

COVER TO COVER

THE BIBLE IN 10 MINUTES, 5 DAYS PER WEEK



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We created this plan to capture the **highlights** of Scripture over the 22 weeks of the “Cover to Cover” sermon series. While this plan will not cover everything, it will give you a holistic perspective on the story of the Bible and what that means for your life today. Week 6 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

WEEK 6

Hello and welcome to week six of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. In week five we looked at the second half of Exodus primarily focusing on God’s covenant with his people. This week we will look at excerpts from Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These books tell the story of how God formed his people into a nation that would ultimately lead to his plan for restoring the whole world.

DAY 1 In Chapters 1-4 of Leviticus, we read about different sacrifices that Israel made so that they could continue to dwell in God’s presence. The first 3 chapters address mostly optional sacrifices that were ultimately about surrender and thanksgiving to God. Chapter 4 addresses the sin offering. This offering was required to address the sin of the people, even accidental sin. Read **Leviticus 1-4** today and reflect on the meaning of these sacrifices.

DAY 2 Chapters 8 and 9 of Leviticus give us insight into the priests God used to offer these sacrifices. The people couldn’t approach God on their own, so he set aside the high priest and the priests serving under him to make these offerings on behalf of the people. Chapter 16 unveils God’s plan for the Day of Atonement. This was to be an annual celebration and offering on behalf of the nation. Read **Leviticus 8, 9, and 16** today.

DAY 3 Today we move into the Book of Numbers. Chapters 2 and 3 of Numbers describe how God’s people were to be arranged around the Tabernacle. 3 tribes were assigned to a camp on each side of the Tabernacle, as a symbol of God’s presence being at the center of his people. The Levites (priests) were stationed at the center of the entire encampment. Read **Numbers 2 and 3** today and think about how purposeful God was in his design for every aspect of the Tabernacle including where his people camped..

DAY 4 Numbers 13 and 14 contain the account of God preparing his people to enter the Promised Land. He sends 12 scouts into the Promised Land, but only 2 of the 12 come back believing that God will give them the strength needed to overtake the land. They are afraid, and in response the people rebel and choose not to enter the Promised Land and God honors their choice. Rather than completing an 11-day hike, they end up wandering in the desert for 40 years. Read **Numbers 13 and 14** today and ponder the significance of this account.

DAY 5 The book of Deuteronomy captures Moses' farewell speech. Because of Moses' sin, he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land. In this book, Moses speaks to the children who have grown up in the wilderness and are now prepared to enter the Promised Land. He reminds them of God's covenant and all that God has done for them and will do if they remain faithful to him. With that in mind read **Deuteronomy 4-6 and 34** today.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing that caught your attention or stands out to you from the sermon this week?
2. What comes to mind when you think of the Book of Numbers in the Old Testament? What is the reason behind this thought?
3. Pastor Jonathan talked about how the Israelites were miraculously freed from Egypt, and they witnessed first hand how God provided in many ways. However, they still grew bitter towards God and didn't fully trust Him. It's easy to point fingers at the Israelites, but we are so similar. How can you relate to their frustration and bitterness towards God?
4. This week's sermon emphasized the importance of trusting and following God's plan — even when it may seem unclear or difficult. Can you think of a time in your life when you had to trust God's plan despite not understanding it fully? How did that experience shape your faith journey?
5. Throughout life, especially during difficult times, we have a choice. We can either choose to whine, complain and grumble, or we can choose to look to the cross of Jesus and place our trust in Him. What is a specific way or situation this week that you can choose to focus your eyes on the cross and put your trust in Jesus?

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