psalm 77:12

NOVEMBER	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Matt 26:31-75; Mark 14:1-42	Psalms 69
2	Mark 14:43-72; Luke 22	70
3	John 13-15	71
4	John 16-17; Matt 27:1-31	72
5	Matt 27:32-66; Mark 15; Luke 23:1-19	73
6	Luke 23:20-56; John 18-19:11	74
7	John 19:12-42; Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 24	75
8	John 20-21; Acts 1-2:13	76
9	Acts 2:14-4:31	77
10	Acts 4:32-7:16	78
11	Acts 7:17-8:40	79
12	Acts 9-10	80
13	Acts 11-13:25	81
14	Acts 13:26-14:28; James 1	82
15	James 2-5	83
16	Acts 15-16	84
17	Gal 1-4:7	85
18	Gal 4:8-6:18; Acts 17:1-21	86
19	Acts 17:22-18:18; 1 Thess 1-4:12	87
20	1 Thess 4:13-5:28; 2 Thess 1-3; Acts 18:19-28	88
21	Acts 19; 1 Cor 1-2:9	89
22	1 Cor 2:10-6:20	90
23	1 Cor 7-9	91
24	1 Cor 10-12	92-93
25	1 Cor 13-15:41	94
26	1 Cor 15:42-16:24; 2 Cor 1-3:6	95
27	2 Cor 3:7-7:16	96
28	2 Cor 8-11	97
29	2 Cor 12-13; Acts 20:1-3; Rom 1-2:4	98-99
30	Rom 2:5-4:25	100-101

Explanatory Note

For those of you who prefer not to use Bible Study Notes I thought you might like these choices of Bible Reading Plan, the first is called "Chronological" and will allow you to read the Bible in a year roughly in the order the events happened. The second is called "Year 2" and is the second year of a plan that will allow you to read the Bible more slowly over three years - this plan mixes Old Testament and New Testament over the course of each year. On the "Chronological" plan, particularly, the amount to be read each day is pretty much the same.

The best way to approach either plan is to figure out when, in your day, you can regularly make time and space to be with God. For me it works best if I get up, make a cup of tea, and before I do anything else I sit and read my Bible. Some people find that the space before they go to bed is the best time.

Having settled on a time and space you need to put the mobile phone out of sight, and generally make sure nothing will distract you. When you complete the readings for a day simply tick them off, score through them, or mark them in whatever way you prefer. As the days are ticked off there is a tremendous sense of achievement.

If you miss a day then my advice would be not to worry about catching up. Simply read the passage that is assigned to whatever day you start again. If you have spare time then start to read the days you have missed, but don't feel you have to.

As you read, perhaps John Stott's daily prayer might help

Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Love in Jesus,

Neil

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

JANUARY	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Gen 1-3	1 Samuel 7
2	Gen 4-7	8
3	Gen 8-11:9	9
4	Gen 11:10-32; Job 1-4	10
5	Job 5-8	11
6	Job 9-12	12
7	Job 13-16	13
8	Job 17-21:16	14
9	Job 21:17-25:6	15
10	Job 26-30	16
11	Job 31-34:15	17
12	Job 34:16-37:24	18-19
13	Job 38-41:11	20
14	Job 41:12-42:17; Gen 12-14	21
15	Gen 15-18	22-23
16	Gen 19-21	24
17	Gen 22-24:49	25
18	Gen 24:50-27:12	26
19	Gen 27:13-29:35	27
20	Gen 30-31	28
21	Gen 32-35:15	29
22	Gen 35:16-37:36	30
23	Gen 38-41:24	31
24	Gen 41:25-43:25	1 Corinthians 1
25	Gen 43:26-46:27	2
26	Gen 46:28-49:15	3
27	Gen 49:16-50:26; Exod 1-2	4
28	Exod 3-6:12	5-6
29	Exod 6:13-9:12	7
30	Exod 9:13-12:30	8
31	Exod 12:31-15:11	9

