

Read the Whole Old Testament in a Year

You may have seen scripture programs for daily readings from the Bible. They are usually very useful and well thought out, but after a period of years of using only them, you might feel that you still don't know your Bible very well at all.

You are probably right, you still don't know the Bible well. The reason is that the daily verses usually are some from here, some from there, and present you with a daily sampling of the most interesting items. Without the bigger context, it is easy to feel you don't have the whole picture.

Another risk is that the people assembling the reading schedule have a particular bias, perhaps unintentional but nevertheless there. By reading all the verses in all of the books, you can avoid any potential ignoring or exclusion of what may be doctrinally embarrassing verses.

This program is designed to help you read the whole of the Old Testament in a year, and you can then start all over a again. Within five or ten years, you will have a much better appreciation, and for only less than a half hour per day.

In the schedule, you will generally read two to four chapters per day, sometimes fewer, sometimes more, because chapters vary in length. Many of the Psalms are quite short. Some chapters are of valuable content to interested people, such as genealogies, but you may not feel you need to read those details intensely.

After each book or group of books, there is a scheduled reflection day, giving you time to review and think about what you have read recently. Each month has a day at the end for you to reflect on what you have read during that month.

The reflection days also give you a chance to catch up if you have missed a daily reading recently for whatever reason.

Each of the following four pages has three months across the page, with daily readings for each day.

Daily Readings for January through March

January		February		March	
Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters
1	Genesis 1 – 3	1	Exodus 38 – 40	1	Numbers 33 – 36
2	4 – 7	2	Reflection (Exodus)	2	Reflection (Numbers)
3	8 – 10	3	Leviticus 1 – 4	3	Deuteronomy 1 – 2
4	11 – 13	4	5 – 7	4	3 – 4
5	14 -17	5	8 – 10	5	5 – 7
6	18 – 20	6	11 – 13	6	8 – 10
7	21 – 23	7	14 – 15	7	11 – 13
8	24 – 25	8	16 – 18	8	14 – 16
9	26 – 27	9	19 – 21	9	17 – 19
10	28 – 30	10	22 – 23	10	20 – 22
11	31 – 32	11	24 – 25	11	23 – 25
12	33 – 35	12	26 – 27	12	26 – 27
13	36 – 38	13	Reflection (Leviticus)	13	28
14	39 – 41	14	Numbers 1 – 2	14	29 – 31
15	42 – 45	15	3 – 4	15	32
16	46 – 48	16	5 – 6	16	33 – 34
17	49 – 50	17	7 – 8	17	Reflection (Deuteronomy)
18	Reflection (Genesis)	18	9 – 10	18	Joshua 1 – 3
19	Exodus 1 – 3	19	11 – 13	19	4 – 6
20	4 – 6	20	14 – 15	20	7 – 8
21	7 – 9	21	16 – 17	21	9 – 10
22	10 – 12	22	18 – 20	22	11 – 13
23	13 – 15	23	21 – 22	23	14 – 17
24	16 – 18	24	23 – 25	24	18 – 19
25	19 – 21	25	26 – 27	25	20 – 22
26	22 – 25	26	28 – 30	26	23 – 24
27	26 – 28	27	31 – 32	27	Reflection (Joshua)
28	29 – 31	28	Reflection of month	28	Judges 1 – 3
29	32 – 34	29		29	4 – 5
30	35 – 37			30	6 – 7
31	Reflection of month			31	Reflection of month

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Daily Readings for April through June

April		May		June	
Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters
1	Judges 8 – 9	1	21 – 22	1	1 Chronicles 7 – 9
2	10 – 12	2	23 – 24	2	10 – 12
3	13 – 15	3	Reflection (2 Samuel)	3	13 – 16
4	16 – 17	4	1 Kings 1	4	17 – 20
5	18 – 19	5	2 – 3	5	21 – 23
6	20 – 21	6	4 – 6	6	24 – 25
7	Ruth 1 – 4	7	7	7	26 – 27
8	Reflection (Judges, Ruth)	8	8	8	28 – 29
9	1 Samuel 1 – 2	9	9 – 10	9	Reflection (1 Chronicles)
10	3 – 5	10	11 – 12	10	2 Chronicles 1 – 3
11	6 – 8	11	13 – 14	11	4 – 6
12	9 – 11	12	15 – 16	12	7 – 9
13	12 – 13	13	17 – 18	13	10 – 12
14	14 – 15	14	19 – 20	14	13 – 16
15	16 – 17	15	21 – 22	15	17 – 19
16	18 – 20	16	Reflection (1 Kings)	16	20 – 22
17	21 – 23	17	2 Kings 1 – 3	17	23 – 24
18	24 – 25	18	4 – 5	18	25 – 26
19	26 – 28	19	6 – 7	19	27 – 29
20	29 – 31	20	8 – 9	20	30 – 32
21	Reflection (1 Samuel)	21	10 – 12	21	33 – 34
22	2 Samuel 1 – 2	22	13 – 15	22	35 – 36
23	3 – 5	23	16 – 17	23	Reflection (2 Chronicles)
24	6 – 8	24	18 – 19	24	Ezra 1 – 4
25	9 – 12	25	20 – 21	25	5 – 7
26	13 – 14	26	22 – 23	26	8 – 10
27	15 – 16	27	24 – 25	27	Nehemiah 1 – 3
28	17 – 18	28	Reflection (2 Kings)	28	4 – 7
29	19 – 20	29	1 Chronicles 1 – 4	29	8 – 9
30	Reflection of month	30	5 – 6	30	Reflection of month
		31	Reflection of month		

