

## Chronological One-Year Bible Reading Plan

Each year I post Bible reading plans to help guide people as they read Scripture. Each year I get requests for a chronological plan. And each year I try to make one but then give up. It's a complicated task.

The problem is a comprehensive chronological reading of the Bible requires a lot of details that won't fit on a two-page sheet. Because of overlapping passages from different books and repeated passages, some days you would find yourself reading from multiple sections of different passages. Along with being a lot of information to present, that's too much page flipping and the potential for confusion.

If you want a truly chronological overview of the Bible, get one of the many one-year chronological Bibles. These provide the best and easiest approach.

It's possible, however, to make an *approximate* chronological reading guide by putting the *books* of the Bible in chronological order. In 2021 I made my inaugural attempt to do so. In 2022, I updated it to produce a better flow. The result is the attached version 2.

For the **Old Testament**, the books with an historical narrative of Genesis through Esther (except for 1 and 2 Chronicles) are in chronological order already. All we need to do is insert the rest of the Old Testament books into the right places.

Where to put them, however, is seldom straightforward. We don't know when some of the minor prophets were written, and scholars debate the dates of others. Compounding the problem, some books, notably Jeremiah and Isaiah, don't occur chronologically within themselves.

Since David wrote most of the psalms, we'll include that entire book after the story of his life. Similarly, we attribute Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, and most of Proverbs to King Solomon, so we'll include those books after we read about him.

Although the books of 1 and 2 Chronicles overlap with 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings, Chronicles wasn't written until much later. We know this because among the many lists of people, we read those who returned from Babylonian captivity back to the promised land. This occurred in Ezra's era, and some Bible scholars attribute him as the author of 1 and 2 Chronicles. We'll present those books accordingly.

(Though not included in this reading plan, the books of the Apocrypha fall between the Old and New Testaments.)

For the **New Testament**, we'll start with Mark, which many Bible scholars think was the first Gospel written. Then we'll go to Matthew. We'll read Luke next, followed by Acts, which Dr. Luke also wrote.

The narrative of Acts gives us much history of the early church, with the later portions focusing on the travels and ministry of Paul. When it fits, we'll insert his letters to the churches (epistles), into the Acts timeline whenever possible.

For the rest of the letters, we'll insert them after Acts, starting with the rest of Paul's letters. Then we'll read James, 1 and 2 Peter, and Jude, followed by Hebrews.

Since John was the last gospel written, we'll wrap up with the books attributed to him: John, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation.

This is the overview of our chronological reading plan.

The placement of some books is debatable, and the dates of others are unknown. Aside from those areas, I'd appreciate any input you have so that I can make version 3 of the plan even better. Use the contact form at [PeterDeHaan.com](http://PeterDeHaan.com) to let me know.

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**May God speak to you and bless you as you read and study his word.**