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name, you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1

OCTOBER	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Neh 9:22-11:36	Psalms 33
2	Neh 12-13; Ps 126	34
3	Mal 1-4; Luke 1:1-38	35
4	Luke 1:39-80; John 1:1-14; Matt 1; Luke 2:1-21	36
5	Luke 2:22-38; Mmatt 2; Luke 2:39-52; Matt 3; Mark 1:1-19	37
6	Mark 1:20-45; Luke 3; Matt 4	38
7	Luke 4-5; John 1:15-34	39
8	John 1:35-4:38	40
9	John 4:39-54; Mark 2; John 5; Matt 12:1-21	41
10	Mark 3; Luke 6; Matt 5:1-20	42-43
11	Matt 5:21-8:4	44
12	Matt 8:5-13; Luke 7; Matt 11, 12:22-37	45
13	Matt 12:38-13:58; Luke 8:1-25	46-47
14	Luke 8:26-56; Matt 8:14-34; Mark 4-5:20	48
15	Mark 5:21-43; Matt 9-10, 14:1-12	49
16	Matt 14:13-36; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17; John 6:1-15	50
17	John 6:16-71; Matt 15; Mark 7	51
18	Matt 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27; Matt 17:1-23	52
19	Matt 17:24-27; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62; Matt 18:1-14	53-54
20	Matt 18:15-35; John 7-8:47	55
21	John 8:48-10:21; Luke 10	56
22	Luke 11; John 10:22-42; Luke 12:1-34	57
23	Luke 12:35-15:7	58
24	Luke 15:8-16:31, 17:11-18:14	59
25	Matt 19; Mark 10; Matt 20:1-28	60-61
26	Matt 20:29-21:46; Luke 18:15-19:10	62
27	Luke 19:11-48; Mark 11; John 11:1-44	63-64
28	John 11:45-12:50; Matt 22	65
29	Mark 12; Matt 23; Luke 20:1-19	66
30	Luke 20:20-21:38; Mark 13; Matt 24:1-14	67
31	Matt 24:15-26:30	68

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

SEPTEMBER	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Ezek 12:16:8	Job 39
2	Ezek 16:9-18:9	40
3	Ezek 18:10-20:44	41
4	Ezek 20:45-23:11	42
5	Ezek 23:12-26:14	2 Thessalonians 1-2
6	Ezek 26:15-28:26	3
7	Ezek 29-32:2	Psalms 1-2
8	Ezek 32:3-34:16	3-4
9	Ezek 34:17-37:28	5
10	Ezek 38-40:27	6
11	Ezek 40:28-43:12	7
12	Ezek 43:13-46:8	8
13	Ezek 46:9-48:35	9
14	Joel 1-3:8	10
15	Joel 3:9-21; Dan 1-3:3	11-12
16	Dan 3:4-5:7	13-14
17	Dan 5:8-8:22	15-16
18	Dan 8:23-11:1	17
19	Dan 11:2-12:13; Ezra 1-2:20	18
20	Ezra 2:21-5:6	19
21	Ezra 5:7-6:22; Ps 137; Hag 1-2	20-21
22	Zech 1-7:7	22
23	Zech 7:8-11:17	23-24
24	Zech 12-14:21; Est 1-2:9	25
25	Est 2:10-7:4	26
26	Est 7:5-10:3; Ezra 7:1-20	27
27	Ezra 7:21-10:15	28-29
28	Ezra 10:16-44; Neh 1-3:21	30
29	Neh 3:22-7:7	31
30	Neh 7:8-9:21	32

