

How to Read the Bible in a Year

If you read the Bible at 200 words a minute (which is below average for pace) for one hour a day, you could read the Bible through in 2 months, or 6 times a year. Even at ½ hour or 30 minutes daily, you will read the Bible through in 4 months, or 3 times a year! At 200 words per minute, you can read the entire Bible in about 80 hours. The key is to not read too slow. If you find that you're reading at a pace slower than this, don't get discouraged.

Recognize that just like other abilities, reading is a skill you develop through practice. If you find yourself bogging down or losing concentration, keep at it. Over time your ability to retain and concentrate improves through repetition.

Also recognize that you only remember 20% of what you read, so doing this over and over is really quite important.

A few simple guidelines:

1. Carve out a time and place to read each day. Make this a habit. Schedule it and guard it.
2. Don't be afraid to skim. Reading too slow is every bit as much a problem as too fast. Push yourself to read faster.
3. Shift gears. Read some passages slower and some faster. That's OK.
4. Read by books. Don't skip around. Books of the Bible were written in the same form as other books, beginning to end. Read them that way.
5. Make this more than reading. Make it a habit to ask yourself regularly what God wanted you to see each day in your reading. What does this reveal about God? What challenge or encouragement is there? What does this have to do with you?

The Bible reading plan on the next page follows these steps. Except for Psalms and Proverbs, books are read from beginning to end. You will move occasionally back and forth between the Old and New Testaments. For that reason, when you jump for example back to the Old Testament, you may want to reorient yourself back to the historical context of what is going on.

And finally, you will find that reading the Bible is only one step. Studying passages in more depth is another exercise, and one which you will want to use while you are reading. As you read through the Bible, our encouragement if you slow down and study is that you would continue to read. Do both. Keep reading at a pace, and study smaller portions IN ADDITION.

Reading Through the Bible in a Year

This through the Bible in a year chart reads the Bible as it was written, in books. It is not a straight Genesis to Revelation, but has gone a little more back-and-forth between the Testaments.

Week	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1	Gen. 1-3	Gen. 4-7	Gen. 8-11	Gen. 12-15	Gen. 16-19	Gen. 20-23	Ps. 1-2
2	Gen. 24-27	Gen. 28-31	Gen. 32-35	Gen. 36-39	Gen. 40-43	Gen. 44-47	Ps. 3-5
3	Gen. 48-50	Ex. 1-4	Ex. 5-8	Ex. 9-12	Ex. 13-16	Ex. 17-20	Ps. 6-8
4	Ex. 21-24	Ex. 25-28	Ex. 29-32	Ex. 33-36	Ex. 37-40	Lev. 1-3	Ps. 9-11
5	Lev. 4-6	Lev. 7-9	Lev. 10-12	Lev. 13-15	Lev. 16-18	Lev. 19-21	Ps. 12-14
6	Lev. 22-24	Lev. 25-27	Num. 1-4	Num. 5-8	Num. 9-12	Num. 13-16	Ps. 15-17
7	Num. 17-20	Num. 21-24	Num. 25-28	Num. 29-32	Num. 33-36	Deut. 1-3	Ps. 18-20
8	Deut. 4-6	Deut. 7-9	Deut. 10-12	Deut. 13-15	Deut. 16-19	Deut. 20-22	Ps. 21-23
9	Deut. 23-25	Deut. 26-28	Deut. 29-31	Deut. 32-34	Mark 1-2	Mark 3-4	Ps. 24-26
10	Mark 5-6	Mark 7-8	Mark 9-10	Mark 11-12	Mark 13-14	Mark 15-16	Ps. 27-29
11	Josh. 1-5	Josh. 6-10	Josh. 11-15	Josh. 16-20	Josh. 21-24	Ps. 30-32	Ps. 33-35
12	Judges 1-6	Judges 7-11	Judges 12-16	Judges 17-21	Ruth	Ps. 36-38	Ps. 39-41
13	Matt. 1-2	Matt. 3-4	Matt. 5-7	Matt. 8-10	Matt. 11-13	Ps. 42-44	Ps. 45-47
14	Matt. 14-16	Matt. 17-19	Matt. 20-22	Matt. 23-25	Matt. 26-28	Ps. 48-50	Ps. 51-53
15	1 Sam. 1-5	1 Sam. 6-10	1 Sam. 11-15	1 Sam. 16-20	1 Sam. 21-24	1 Sam. 26-31	Ps. 54-56
16	2 Sam. 1-4	2 Sam. 5-9	2 Sam. 10-14	2 Sam. 15-19	2 Sam. 20-24	Ps. 57-59	Ps. 60-62
17	Luke 1-2	Luke 3-4	Luke 5-6	Luke 7-8	Luke 9-10	Luke 11-12	Ps. 63-65
18	Luke 13-14	Luke 15-16	Luke 17-18	Luke 19-20	Luke 21-22	Luke 23-24	Ps. 66-68
19	1 Ki. 1-4	1 Ki. 5-9	1 Ki. 10-13	1 Ki. 14-18	1 Ki. 19-22	Ps. 69-71	Ps. 72-74
20	2 Ki. 1-5	2 Ki. 6-10	2 Ki. 11-15	2 Ki. 16-20	2 Ki. 21-25	Ps. 75-77	Ps. 78-80
21	1 Chr. 1-4	1 Chr. 5-9	1 Chr. 10-14	1 Chr. 15-19	1 Chr. 20-24	1 Chr. 25-29	Ps. 81-83
22	2 Chr. 1-5	2 Chr. 6-10	2 Chr. 11-15	2 Chr. 16-20	2 Chr. 21-24	Ps. 84-86	Ps. 87-89
23	2 Chr. 25-28	2 Chr. 29-32	2 Chr. 33-36	Ezra 1-5	Ezra 6-10	Ps. 90-92	Ps. 93-95
24	Neh. 1-4	Neh. 5-9	Neh. 10-13	Esther 1-5	Esther 6-10	Ps. 96-98	Ps. 99-101