## Read Through The Entire Bible in One Year (Chronologically by Book)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Chapters</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Chapters</u>   | <u>Date</u> | <u>Chapters</u>    |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Jan 1       | Genesis 1-2     | Mar 3       | Numbers 34-36     | May 3       | Psalms 76-80       |
| Jan 2       | Genesis 3-5     | Mar 4       | Deuteronomy 1-3   | May 4       | Psalms 81-85       |
| Jan 3       | Genesis 6-8     | Mar 5       | Deuteronomy 4-6   | May 5       | Psalms 86-90       |
| Jan 4       | Genesis 9-11    | Mar 6       | Deuteronomy 7-9   | May 6       | Psalms 91-95       |
| Jan 5       | Job 1-4         | Mar 7       | Deuteronomy 10-12 | May 7       | Psalms 96-100      |
| Jan 6       | Job 5-8         | Mar 8       | Deuteronomy 13-15 | May 8       | Psalms 101-105     |
| Jan 7       | Job 9-12        | Mar 9       | Deuteronomy 16-18 | May 9       | Psalms 106-109     |
| Jan 8       | Job 13-16       | Mar 10      | Deuteronomy 19-21 | May 10      | Psalms 110-113     |
| Jan 9       | Job 17-20       | Mar 11      | Deuteronomy 22-24 | May 11      | Psalms 114-118     |
| Jan 10      | Job 21-24       | Mar 12      | Deuteronomy 25-27 | May 12      | Psalms 119         |
| Jan 11      | Job 25-28       | Mar 13      | Deuteronomy 28-30 | May 13      | Psalms 120-124     |
| Jan 12      | Job 29-32       | Mar 14      | Deuteronomy 31-34 | May 14      | Psalms 125-129     |
| Jan 13      | Job 33-36       | Mar 15      | Joshua 1-3        | May 15      | Psalms 130-134     |
| Jan 14      | Job 37-39       | Mar 16      | Joshua 4-6        | May 16      | Psalms 135-139     |
| Jan 15      | Job 40-42       | Mar 17      | Joshua 7-9        | May 17      | Psalms 140-144     |
| Jan 16      | Genesis 12-14   | Mar 18      | Joshua 10-12      | May 18      | Psalms 145-150     |
| Jan 17      | Genesis 15-17   | Mar 19      | Joshua 13-15      | May 19      | 1 Kings 1-4        |
| Jan 18      | Genesis 18-20   | Mar 20      | Joshua 16-18      | May 20      | 1 Kings 5-7        |
| Jan 19      | Genesis 21-23   | Mar 21      | Joshua 19-21      | May 21      | 1 Kings 8-11       |
| Jan 20      | Genesis 24-26   | Mar 22      | Joshua 22-24      | May 22      | Proverbs 1-4       |
| Jan 21      | Genesis 27-29   | Mar 23      | Judges 1-3        | May 23      | Proverbs 5-7       |
| Jan 22      | Genesis 30-32   | Mar 24      | Judges 4-6        | May 24      | Proverbs 8-11      |
| Jan 23      | Genesis 33-35   | Mar 25      | Judges 7-9        | May 25      | Proverbs 12-14     |
| Jan 24      | Genesis 36-38   | Mar 26      | Judges 10-12      | May 26      | Proverbs 15-17     |
| Jan 25      | Genesis 39-41   | Mar 27      | Judges 13-15      | May 27      | Proverbs 18-21     |
| Jan 26      | Genesis 42-44   | Mar 28      | Judges 16-18      | May 28      | Proverbs 22-24     |
| Jan 27      | Genesis 45-47   | Mar 29      | Judges 19-21      | May 29      | Proverbs 25-28     |
| Jan 28      | Genesis 48-50   | Mar 30      | Ruth 1-4          | May 30      | Proverbs 29-31     |
| Jan 29      | Exodus 1-3      | Mar 31      | 1 Samuel 1-4      | May 31      | Ecclesiastes 1-3   |