It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees. Deuteronomy 17:19

FEBRUARY	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Exod 15:12-18:12	1 Corinthians 10
2	Exod 18:13-21:25	11
3	Exod 21:26-24:18	12
4	Exod 25-28:14	13
5	Exod 28:15-30:21	14
6	Exod 30:22-33:23	15
7	Exod 34-36	16
8	Exod 37-39:31	2 Samuel 1
9	Exod 39:32-40:38; Lev 1-3	2
10	Lev 4-6:23	3
11	Lev 6:24-9:14	4-5
12	Lev 9:15-13:8	6
13	Lev 13:9-14:42	7
14	Lev 14:43-17:9	8-9
15	Lev 17:10-20:24	10
16	Lev 20:25-23:32	11
17	Lev 23:33-26:13	12
18	Lev 26:14-27:34; Num 1-1:19	13
19	Num 1:20-3:38	14
20	Num 3:39-6:8	15
21	Num 6:9-7:77	16
22	Num 7:78-10:36	17
23	Num 11-14:16	18
24	Num 14:17-16:30	19
25	Num 16:31-20:8	20-21
26	Num 20:9-22:20	22
27	Num 22:21-25:5	23
28	Num 25:6-27:17	24

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8

MARCH	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Num 27:18-30:16	2 Corinthians 1
2	Ps 90; Num 31-32	2
3	Num 33-35	3
4	Num 36; Deut 1-2:23	4-5
5	Deut 2:24-4:49	6
6	Deut 5-8:9	7
7	Deut 8:10-11:25	8
8	Deut 11:26-15:6	9
9	Deut 15:7-19:7	10-11
10	Deut 19:8-23:8	12
11	Deut 23:9-27:13	13
12	Deut 27:14-29:8	1 Kings 1
13	Deut 29:9-32:12	2
14	Deut 32:13-33:21	3
15	Deut 33:22-34:12; Ps 91; Josh 1-3:13	4
16	Josh 3:14-7:9	5
17	Josh 7:10-9:27	6
18	Josh 10-12	7
19	Josh 13-15:47	8
20	Josh 15:48-19:23	9
21	Josh 19:24-22:17	10
22	Josh 22:18-24:33	11
23	Judg 1-3	12
24	Judg 4-6:24	13
25	Judg 6:25-9:6	14
26	Judg 9:7-11:27	15
27	Judg 11:28-15:10	16
28	Judg 15:11-18:17	17-18
29	Judg 18:18-20:39	19
30	Judg 20:40-21:25; Ruth 1-2	20
31	Ruth 3-4; 1 Sam 1-2:5	21-22

My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises. Psalm 119:148

AUGUST	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	2 Ki 20:12-21:26; 2 Chr 32-33:13	Job 4
2	2 Chr 33:14-25; Nah 1-3	5
3	2 Ki 22-23; 2 Chr 34:1-13	6
4	2 Chr 34:14-36:1; Zeph 1	7-8
5	Zeph 2-03; Jer 1-2:8	9
6	Jer 2:9-4:10	10
7	Jer 4:11-6:12	11
8	Jer 6:13-8:22	12-13
9	Jer 9-11:17	14
10	Jer 11:18-14:18	15
11	Jer 14:19-17:18	16
12	Jer 17:19-21:11	17-18
13	Jer 21:12-23:32	19
14	Jer 23:33-26:24	20
15	Jer 27-30:9	21
16	Jer 30:10-31:37	22
17	Jer 31:38-34:7	23
18	Jer 34:8-37:17	24
19	Jer 37:18-40:16; Ps 74:1-11	25-26
20	Ps 74:12-23, 79; 2 Ki 24-25; 2 Chr 36:2-8	27
21	2 Chr 36:9-23; Hab 1-3:10	28
22	Hab 3:11-19; Jer 41-44:18	29
23	Jer 44:19-48:10	30
24	Jer 48:11-49:27	31
25	Jer 49:28-50:46	32
26	Jer 51	33
27	Jer 52; Lam 1-2:3	34
28	Lam 2:4-4:4	35
29	Lam 4:5-5:22; Ezek 1-3:15	36
30	Ezek 3:16-7:18	37
31	Ezek 7:19-11:25	38

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.
He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. 2 Samuel 22:31

