

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, 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 is possible, however, to make an *approximate* chronological reading guide by putting the *books* of the Bible in chronological order. This plan is my inaugural attempt to do so.

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, and we'll insert the various letters (epistles), which include Romans through Jude, into that timeline

whenever possible. For the rest of the letters, we'll insert them after Acts, starting with Paul's letters, next Peter's and Jude's. Then we'll read Hebrews.

To make the reading flow a bit better we'll group the two-part books together even though they weren't written at the same time. These include 1 and 2 Corinthians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, and 1 and 2 Peter.

Since John was the last gospel written, we'll include the books attributed to him last. These are John, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation.

This is the overview of our chronological reading plan.

Though 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 next year's plan better. Use the contact form at 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 this year.

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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 Solomon 1-4
Feb 3	Exodus 17-19	Apr 5	1 Samuel 17-19	Jun 5	Song of Solomon 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	Jonah 1-4
Feb 6	Exodus 26-28	Apr 8	1 Samuel 26-28	Jun 8	Amos 1-3
Feb 7	Exodus 29-31	Apr 9	1 Samuel 29-31	Jun 9	Amos 4-6
Feb 8	Exodus 32-34	Apr 10	2 Samuel 1-3	Jun 10	Amos 7-9
Feb 9	Exodus 35-37	Apr 11	2 Samuel 4-6	Jun 11	Hosea 1-4
Feb 10	Exodus 38-40	Apr 12	2 Samuel 7-9	Jun 12	Hosea 5-7
Feb 11	Leviticus 1-3	Apr 13	2 Samuel 10-12	Jun 13	Hosea 8-11
Feb 12	Leviticus 4-6	Apr 14	2 Samuel 13-15	Jun 14	Hosea 12-14
Feb 13	Leviticus 7-9	Apr 15	2 Samuel 16-18	Jun 15	Micah 1-4
Feb 14	Leviticus 10-12	Apr 16	2 Samuel 19-21	Jun 16	Micah 5-7
Feb 15	Leviticus 13-15	Apr 17	2 Samuel 22-24	Jun 17	Isaiah 1-4
Feb 16	Leviticus 16-18	Apr 18	Psalms 1-5	Jun 18	Isaiah 5-7
Feb 17	Leviticus 19-21	Apr 19	Psalms 6-10	Jun 19	Isaiah 8-10
Feb 18	Leviticus 22-24	Apr 20	Psalms 11-15	Jun 20	Isaiah 11-13
Feb 19	Leviticus 25-27	Apr 21	Psalms 16-20	Jun 21	Isaiah 14-17
Feb 20	Numbers 1-3	Apr 22	Psalms 21-25	Jun 22	Isaiah 18-20
Feb 21	Numbers 4-6	Apr 23	Psalms 26-30	Jun 23	Isaiah 21-24
Feb 22	Numbers 7-9	Apr 24	Psalms 31-35	Jun 24	Isaiah 25-27
Feb 23	Numbers 10-12	Apr 25	Psalms 36-40	Jun 25	Isaiah 28-31
Feb 24	Numbers 13-15	Apr 26	Psalms 41-45	Jun 26	Isaiah 32-34
Feb 25	Numbers 16-18	Apr 27	Psalms 46-50	Jun 27	Isaiah 35-38
Feb 26	Numbers 19-21	Apr 28	Psalms 51-55	Jun 28	Isaiah 39-41
Feb 27	Numbers 22-24	Apr 29	Psalms 56-60	Jun 29	Isaiah 42-45
Feb 28	Numbers 25-27	Apr 30	Psalms 61-65	Jun 30	Isaiah 46-48
Mar 1	Numbers 28-30	May 1	Psalms 66-70	Jul 1	Isaiah 49-51
Mar 2	Numbers 31-33	May 2	Psalms 71-75	Jul 2	Isaiah 52-54