25	Is. 1-6	Is. 7-11	Is. 12-17	Is. 18-22	Is. 23-28	Is. 29-33	Prov. 1
26	Is. 34-39	Is. 40-44	Is. 45-50	Is. 51-55	Is. 56-61	Is. 62-66	Prov. 2-3
27	John 1-2	John 3-4	John 5-6	John 7-9	John 10-12	Ps. 102-104	Prov. 4
28	John 13-15	John 16-18	John 19-21	Ps. 105-107	Ps. 108-110	Prov. 5-6	Prov. 7
29	Job 1-2	Job 3-4	Job 5-6	Job 7-8	Job 9-10	Job 11-12	Job 13-14

30	Job 15-16	Job 17-18	Job 19-20	Job 21-22	Job 23-24	Job 25-26	Job 27-28
31	Job 29-30	Job 31-32	Job 33-34	Job 35-36	Job 37-38	Job 39-40	Job 41-42
32	Acts 1-2	Acts 3-4	Acts 5-6	Acts 7-8	Acts 9-10	Ps. 111-113	Prov. 8-9
33	Acts 11-12	Acts 13-14	Acts 15-16	Acts 17-18	Acts 19-20	Ps. 114-116	Prov. 10
34	Acts 21-22	Acts 23-24	Acts 25-26	Acts 27-28	Ps. 117-118	Rom. 1-2	Rom. 3-4
35	Rom. 5-6	Rom. 7-8	Rom. 9-10	Rom. 11-12	Rom. 13-14	Rom. 15-16	Ps. 119
36	Jer. 1-6	Jer. 7-11	Jer. 12-16	Jer. 17-21	Jer. 22-26	Ps. 120-121	Prov. 11-12
37	Jer. 27-21	Jer. 32-36	Jer. 37-41	Jer. 42-46	Jer. 47-52	Lamentations	Prov. 13
38	1 Cor. 1-2	1 Cor. 3-4	1 Cor. 5-6	1 Cor. 7-8	1 Cor. 9-10	Ps. 122-124	Prov. 14-15
39	1 Cor. 11-12	1 Cor. 13-14	1 Cor. 15-16	Gal. 1-3	Gal. 4-6	Ps. 125-127	Prov. 16
40	2 Cor. 1-3	2 Cor. 4-5	2 Cor. 6-8	2 Cor. 9-10	2 Cor. 11-13	Prov. 17-18	Prov. 19
41	Ezek. 1-6	Ezek. 7-12	Ezek. 13-18	Ezek. 19-24	Ezek. 25-30	Ps. 128-130	Prov. 20-21
42	Ezek. 31-36	Ezek. 37-42	Ezek. 43-48	Dan. 1-6	Dan. 7-12	Eph. 1-3	Eph. 4-6
43	Phil. 1-2	Phil. 3-4	Col. 1-2	Col. 3-4	Hosea 1-7	Hosea 8-14	Prov. 22
44	1 Thess. 1-3	1 Thess. 4-5	2 Thess. 1-3	Joel	Amos 1-4	Amos 5-9	Prov. 23-24
45	1 Tim. 1-3	1 Tim 4-6	2 Tim. 1-2	2 Tim. 3-4	Obadiah	Ps. 131-133	Prov. 25
46	Titus	Philemon	Heb 1-4	Heb 5-7	Heb 8-10	Heb 11-13	Prov. 26-27
47	James 1-3	James 4-5	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Ps. 134-136	Prov. 28
48	1 Peter 1-3	1 Peter 4-5	2 Peter	Habakkuk	Zephaniah	Haggai	Ps. 137-139
49	1 John 1-3	1 John 4-5	2 John	3 John	Jude	Ps. 140-142	Malachi
50	Zech. 1-7	Zech. 8-14	Eccl. 1-2	Eccl. 3-4	Eccl. 5-6	Ps. 143-145	Prov. 29-30
51	Eccl. 7-8	Eccl. 9-10	Eccl. 11-12	Ps. 146-148	Prov. 31	Ps. 149-150	Song. 1-2
52	Song 3-4	Song. 5-6	Song. 7-8	Rev. 1-6	Rev. 7-11	Rev. 12-17	Rev. 18-22