JULY	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Isa 1-3:17	Ezra 1-2
2	Isa 3:18-7:17	3
3	Isa 7:18-8:22; Amos 1-3:10	4
4	Amos 3:11-6:14	5
5	Amos 7-9; 2 Chr 27; Isa 9:1-7	6-7
6	Isa 9:8-11	8
7	Isa 12; Micah 1-4	9
8	Micah 5-7; 2 Chr 28:1-11	10
9	2 Chr 28:12-27; 2 Ki 16-17; Isa 13:1-8	Nehemiah 1-2
10	Isa 13:9-16:14	3
11	Isa 17-21	4-5
12	Isa 22-25:5	6
13	Isa 25:6-27:13; 2 Ki 18:1-8; 2 Chr 29:1-24	7
14	2 Chr 29:25-31:21; Ps 48	8
15	Hos 1-5:7	9
16	Hos 5:8-9:17	10
17	Hos 10-14	11
18	Isa 28-30:11	12
19	Isa 30:12-33:16	13
20	Isa 33:17-37:13	1 Thessalonians 1-2
21	Isa 37:14-39:8; Ps 76; Isa 40:1-8	3-4
22	Isa 40:9-42:13	5
23	Isa 42:14-44:23	Esther 1
24	Isa 44:24-47:15	2
25	Isa 48; 2 Ki 18:9-19:37	3
26	Ps 46, 80, 135; Isa 49	4-5
27	Isa 50-53:6	6
28	Isa 53:7-57:13	7-8
29	Isa 57:14-60:14	9-10
30	Isa 60:15-64:12	Job 1
31	Isa 65-66; 2 Ki 20:1-11	2

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

APRIL	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	1 Sam 2:6-5:5	Galatians 1
2	1 Sam 5:6-9:14	2
3	1 Sam 9:15-12:25	3
4	1 Sam 13-15:3	4
5	1 Sam 15:4-17:28	5-6
6	1 Sam 17:29-20:8	2 Kings 1
7	1 Sam 20:9-42; Ps 11, 57; 1 Sam 21-22	2
8	1 Sam 23-24; Ps 7, 27	3
9	Ps 31, 34, 52, 56, 120, 140	4
10	Ps 141-142; 1 Sam 25-26	5
11	1 Sam 27; Ps 17, 35, 54, 63; 1 Sam 28:1-14	6
12	1 Sam 28:15-31:13; Ps 18:1-19	7
13	Ps 18:20-50, 121, 123-125, 128-130; 2 Sam 1:1-1:16	8
14	2 Sam 1:17-3:39	9
15	2 Sam 4; Ps 6, 8-10, 14	10
16	Ps 16, 19, 21; 1 Chr 1	11
17	1 Chr 2, Ps 43-44	12-13
18	Ps 45, 49, 84-85, 87	14
19	1 Chr 3:1-5:22	15
20	1 Chr 5:23-26; Ps 73, 78:1-55	16
21	Ps 78:56-72; 1 Chr 6	17
22	Ps 81, 88, 92-93; 1 Chr 7	18
23	1 Chr 8-10	19
24	Ps 102-104; 2 Sam 5:1-10	20
25	1 Chr 11-12; Ps 133	21-22
26	Ps 106-107; 2 Sam 5:11-25	23
27	2 Sam 6; 1 Chr 13-16:7	24
28	2 Chr 16:8-43; Ps 1-2, 15, 23-24, 47	25
29	Ps 68, 89	Ephesians 1
30	Ps 96, 100-101, 105	2-3

I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate
on your decrees. Psalm 119:48

