

A PLAN FOR READING THE COMPLETE BIBLE

Notes:

- It is a good idea to read the entire bible, it is God's word to us. It enlightens us, inspires us and gives us guidance for our thoughts and actions. It is not, however, a good plan to read it from cover to cover, you would have to slog your way through too much Old Testament material before you get to the best stuff. If we read from the two Testaments together, the revelation of the Christian New Testament enlightens what we learn from the Old and the Old deepens our understanding of the New.
- Can you read fast? The bible is never to be read quickly, but slowly and meditatively; asking ourselves, as we read, these questions:
 - What from this passage do we learn about God?
 - What can we learn here about how we should think and act? How does it apply to us?
- The idea of this plan is to read about one chapter each day.
- The following plan goes back and forth between the books of the Old and New Testaments. There are 929 chapters in the Old Testament and 260 in the New. We need to read them all, but the New Testament obviously does much more to help us live our lives for Christ. Therefore, by use of this plan, when one has finished the Old Testament, he will have read the New Testament twice.
- This is not a task to be accomplished but a process to be enjoyed. It is the same when we consume food for our body. We plan to do it every day and have no intention of coming to the end of our eating. The inspired scripture feeds our soul. There is no value in hurrying. When you complete the plan, it will be time to start over!
- The Psalms. Since long before the time of Jesus, a psalm has been read along with a chapter from another book of the bible at all times of corporate worship and prayer. The Psalms can be read either way: as a complete book like the others, or one psalm each day in accompaniment with the chapter being read. (There are 150 psalms. Some are too long to be read except in part, e.g. Psalm 119 has 176 verses.)

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(The psalms are not included as a book. If you choose to read the psalms as a complete book, you may do so at any time.) (Read to the bottom of the left column first, then continue to the right column.)

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| The Gospel of Luke | I Thessalonians | Philemon |
| Galatians | II Thessalonians | Leviticus |
| I Samuel | Amos | I John |
| II Samuel | Obadiah | II John |
| Ephesians | The Gospel of John | III John |
| Philippians | Isaiah | Lamentations |
| Colossians | The Gospel of Luke | I Thessalonians |
| Genesis | Ezra | II Thessalonians |
| I Corinthians | Nehemiah | Jonah |
| II Corinthians | Galatians | The Gospel of John |
| Exodus | Ephesians | |
| Acts | Job | |
| Jeremiah | Philippians | |
| I Peter | Colossians | |
| II Peter | Zephaniah | |
| The Gospel of Mark | Haggai | |
| Micah | I Corinthians | |
| Nahum | II Corinthians | |
| Habakkuk | Deuteronomy | |
| Revelation | Acts | |
| I Kings | I Chronicles | |
| II Kings | II Chronicles | |
| I Timothy | I Peter | |
| II Timothy | II Peter | |
| James | Esther | |
| Jude | The Gospel of Mark | |
| Daniel | Proverbs | |
| Romans | Revelation | |
| Joshua | Ecclesiastes | |
| The Gospel of Matthew | I Timothy | |
| Judges | II Timothy | |
| Ruth | Song of Solomon | |
| Hebrews | James | |
| Numbers | Jude | |
| Titus | Zechariah | |
| Philemon | Romans | |
| I John | Malachi | |
| II John | The Gospel of Matthew | |
| III John | Ezekiel | |
| Hosea | Hebrews | |
| Joel | Titus | |