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Jul 3	Isaiah 55-57	Sep 2	1 Chronicles 8-11	Nov 2	James 4-5
Jul 4	Isaiah 58-60	Sep 3	1 Chronicles 12-14	Nov 3	Acts 12-14
Jul 5	Isaiah 61-63	Sep 4	1 Chronicles 15-17	Nov 4	Galatians 1-3
Jul 6	Isaiah 64-66	Sep 5	1 Chronicles 18-20	Nov 5	Galatians 4-6
Jul 7	1 Kings 15-17	Sep 6	1 Chronicles 21-23	Nov 6	Acts 15-18
Jul 8	1 Kings 18-20	Sep 7	1 Chronicles 24-26	Nov 7	1 Timothy 1-3
Jul 9	1 Kings 21-22	Sep 8	1 Chronicles 27-29	Nov 8	1 Timothy 4-6
Jul 10	2 Kings 1-4	Sep 9	2 Chronicles 1-3	Nov 9	2 Timothy 1-4
Jul 11	2 Kings 5-7	Sep 10	2 Chronicles 4-6	Nov 10	Philippians 1-4
Jul 12	2 Kings 8-10	Sep 11	2 Chronicles 7-9	Nov 11	1 Thessalonians 1-3
Jul 13	2 Kings 11-13	Sep 12	2 Chronicles 10-12	Nov 12	1 Thessalonians 4-5
Jul 14	2 Kings 14-16	Sep 13	2 Chronicles 13-15	Nov 13	2 Thessalonians 1-3
Jul 15	2 Kings 17-19	Sep 14	2 Chronicles 16-18	Nov 14	Ephesians 1-3
Jul 16	2 Kings 20-22	Sep 15	2 Chronicles 19-21	Nov 15	Ephesians 4-6
Jul 17	2 Kings 23-25	Sep 16	2 Chronicles 22-24	Nov 16	Acts 19
Jul 18	Nahum 1-3	Sep 17	2 Chronicles 25-27	Nov 17	1 Corinthians 1-4
Jul 19	Zephaniah 1-3	Sep 18	2 Chronicles 28-30	Nov 18	1 Corinthians 5-7
Jul 20	Jeremiah 1-4	Sep 19	2 Chronicles 31-33	Nov 19	1 Corinthians 8-10
Jul 21	Jeremiah 5-7	Sep 20	2 Chronicles 34-36	Nov 20	1 Corinthians 11-13
Jul 22	Jeremiah 8-10	Sep 21	Ezra 1-3	Nov 21	1 Corinthians 14-16
Jul 23	Jeremiah 11-13	Sep 22	Ezra 4-7	Nov 22	2 Corinthians 1-3
Jul 24	Jeremiah 14-16	Sep 23	Ezra 8-10	Nov 23	2 Corinthians 4-6
Jul 25	Jeremiah 17-19	Sep 24	Nehemiah 1-4	Nov 24	2 Corinthians 7-9
Jul 26	Jeremiah 20-22	Sep 25	Nehemiah 5-7	Nov 25	2 Corinthians 10-13
Jul 27	Jeremiah 23-25	Sep 26	Nehemiah 8-10	Nov 26	Acts 20-22
Jul 28	Jeremiah 26-28	Sep 27	Nehemiah 11-13	Nov 27	Acts 23-25
Jul 29	Jeremiah 29-31	Sep 28	Zechariah 1-4	Nov 28	Acts 26-28
Jul 30	Jeremiah 32-34	Sep 29	Zechariah 5-7	Nov 29	Romans 1-4
Jul 31	Jeremiah 35-37	Sep 30	Zechariah 8-11	Nov 30	Romans 5-7
Aug 1	Jeremiah 38-40	Oct 1	Zechariah 12-14	Dec 1	Romans 8-10
Aug 2	Jeremiah 41-43	Oct 2	Esther 1-4	Dec 2	Romans 11-13
Aug 3	Jeremiah 44-46	Oct 3	Esther 5-7	Dec 3	Romans 14-16
Aug 4	Jeremiah 47-49	Oct 4	Esther 8-10	Dec 4	Colossians 1-4
Aug 5	Jeremiah 50-52	Oct 5	Joel 1-3	Dec 5	Titus 1-3
Aug 6	Lamentations 1-2	Oct 6	Malachi 1-4	Dec 6	Philemon 1
Aug 7	Lamentations 3-5	Oct 7	Mark 1-4	Dec 7	1 Peter 1-3
Aug 8	Habakkuk 1-3	Oct 8	Mark 5-7	Dec 8	1 Peter 4-5
Aug 9	Obadiah 1	Oct 9	Mark 8-10	Dec 9	2 Peter 1-3
Aug 10	Daniel 1-3	Oct 10	Mark 11-13	Dec 10	Jude 1
Aug 11	Daniel 4-6	Oct 11	Mark 14-16	Dec 11	Hebrews 1-4
Aug 12	Daniel 7-9	Oct 12	Matthew 1-4	Dec 12	Hebrews 5-7
Aug 13	Daniel 10-12	Oct 13	Matthew 5-7	Dec 13	Hebrews 8-10
Aug 14	Ezekiel 1-3	Oct 14	Matthew 8-10	Dec 14	Hebrews 11-13
Aug 15	Ezekiel 4-6	Oct 15	Matthew 11-13	Dec 15	John 1-3
Aug 16	Ezekiel 7-9	Oct 16	Matthew 14-16	Dec 16	John 4-6
Aug 17	Ezekiel 10-12	Oct 17	Matthew 17-19	Dec 17	John 7-9
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Aug 20	Ezekiel 19-21	Oct 20	Matthew 26-28	Dec 20	John 16-18
Aug 21	Ezekiel 22-24	Oct 21	Luke 1-3	Dec 21	John 19-21
Aug 22	Ezekiel 25-27	Oct 22	Luke 4-6	Dec 22	1 John 1-3
Aug 23	Ezekiel 28-30	Oct 23	Luke 7-9	Dec 23	1 John 4-5
Aug 24	Ezekiel 31-33	Oct 24	Luke 10-12	Dec 24	2 John -3 John
Aug 25	Ezekiel 34-36	Oct 25	Luke 13-15	Dec 25	Revelation 1-3
Aug 26	Ezekiel 37-39	Oct 26	Luke 16-18	Dec 26	Revelation 4-7
Aug 27	Ezekiel 40-42	Oct 27	Luke 19-21	Dec 27	Revelation 8-10
Aug 28	Ezekiel 43-45	Oct 28	Luke 22-24	Dec 28	Revelation 11-13
Aug 29	Ezekiel 46-48	Oct 29	Acts 1-4	Dec 29	Revelation 14-16
Aug 30	Haggai 1-2	Oct 30	Acts 5-7	Dec 30	Revelation 17-19
Aug 31	1 Chronicles 1-4	Oct 31	Acts 8-11	Dec 31	Revelation 20-22
Sep 1	1 Chronicles 5-7	Nov 1	James 1-3		

Congratulations!