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Daily Readings for July through September

July		August		September	
Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters
1 Nehemiah	10 – 11	1 Psalms	64 – 68	1 Proverbs	26 – 27
2	12 – 13	2	69 – 72	2	28 – 29
3 Reflection	(Ezra + Nehemiah)	3	73 – 77	3	30 – 31
4 Esther	1 – 3	4	78 – 79	4 Reflection	(Proverbs)
5	4 – 8	5	80 – 84	5 Ecclesiastes	1 – 3
6	9 – 10	6	85 – 89	6	4 – 6
7 Reflection	(Esther, Ezra, Neh)	7	90 – 94	7	7 – 9
8 Job	1 – 3	8	95 – 102	8	10 – 12
9	4 – 7	9	103 – 104	9 Song	1 – 8
10	8 – 11	10	105 – 106	10 Reflection	(Ecc, Song)
11	12 – 16	11	107 – 109	11 Isaiah	1 – 2
12	17 – 21	12	110 – 118	12	3 – 5
13	22 – 27	13	119	13	6 – 8
14	28 – 31	14	120 – 127	14	9 – 10
15	32 – 35	15	128 – 135	15	11 – 13
16	36 – 39	16	136 – 139	16	14 – 16
17	40 – 42	17	140 – 145	17	17 – 19
18 Reflection	(Job)	18	146 – 150	18	20 – 22
19 Psalms	1 – 7	19 Reflection	(Psalms)	19	23 – 25
20	8 – 14	20 Proverbs	1 – 3	20	26 – 27
21	15 – 18	21	4 – 6	21	28 – 29
22	19 – 23	22	7 – 9	22	30 – 32
23	24 – 29	23	10 – 11	23	33 – 36
24	30 – 34	24	12 – 13	24	37 – 39
25	35 – 37	25	14 – 15	25	40 – 41
26	38 – 41	26	16 – 17	26	42 – 43
27	42 – 47	27	18 – 19	27	44 – 45
28	48 – 51	28	20 – 21	28	46 – 48
29	52 – 57	29	22 – 23	29	49 – 50
30	58 – 63	30	24 – 25	30 Reflection of month	
31 Reflection of month		31 Reflection of month			

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Daily Readings for October through December

October		November		December	
Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters	Book	Chapters
1	Isaiah 51 – 53	1	Lamentations 1 – 2	1	Reflection (Daniel)
2	54 – 57	2	3 – 5	2	Hosea 1 – 2
3	58 – 60	3	Reflection (Jeremiah, Lamentations)	3	3 – 5
4	61 – 64	4	Ezekiel 1 – 3	4	6 – 8
5	65 – 66	5	4 – 7	5	9 – 11
6	Reflection (Isaiah)	6	8 – 11	6	12 – 14
7	Jeremiah 1 – 2	7	12 – 14	7	Reflection (Hosea)
8	3 – 4	8	15 – 16	8	Joel 1 – 3
9	5 – 6	9	17 – 18	9	Amos 1 – 3
10	7 – 8	10	19 – 20	10	4 – 6
11	9 – 10	11	21 – 22	11	7 – 9
12	11 – 13	12	23 – 24	12	Reflection (Joel, Amos)
13	14 – 15	13	25 – 27	13	Obadiah 1
14	16 – 17	14	28 – 30	14	Jonah 1 – 4
15	18 – 20	15	31 – 32	15	Micah 1 – 3
16	21 – 22	16	33 – 34	16	4 – 7
17	23 – 24	17	35 – 37	17	Reflection (Ob, Jo, Mic)
18	25 – 26	18	38 – 39	18	Nahum 1 – 3
19	27 – 29	19	40 – 41	19	Habakkuk 1 – 3
20	30 – 31	20	42 – 44	20	Zephaniah 1 – 3
21	32 – 33	21	45 – 46	21	Reflection (Nah, Hab, Zeph)
22	34 – 36	22	47 – 48	22	Haggai 1 – 2
23	37 – 39	23	Reflection (Ezekiel)	23	Zechariah 1 – 4
24	40 – 43	24	Daniel 1	24	5 – 8
25	44 – 46	25	2 – 3	25	9 – 11
26	47 – 48	26	4 – 5	26	12 – 14
27	49	27	6 – 7	27	Malachi 1 – 4
28	50	28	8 – 9	28	Reflection (Hag, Zech, Mal)
29	51	29	10 – 12	29	Reflection of month
30	52	30	Reflection of month	30	Reflection of year
31	Reflection of month			31	Spare

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