

Bible Reading Plans – Track 1

Time Commitment: Two Weeks per “course”

Goal: To survey basic biblical foundation

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Track 1 is a place to begin reading the bible. Three two-week reading courses take you quickly into passages of the Bible every Christian should know. These were selected with two concerns in mind: first, they are frequently quoted or referred to. Second, they are relatively easy to read and understand.

Course 1: Two Weeks on the Life and Teachings of Jesus

- Day 1. LUKE 1: Preparing for Jesus' arrival
- Day 2. LUKE 2: The story of Jesus' birth
- Day 3. MARK 1: The beginning of Jesus' ministry
- Day 4. MARK 9: A day in the life of Jesus
- Day 5. MATTHEW 5: The Sermon on the Mount
- Day 6. MATTHEW 6: The Sermon on the Mount
- Day 7. LUKE 15: Parables of Jesus Day
- Day 8. JOHN 3: A conversation with Jesus
- Day 9. JOHN 14: Jesus' final instructions
- Day 10. JOHN 17: Jesus' prayer for his disciples
- Day 11. MATTHEW 26: Betrayal and arrest
- Day 12. MATTHEW 27: Jesus' execution on a cross Day
- Day 13. JOHN 20: Resurrection
- Day 14. LUKE 24: Jesus' appearance after resurrection

Course 2: Two Weeks on the Life and Teachings of Paul

- Day 1. ACTS 9: The conversion of Saul
- Day 2. ACTS 16: Paul's Macedonian call and a jailbreak
- Day 3. ACTS 17: Scenes from Paul's missionary journey
- Day 4. ACTS 26: Paul tells his life story to a king
- Day 5. ACTS 27: Shipwreck on the way to Rome
- Day 6. ACTS 28: Paul's arrival in Rome
- Day 7. ROMANS 3: Paul's theology in a nutshell
- Day 8. ROMANS 7: Struggle with sin
- Day 9. ROMANS 8: Life in the Spirit Day
- Day 10. 1 CORINTHIANS 13: Paul's description of love
- Day 11. 1 CORINTHIANS 15: Thoughts on the afterlife Day
- Day 12. GALATIANS 5: Freedom in Christ
- Day 13. EPHESIANS 3: Paul's summary of his mission
- Day 14. PHILIPPIANS 2: Imitating Christ

Course 3: Two Weeks on the Old Testament

- Day 1. GENESIS 1: The story of creation
- Day 2. GENESIS 3: The origin of sin
- Day 3. GENESIS 22: Abraham and Isaac
- Day 4. EXODUS 3: Moses' encounter with God
- Day 5. EXODUS 20: The gift of the Ten Commandments
- Day 6. 1 SAMUEL 17: David and Goliath
- Day 7. 2 SAMUEL 11: David and Bathsheba
- Day 8. 2 SAMUEL 12: Nathan's rebuke of the king
- Day 9. 1 KINGS 18: Elijah and the prophets of Baal
- Day 10. JOB 38: God's answer to Job
- Day 11. PSALM 51: A classic confession
- Day 12. ISAIAH 40: Words of comfort from God
- Day 13. DANIEL 6: Daniel and the lions
- Day 14. AMOS 4: A prophet's stern warning

Course 4: TWO WEEKS ON BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

- Day 1. Genesis 3: The first sin creates a need.
- Day 2. Isaiah 52: Salvation prophesied.
- Day 3. Isaiah 53: The role of the suffering servant.
- Day 4. Luke 15: Three stories about God's love.
- Day 5. John 3: Jesus explains "born again."
- Day 6. John 10: The good shepherd.
- Day 7. Acts 8: Conversions spread outside the Jews.
- Day 8. Acts 26: Paul testifies of his conversion before a king.
- Day 9. Romans 3: God's provision for sin.
- Day 10. Romans 5: Peace with God.
- Day 11. Galatians 3: Salvation unavailable by obeying the law.
- Day 12. Ephesians 2: New life in Christ.
- Day 13. 1 Peter 1: Future rewards of salvation.
- Day 14. 2 Peter 1: Making your salvation sure.

Course 5: TWO WEEKS ON PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE

- Day 1. Genesis 18: Abraham's plea for Sodom.
- Day 2. Exodus 15: Moses' song to the Lord.
- Day 3. Exodus 33: Moses meets with God.
- Day 4. 2 Samuel 7: David's response to God's promises.
- Day 5. 1 Kings 8: Solomon's dedication of the temple.
- Day 6. 2 Chronicles 20: Jehoshaphat prays for victory.
- Day 7. Ezra 9: Ezra's prayer for the people's sins.
- Day 8. Psalm 22: A cry to God for help.
- Day 9. Psalm 104: A prayer of praise.
- Day 10. Daniel 9: Daniel's prayer for the salvation of Jerusalem.
- Day 11. Habakkuk 3: A prophet's prayer of acceptance.
- Day 12. Matthew 6: The Lord's prayer.
- Day 13. John 17: Jesus' prayer for his disciples.
- Day 14. Colossians 1: Paul's prayer of thanksgiving.

