



2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

The Essential 100
Reading Plan

This simple Bible reading plan provides 50 selected readings from the Old Testament and 50 selected readings from the New Testament based on major characters, events, and themes of the Bible. It is designed to help you get the big picture about God's word and to create a habit of regular Bible reading.

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OLD TESTAMENT

IN THE BEGINNING

- 1. Creation Genesis 1:1–2:25
- 2. The Fall Genesis 3:1–3:24
- 3. The Flood Genesis 6:5–7:24
- 4. God's Covenant with Noah Genesis 8:1–9:17
- 5. Tower of Babel Genesis 11:1–11:9

ABRAHAM, ISSAC AND JACOB

- 6. The Call of Abram Genesis 12:1–12:20
- 7. God's Covenant with Abram Genesis 15:1–15:21
- 8. Isaac's Birth and "Sacrifice" Genesis 21:1–22:19
- 9. Jacob and Esau Compete Genesis 27:1–28:22
- 10. Jacob and Esau Reconcile Genesis 32:1–33:20

THE STORY OF JOSEPH

- 11. Sold into Slavery Genesis 37:1–37:36
- 12. Prison and Promotion Genesis 39:1–41:57
- 13. Ten Brothers Go to Egypt Genesis 42:1–42:38
- 14. The Brothers Return Genesis 43:1–44:34
- 15. Joseph Reveals His Identity Genesis 45:1–46:7

MOSES AND THE EXODUS

- 16. Birth of Moses Exodus 1:1–2:25
- 17. The Burning Bush Exodus 3:1–4:17
- 18. The Ten Plagues Exodus 6:28–11:10
- 19. Passover and Exodus Exodus 12:1–12:42
- 20. Crossing the Red Sea Exodus 13:17–14:31

THE LAW AND THE LAND

- 21. The Ten Commandments Exodus 19:1–20:21
- 22. The Golden Calf Exodus 32:1–34:35
- 23. Joshua Succeeds Moses Joshua 1:1–1:18
- 24. Crossing the Jordan Joshua 3:1–4:24
- 25. The Fall of Jericho Joshua 5:13–6:27

THE JUDGES

- 26. Israel's Disobedience Judges 2:6–3:6
- 27. Deborah Leads Israel Judges 4:1–5:31
- 28. Gideon Defeats the Midianites Judges 6:1–7:25
- 29. Sampson Defeats the Philistines Judges 13:1–16:31
- 30. The Story of Ruth Ruth 1:1–4:22

THE RISE OF ISRAEL

- 31. Samuel Listens to God 1 Samuel 1:1–3:21
- 32. King Saul 1 Samuel 8:1–10:27
- 33. David and Goliath 1 Samuel 16:1–18:16
- 34. David and Saul 1 Samuel 23:7–24:22
- 35. King David 2 Samuel 5:1–7:29

THE FALL OF ISRAEL

- 36. David and Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11:1–12:25
- 37. King Solomon 1 Kings 2:1–3:28
- 38. Solomon's Temple 1 Kings 8:1–9:9
- 39. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal 1 Kings 16:29–19:18
- 40. The Fall of Jerusalem 2 Kings 25:1–25:30

PSALMS AND PROVERBS

- 41. The Lord Is My Shepherd Psalm 23:1–23:6
- 42. Have Mercy on Me Psalm 51:1–51:19
- 43. Praise the Lord Psalm 103:1–103:22
- 44. Godly Wisdom Proverbs 1:1–4:27
- 45. Proverbs of Solomon Proverbs 16:1–18:24

THE PROPHETS

- 46. The Suffering Servant Isaiah 51:1–53:12
- 47. Jeremiah's Call and Message Jeremiah 1:1–3:5
- 48. Daniel in the Lion's Den Daniel 6:1–6:28
- 49. The Story of Jonah Jonah 1:1–4:11
- 50. The Day of Judgment Malachi 1:1–4:6



NEW TESTAMENT

THE LIVING WORD

- 51. The Word Became Flesh John 1:1–1:18
- 52. Gabriel's Message Luke 1:1–1:80
- 53. The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1–2:40
- 54. John the Baptist Luke 3:1–3:20
- 55. Baptism and Temptation Matthew 3:13–4:17

THE TEACHING OF JESUS

- 56. Sermon on the Mount – Part 1 Matthew 5:1–6:4
- 57. Sermon on the Mount – Part 2 Matthew 6:5–7:29
- 58. The Kingdom of Heaven Matthew 13:1–13:58
- 59. The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25–10:37
- 60. Lost and Found Luke 15:1–15:32

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

- 61. Feeding the Five Thousand Luke 9:1–9:36
- 62. Walking on Water Matthew 14:22–14:36
- 63. Healing the Blind Man John 9:1–9:41
- 64. Healing a Demon-possessed Man Mark 5:1–5:20
- 65. Raising Lazarus from the Dead John 11:1–11:57

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

- 66. The Last Supper Luke 22:1–22:46
- 67. Arrest and Trial John 18:1–18:40
- 68. The Crucifixion John 19:1–19:42
- 69. The Resurrection John 20:1–21:25
- 70. The Ascension Acts 1:1–1:11

THE CHURCH IS BORN

- 71. The Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1–2:47
- 72. Growth and Persecution Acts 3:1–4:37
- 73. The First Martyr Acts 6:8–8:8
- 74. Sharing the Word Acts 8:26–8:40
- 75. Good News for All Acts 10:1–11:18

THE TRAVELS OF PAUL

- 76. The Road to Damascus Acts 9:1–9:31
- 77. The First Missionary Journey Acts 13:1–14:28
- 78. The Council at Jerusalem Acts 15:1–15:41
- 79. More Missionary Journeys Acts 16:1–20:38
- 80. The Trip to Rome Acts 25:1–28:31

PAUL TO THE CHURCHES

- 81. More than Conquerors Romans 8:1–8:39
- 82. The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:16–6:10
- 83. The Armour of God Ephesians 6:10–6:20
- 84. Rejoice in the Lord Philippians 4:2–4:9
- 85. The Supremacy of Christ Colossians 1:1–1:23

PAUL TO THE LEADERS

- 86. Elders and Deacons 1 Timothy 3:1–3:16
- 87. The Love of Money 1 Timothy 6:3–6:21
- 88. Good Soldiers of Christ 2 Timothy 2:1–2:26
- 89. All Scripture Is God-breathed 2 Timothy 3:10–4:8
- 90. The Coming of the Lord 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

THE APOSTLES' TEACHING

- 91. The Most Excellent Way 1 Corinthians 13:1–13:13
- 92. A New Creation in Christ 2 Corinthians 4:1–6:2
- 93. A Living Hope 1 Peter 1:1–2:12
- 94. Faith and Works James 1:1–2:26
- 95. Love One Another 1 John 3:11–4:21

THE REVELATION

- 96. A Voice and a Vision Revelation 1:1–1:20
- 97. Messages to the Churches Revelation 2:1–3:22
- 98. The Throne of Heaven Revelation 4:1–7:17
- 99. Hallelujah! Revelation 19:1–20:15
- 100. The New Jerusalem Revelation 21:1–22:21

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Consider using the questions from Discovery Bible Study (DBS) to process your readings. Record your answers to these questions in a journal and/or discuss them with others who are reading the same biblical text.

Thanks: What are you thankful for right now?

Intercession: What challenges do you see in your life?
Family? World?

Accountability: How did you apply, share or follow-up from your last reading?

Read & review the passage

He is: What do we learn about God?

We are: What do we learn about people?

I will: How will you apply this passage to you life?

You can: Who needs to hear this message?