| Jan 30      | Exodus 4-7      | Apr 1       | 1 Samuel 5-7      | Jun 1       | Ecclesiastes 4-6   |
| Jan 31      | Exodus 8-10     | Apr 2       | 1 Samuel 8-10     | Jun 2       | Ecclesiastes 7-9   |
| Feb 1       | Exodus 11-13    | Apr 3       | 1 Samuel 11-13    | Jun 3       | Ecclesiastes 10-12 |
| Feb 2       | Exodus 14-16    | Apr 4       | 1 Samuel 14-16    | Jun 4       | Song of Songs 1-4  |
| Feb 3       | Exodus 17-19    | Apr 5       | 1 Samuel 17-19    | Jun 5       | Song of Songs 5-8  |
| Feb 4       | Exodus 20-22    | Apr 6       | 1 Samuel 20-22    | Jun 6       | 1 Kings 12-14      |
| Feb 5       | Exodus 23-25    | Apr 7       | 1 Samuel 23-25    | Jun 7       | 1 Kings 15-17      |
| Feb 6       | Exodus 26-28    | Apr 8       | 1 Samuel 26-28    | Jun 8       | 1 Kings 18-20      |
| Feb 7       | Exodus 29-31    | Apr 9       | 1 Samuel 29-31    | Jun 9       | 1 Kings 21-22      |
| Feb 8       | Exodus 32-34    | Apr 10      | 2 Samuel 1-3      | Jun 10      | 2 Kings 1-4        |
| Feb 9       | Exodus 35-37    | Apr 11      | 2 Samuel 4-6      | Jun 11      | 2 Kings 5-7        |
| Feb 10      | Exodus 38-40    | Apr 12      | 2 Samuel 7-9      | Jun 12      | 2 Kings 8-10       |
| Feb 11      | Leviticus 1-3   | Apr 13      | 2 Samuel 10-12    | Jun 13      | 2 Kings 11-13      |
| Feb 12      | Leviticus 4-6   | Apr 14      | 2 Samuel 13-15    | Jun 14      | 2 Kings 14-16      |
| Feb 13      | Leviticus 7-9   | Apr 15      | 2 Samuel 16-18    | Jun 15      | 2 Kings 17-19      |
| Feb 14      | Leviticus 10-12 | Apr 16      | 2 Samuel 19-21    | Jun 16      | Jonah 1-4          |
| Feb 15      | Leviticus 13-15 | Apr 17      | 2 Samuel 22-24    | Jun 17      | Amos 1-3           |
| Feb 16      | Leviticus 16-18 | Apr 18      | Psalms 1-5        | Jun 18      | Amos 4-6           |
| Feb 17      | Leviticus 19-21 | Apr 19      | Psalms 6-10       | Jun 19      | Amos 7-9           |
| Feb 18      | Leviticus 22-24 | Apr 20      | Psalms 11-15      | Jun 20      | 2 Kings 20-22      |
| Feb 19      | Leviticus 25-27 | Apr 21      | Psalms 16-20      | Jun 21      | Isaiah 1-4         |
| Feb 20      | Numbers 1-3     | Apr 22      | Psalms 21-25      | Jun 22      | Isaiah 5-7         |
| Feb 21      | Numbers 4-6     | Apr 23      | Psalms 26-30      | Jun 23      | Isaiah 8-10        |
| Feb 22      | Numbers 7-9     | Apr 24      | Psalms 31-35      | Jun 24      | Isaiah 11-13       |
| Feb 23      | Numbers 10-12   | Apr 25      | Psalms 36-40      | Jun 25      | Isaiah 14-17       |
| Feb 24      | Numbers 13-15   | Apr 26      | Psalms 41-45      | Jun 26      | Isaiah 18-20       |
| Feb 25      | Numbers 16-18   | Apr 27      | Psalms 46-50      | Jun 27      | Isaiah 21-24       |
| Feb 26      | Numbers 19-21   | Apr 28      | Psalms 51-55      | Jun 28      | Isaiah 25-27       |
| Feb 27      | Numbers 22-24   | Apr 29      | Psalms 56-60      | Jun 29      | Isaiah 28-31       |
| Feb 28      | Numbers 25-27   | Apr 30      | Psalms 61-65      | Jun 30      | Isaiah 32-34       |
| Mar 1       | Numbers 28-30   | May 1       | Psalms 66-70      | Jul 1       | Isaiah 35-38       |
| Mar 2       | Numbers 31-33   | May 2       | Psalms 71-75      | Jul 2       | Isaiah 39-41       |