Course 6: TWO WEEKS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Day 1. Judges 14: The Spirit gives Samson strength.
- Day 2. 1 Samuel 10: King Saul's experience.
- Day 3. Matthew 3:1-4:10: Role in Jesus' baptism and temptation.
- Day 4. John 14: Jesus promises the Spirit.
- Day 5. John 16: The work of the Spirit.
- Day 6. Acts 2: The Spirit comes at Pentecost.
- Day 7. Acts 10: The Spirit guides Peter to accept Gentiles.
- Day 8. Romans 8: Christians' victory in the Spirit.
- Day 9. 1 Corinthians 2: Wisdom from the Spirit.
- Day 10. 1 Corinthians 12: Gifts of the Spirit.
- Day 11. 1 Corinthians 14: Gifts of tongues and prophecy.
- Day 12. Galatians 5: Life in the Spirit.
- Day 13. Ephesians 4: Unity and gifts.
- Day 14. 1 John 4: Signs of the Spirit.

Course 7: TWO WEEKS ON WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

- Day 1. Genesis 2: Eve, the first woman.
- Day 2. Genesis 18: Sarah laughs at God's promise.
- Day 3. Genesis 24: Rebekah's marriage to Isaac.
- Day 4. Genesis 27: Rebekah, the manipulative mother
- Day 5. Judges 4: Deborah's leadership frees her people.
- Day 6. Ruth 1: Ruth and Naomi's deep friendship.
- Day 7. 1 Samuel 1: Hannah prays for a son.
- Day 8. 1 Kings 17: A poor widow and the prophet Elijah.
- Day 9. 1 Kings 21: Jezebel, an emblem of wickedness.
- Day 10. Esther 2: Esther is chosen as queen.
- Day 11. Esther 4: Esther's courage at the risk of death.
- Day 12. Luke 1: Mary and Elizabeth receive great news.
- Day 13. Luke 2: Mary gives birth to Jesus.
- Day 14. John 11: Mary and Martha and their brother's death.

Course 8: TWO WEEKS ON MEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Day 1. Judges 6: God calls Gideon to rescue his people.
- Day 2. Judges 7: Gideon conquers his fears—and his enemies.
- Day 3. 1 Samuel 3: God calls young Samuel.
- Day 4. 1 Kings 3: Solomon is given wisdom.
- Day 5. 1 Kings 19: Elijah runs for his life.
- Day 6. 2 Kings 5: Elisha heals a powerful foreign general.
- Day 7. Isaiah 6: God calls the prophet Isaiah.
- Day 8. 2 Kings 18: King Hezekiah under military siege.
- Day 9. 2 Kings 19: Isaiah speaks God's word to King Hezekiah.
- Day 10. 2 Chronicles 34: Josiah sets his nation back on course.
- Day 11. Nehemiah 2: Nehemiah courageously begins rebuilding a wall.
- Day 12. Jeremiah 38: Jeremiah, in prison, refuses to change his message.
- Day 13. Daniel 1: Daniel risks his life in captivity.
- Day 14. Daniel 5: Daniel's word to a royal orgy.

Course 9: TWO WEEKS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Day 1. Exodus 3: God hears the cries of the slaves.
- Day 2. Leviticus 25: The year of jubilee, a time of economic revolution.
- Day 3. Ruth 2: A poor woman finds help.
- Day 4. 1 Kings 21: Elijah speaks to a land-grabbing, murderous king.
- Day 5. Nehemiah 5: Nehemiah demands justice for the poor.
- Day 6. Isaiah 5: Warning to fun-loving materialists.
- Day 7. Isaiah 58: Worship that God appreciates.
- Day 8. Jeremiah 34: Freedom for slaves.
- Day 9. Amos 2: Sins against God by his own people.
- Day 10. Amos 6: Warning to the complacent.
- Day 11. Micah 6: What the Lord requires.
- Day 12. Luke 3: John the Baptist tells how to prepare for Jesus.
- Day 13. Matthew 6: Jesus speaks on material things.
- Day 14. James 2: How to treat the rich and the poor.

Course 10: TWO WEEKS ON GOD AND NATURE

- Day 1. Genesis 1: God creates the earth.
- Day 2. Genesis 2: God creates human beings.
- Day 3. Proverbs 8: Wisdom's view of creation.
- Day 4. Genesis 7: God preserves the species.
- Day 5. Job 38: The greatness of nature.
- Day 6. Job 39: The wildness of nature.
- Day 7. Job 40: God's mastery of nature.
- Day 8. Psalm 8: Praise for the Creator.
- Day 9. Psalm 98: Nature joins in the praise.
- Day 10. Psalm 104: God sustains the earth.
- Day 11. Isaiah 40: The ruler of all creation.
- Day 12. Romans 8: The "groanings" of our present state.
- Day 13. Isaiah 65: Preview of a restored earth.
- Day 14. Revelation 22: The end of history.

Further two week courses for personal study:

Course 11: Two weeks on Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:

Genesis 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33.

Course 12: Two weeks on Moses and the exodus:

Exodus 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, 14, 16, 19, 32; Numbers 14; Deuteronomy 1, 2, 4, 31.

Course 13: Two weeks on David:

1 Samuel 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24; 2 Samuel 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18.