MAY	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Ps 132; 2 Sam 7; 1 Chr 17	Ephesians 4
2	Ps 25, 29, 33, 36, 39; 2 Sam 8	5-6
3	2 Sam 9; 1 Chr 18; Ps 50, 53, 60, 75; 2 Sam 10:1-6	1 Chronicles 1
4	2 Sam 10:7-19; 1 Chr 19; Ps 20, 65-67	2
5	Ps 69-70, 2 Sam 11-12:23	3
6	2 Sam 12:24-31; 1 Chr 20; Ps 32, 51, 86, 122; 2 Sam 13:1-19	4-5
7	2 Sam 13:20-15:26	6
8	2 Sam 15:27-37; Ps 3, 4, 12-13, 28, 55; 2 Sam 16:1-8	7
9	2 Sam 16:9-18:33	8
10	Ps 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64; 2 Sam 19:1-8	9
11	2 Sam 19:9-21:14	10-11
12	2 Sam 21:15-22:16; Ps 5, 38, 41-42	12
13	2 Sam 22:17-23:39; Ps 57	13
14	Ps 95, 97-99; 2 Sam 24, Ps 30	14-15
15	Ps 108-110, 1 Chr 23-24:5	16
16	1 Chr 24:6-25:31; Ps 131, 138-139, 143	17
17	Ps 144-145; 1 Chr 26-27:11	18
18	1 Chr 27:12-29:30	19
19	Ps 127, 111-118:14	20-21
20	Ps 118:15-29; 1 Ki 1-2:22	22
21	1 Kin 2:23-46; Ps 37, 71	23
22	Ps 94, 119:1-88	24
23	1 Ki 3-4; 2 Chr 1; Ps 72:1-7	25
24	Ps 72:8-20, 119:89-176; Son 1:1-7	26
25	Song 1:8-6:2	27
26	Song 6:3-8:14; Prov 1-2:8	28-29
27	Prov 2:9-6:11	Philippians 1-2
28	Prov 6:12-9:18	3-4
29	Prov 10-12:16	2 Chronicles 1-2
30	Prov 12:17-15:10	3
31	Prov 15:11-17:28	4

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Psalm 119:97

JUNE	CHRONOLOGICAL	YEAR 2
1	Prov 18-20	2 Chronicles 5
2	Prov 21-23:25	6
3	Prov 23:26-24:34; 1 Ki 5-6:28	7
4	1 Ki 6:29-38; 2 Chr 2-3; 1 Ki 7:1-33	8
5	1 Ki 7:34-51; 2 Chr 4; 1 Ki 8:1-40	9
6	1 Ki 8:41-66; 2 Chr 5-6:31	10
7	2 Chr 6:32-7:22; Ps 136, 134, 146-147	11-12
8	Ps 148-150; 1 Ki 9; 2 Chr 8	13
9	Prov 25-28:10	14
10	Prov 28:11-29:27; Eccl 1-2:16	15
11	Eccl 2:17-6:12	16-17
12	Eccl 7-10:10	18
13	Eccl 10:11-12:14; 1 Ki 10-11:13	19
14	1 Ki 11:14-43; 2 Chr 9; Prov 30	20
15	Prov 31; 1 Ki 12-13	21
16	1 Ki 14-15:24; 2 Chr 10-11	22-23
17	2 Chr 12-14; 1 Ki 15:25-16:20	24
18	1 Ki 16:21-34; 2 Chr 15-17; 1 Ki 17	25
19	1 Ki 18-20:18	26
20	1 Ki 20:19-22:28	27
21	1 Ki 22:29-53; 2 Chr 18-20:12	28
22	2 Chr 20:13-23:15	29
23	2 Chr 23:16-21; Obadiah; Ps 82-83; 2 Ki 1	30
24	2 Ki 2-4:37	31-32
25	2 Ki 4:38-7:2	33
26	2 Ki 7:3-9:29	34
27	2 Ki 9:30-12:12	35
28	2 Ki 12:13-13:25; 2 Chr 24; 2 Ki 14:1-22	36
29	2 Ki 14:23-29; 2 Chr 25; Jonah 1-3	Colossians 1-2
30	Jonah 4; 2 Ki 15; 2 Chr 26	3-4