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| Jul 3       | Isaiah 42-45      | Sep 2       | 1 Chronicles 12-14 | Nov 2       | Acts 16-18                   |
| Jul 4       | Isaiah 46-48      | Sep 3       | 1 Chronicles 15-17 | Nov 3       | Galatians 1-3                |
| Jul 5       | Isaiah 49-51      | Sep 4       | 1 Chronicles 18-20 | Nov 4       | Galatians 4-6                |
| Jul 6       | Isaiah 52-54      | Sep 5       | 1 Chronicles 21-23 | Nov 5       | 1 Timothy 1-3                |
| Jul 7       | Isaiah 55-57      | Sep 6       | 1 Chronicles 24-26 | Nov 6       | 1 Timothy 4-6                |
| Jul 8       | Isaiah 58-60      | Sep 7       | 1 Chronicles 27-29 | Nov 7       | Philippians 1-4              |
| Jul 9       | Isaiah 61-63      | Sep 8       | 2 Chronicles 1-3   | Nov 8       | 1 Thessalonians 1-3          |
| Jul 10      | Isaiah 64-66      | Sep 9       | 2 Chronicles 4-6   | Nov 9       | 1 Thessalonians 4-5          |
| Jul 11      | Hosea 1-4         | Sep 10      | 2 Chronicles 7-9   | Nov 10      | 2 Thessalonians 1-3          |
| Jul 12      | Hosea 5-7         | Sep 11      | 2 Chronicles 10-12 | Nov 11      | Acts 19                      |
| Jul 13      | Hosea 8-11        | Sep 12      | 2 Chronicles 13-15 | Nov 12      | Ephesians 1-3                |
| Jul 14      | Hosea 12-14       | Sep 13      | 2 Chronicles 16-18 | Nov 13      | Ephesians 4-6                |
| Jul 15      | Micah 1-4         | Sep 14      | 2 Chronicles 19-21 | Nov 14      | 1 Corinthians 1-4            |
| Jul 16      | Micah 5-7         | Sep 15      | 2 Chronicles 22-24 | Nov 15      | 1 Corinthians 5-7            |
| Jul 17      | Nahum 1-3         | Sep 16      | 2 Chronicles 25-27 | Nov 16      | 1 Corinthians 8-10           |
| Jul 18      | Zephaniah 1-3     | Sep 17      | 2 Chronicles 28-30 | Nov 17      | 1 Corinthians 11-13          |
| Jul 19      | Jeremiah 1-3      | Sep 18      | 2 Chronicles 31-33 | Nov 18      | 1 Corinthians 14-16          |
| Jul 20      | Jeremiah 4-6      | Sep 19      | 2 Chronicles 34-36 | Nov 19      | 2 Corinthians 1-3            |
| Jul 21      | Jeremiah 7-9      | Sep 20      | Ezra 1-3           | Nov 20      | 2 Corinthians 4-6            |
| Jul 22      | Jeremiah 10-12    | Sep 21      | Ezra 4-7           | Nov 21      | 2 Corinthians 7-9            |
| Jul 23      | Jeremiah 13-15    | Sep 22      | Ezra 8-10          | Nov 22      | 2 Corinthians 10-13          |
| Jul 24      | Jeremiah 16-19    | Sep 23      | Haggai 1-2         | Nov 23      | Acts 20-22                   |
| Jul 25      | Jeremiah 20-22    | Sep 24      | Zechariah 1-4      | Nov 24      | Acts 23-25                   |
| Jul 26      | Jeremiah 23-25    | Sep 25      | Zechariah 5-7      | Nov 25      | Romans 1-4                   |
| Jul 27      | Jeremiah 26-28    | Sep 26      | Zechariah 8-11     | Nov 26      | Romans 5-7                   |
| Jul 28      | Jeremiah 29-31    | Sep 27      | Zechariah 12-14    | Nov 27      | Romans 8-10                  |
| Jul 29      | Jeremiah 32-34    | Sep 28      | Nehemiah 1-4       | Nov 28      | Romans 11-13                 |
| Jul 30      | Jeremiah 35-37    | Sep 29      | Nehemiah 5-7       | Nov 29      | Romans 14-16                 |
| Jul 31      | Jeremiah 38-40    | Sep 30      | Nehemiah 8-10      | Nov 30      | Acts 26-28                   |
| Aug 1       | Jeremiah 41-45    | Oct 1       | Nehemiah 11-13     | Dec 1       | Colossians 1-4               |
| Aug 2       | Jeremiah 46-48    | Oct 2       | Esther 1-4         | Dec 2       | 2 Timothy 1-4                |
| Aug 3       | Jeremiah 49-50    | Oct 3       | Esther 5-7         | Dec 3       | Titus 1-3                    |
| Aug 4       | Jeremiah 51-52    | Oct 4       | Esther 8-10        | Dec 4       | Philemon 1 & Jude 1          |
| Aug 5       | Lamentations 1-2  | Oct 5       | Joel 1-3           | Dec 5       | James 1-3                    |
| Aug 6       | Lamentations 3-5  | Oct 6       | Malachi 1-4        | Dec 6       | James 4-5                    |
| Aug 7       | 2 Kings 23-25     | Oct 7       | Mark 1-4           | Dec 7       | 1 Peter 1-3                  |
| Aug 8       | Ezekiel 1-4       | Oct 8       | Mark 5-7           | Dec 8       | 1 Peter 4-5                  |
| Aug 9       | Ezekiel 5-8       | Oct 9       | Mark 8-10          | Dec 9       | 2 Peter 1-3                  |
| Aug 10      | Ezekiel 9-12      | Oct 10      | Mark 11-13         | Dec 10      | Hebrews 1-4                  |
| Aug 11      | Ezekiel 13-15     | Oct 11      | Mark 14-16         | Dec 11      | Hebrews 5-7                  |
| Aug 12      | Ezekiel 16-17     | Oct 12      | Matthew 1-4        | Dec 12      | Hebrews 8-10                 |
| Aug 13      | Ezekiel 18-20     | Oct 13      | Matthew 5-7        | Dec 13      | Hebrews 11-13                |
| Aug 14      | Ezekiel 21-22     | Oct 14      | Matthew 8-10       | Dec 14      | John 1-2                     |
| Aug 15      | Ezekiel 23-24     | Oct 15      | Matthew 11-13      | Dec 15      | John 3-4                     |
| Aug 16      | Ezekiel 25-27     | Oct 16      | Matthew 14-16      | Dec 16      | John 5-6                     |
| Aug 17      | Ezekiel 28-30     | Oct 17      | Matthew 17-19      | Dec 17      | John 7-8                     |
| Aug 18      | Ezekiel 31-33     | Oct 18      | Matthew 20-22      | Dec 18      | John 9-10                    |
| Aug 19      | Ezekiel 34-36     | Oct 19      | Matthew 23-25      | Dec 19      | John 11-12                   |
| Aug 20      | Ezekiel 37-39     | Oct 20      | Matthew 26-28      | Dec 20      | John 13-15                   |
| Aug 21      | Ezekiel 40-42     | Oct 21      | Luke 1-3           | Dec 21      | John 16-17                   |
| Aug 22      | Ezekiel 43-45     | Oct 22      | Luke 4-6           | Dec 22      | John 18-19                   |
| Aug 23      | Ezekiel 46-48     | Oct 23      | Luke 7-9           | Dec 23      | John 20-21                   |
| Aug 24      | Habakkuk 1-3      | Oct 24      | Luke 10-12         | Dec 24      | 1 John 1-4                   |
| Aug 25      | Obadiah 1         | Oct 25      | Luke 13-15         | Dec 25      | 1 John 5, 2 John 1, 3 John 1 |
| Aug 26      | Daniel 1-3        | Oct 26      | Luke 16-18         | Dec 26      | Revelation 1-3               |
| Aug 27      | Daniel 4-6        | Oct 27      | Luke 19-21         | Dec 27      | Revelation 4-8               |
| Aug 28      | Daniel 7-9        | Oct 28      | Luke 22-24         | Dec 28      | Revelation 9-12              |
| Aug 29      | Daniel 10-12      | Oct 29      | Acts 1-4           | Dec 29      | Revelation 13-16             |
| Aug 30      | 1 Chronicles 1-4  | Oct 30      | Acts 5-7           | Dec 30      | Revelation 17-19             |
| Aug 31      | 1 Chronicles 5-7  | Oct 31      | Acts 8-12          | Dec 31      | Revelation 20-22             |
| Sep 1       | 1 Chronicles 8-11 | Nov 1       | Acts 13-15         |             | <i>Congratulations!</i>      |