



## Chronological Bible

### Reading Plan

SEEK OUT THE BOOK OF  
JEHOVAH, AND READ . . .

Isa. 34:16

#### **Chronological Order versus Canonical Order**

All of God's word is inspired (2 Tim. 3:16), but the order of books in the Bible is not. The order of the books in the Bible is man-made. There is no divinely inspired order of Bible books. If one were to use a standard Bible and start reading in Genesis and read book-by-book in order to Revelation, he would be reading the Bible in canonical order.

The standard order of books in most Bibles today is the canonical order: Genesis to Malachi and Matthew to Revelation. The canonical order of books doesn't follow a chronological order all the way through the Bible. Rather, it follows the order of books found in the Greek Septuagint and the Latin

Vulgate translated by Jerome in the 4th century A.D. The "canonical order" groups books together according to their type of literature: law, history, poetry, and prophecy in the Old Testament; gospel, history, and epistle in the New Testament. The "chronological order" groups books or portions of books together according to their historical date and content.

Keep in mind that Bible scholars and historians differ on some aspects of Bible dating and so determining chronological order is not an exact science. Chronological ordering is not easy to do and will differ some from person to person. While chronological ordering can be relative and tentative at times, the reader can still gain a general chronological flow of Bible history from beginning to end.

#### **Benefits of Chronological Bible Reading**

Reading the Bible in chronological order has two important benefits not found by using other reading methods.

*First*, reading the Bible chronologically gives one a better sense of the overall flow of Bible history from beginning to end. The reader learns to keep a Bible passage in its historical context and order. By reading chronologically, the Bible student can more easily follow God's plan of salvation from the beginning – the "mystery" that has been manifest from times eternal to the present

(Rom. 16:25-26; 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:26). Remember, the Bible is not a catechism or a topical textbook arranged by subject matter: God, man, sin, salvation, etc. The Bible is a single and unified message of salvation that flows through several periods of history.

#### *Second*, reading the Bible

chronologically allows the reader to put together the historical events with the doctrinal lessons attached to them. For example, in the Old Testament, one can read about the tumultuous events of the life of David in 1 Samuel, followed by the God-honoring feelings of his life in the book of Psalms. Or, one can read about the ungodly history of Israel in 1-2 Kings, followed by the powerful sermons preached by the prophets during that time. The historical events are explained by the spiritual lessons and vice-versa.

#### **Read Chronologically**

Reading the Bible in chronological order will greatly help you in your understanding of God's overall plan for saving mankind. The Bible is one, continuous message of salvation from paradise on earth lost (Gen. 1-3) to paradise in heaven regained (Rev. 21-22). By reading chronologically, you will see the beautiful panoramic view of the Bible's plan of salvation as it is seen through a series of unfolding events across the epochs of time.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV

## January

- \_\_1 Genesis 1-3
- \_\_2 Genesis 4-7
- \_\_3 Genesis 8-11
- \_\_4 Job 1-5
- \_\_5 Job 6-9
- \_\_6 Job 10-13
- \_\_7 Job 14-16
- \_\_8 Job 17-20
- \_\_9 Job 21-23
- \_\_10 Job 24-28
- \_\_11 Job 29-31
- \_\_12 Job 32-34
- \_\_13 Job 35-37
- \_\_14 Job 38-39
- \_\_15 Job 40-42
- \_\_16 Genesis 12-15
- \_\_17 Genesis 16-18
- \_\_18 Genesis 19-21

- \_\_19 Genesis 22-24
- \_\_20 Genesis 25-26
- \_\_21 Genesis 27-29
- \_\_22 Genesis 30-31
- \_\_23 Genesis 32-34
- \_\_24 Genesis 35-37
- \_\_25 Genesis 38-40
- \_\_26 Genesis 41-42
- \_\_27 Genesis 43-45
- \_\_28 Genesis 46-47
- \_\_29 Genesis 48-50
- \_\_30 Exodus 1-3
- \_\_31 Exodus 4-6

## February

- \_\_1 Exodus 7-9
- \_\_2 Exodus 10-12
- \_\_3 Exodus 13-15
- \_\_4 Exodus 16-18
- \_\_5 Exodus 19-21
- \_\_6 Exodus 22-24
- \_\_7 Exodus 25-27
- \_\_8 Exodus 28-29
- \_\_9 Exodus 30-32
- \_\_10 Exodus 33-35
- \_\_11 Exodus 36-38
- \_\_12 Exodus 39-40
- \_\_13 Leviticus 1-4
- \_\_14 Leviticus 5-7
- \_\_15 Leviticus 8-10
- \_\_16 Leviticus 11-13
- \_\_17 Leviticus 14-15
- \_\_18 Leviticus 16-18
- \_\_19 Leviticus 19-21
- \_\_20 Leviticus 22-23
- \_\_21 Leviticus 24-25
- \_\_22 Leviticus 26-27
- \_\_23 Numbers 1-2
- \_\_24 Numbers 3-4

- \_\_25 Numbers 5-6
- \_\_26 Numbers 7
- \_\_27 Numbers 8-10
- \_\_28 Numbers 11-13

## March

- \_\_1 Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90
- \_\_2 Numbers 16-17
- \_\_3 Numbers 18-20
- \_\_4 Numbers 21-22
- \_\_5 Numbers 23-25
- \_\_6 Numbers 26-27
- \_\_7 Numbers 28-30
- \_\_8 Numbers 31-32
- \_\_9 Numbers 33-34
- \_\_10 Numbers 35-36
- \_\_11 Deuteronomy 1-2
- \_\_12 Deuteronomy 3-4
- \_\_13 Deuteronomy 5-7
- \_\_14 Deuteronomy 8-10
- \_\_15 Deuteronomy 11-13
- \_\_16 Deuteronomy 14-16
- \_\_17 Deuteronomy 17-20
- \_\_18 Deuteronomy 21-23
- \_\_19 Deuteronomy 24-27
- \_\_20 Deuteronomy 28-29
- \_\_21 Deuteronomy 30-31
- \_\_22 Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91
- \_\_23 Joshua 1-4
- \_\_24 Joshua 5-8
- \_\_25 Joshua 9-11
- \_\_26 Joshua 12-15
- \_\_27 Joshua 16-18
- \_\_28 Joshua 19-21
- \_\_29 Joshua 22-24
- \_\_30 Judges 1-2
- \_\_31 Judges 3-5

## April

- \_\_1 Judges 6-7
- \_\_2 Judges 8-9
- \_\_3 Judges 10-12
- \_\_4 Judges 13-15
- \_\_5 Judges 16-18
- \_\_6 Judges 19-21
- \_\_7 Ruth 1-4
- \_\_8 I Samuel 1-3
- \_\_9 I Samuel 4-8
- \_\_10 I Samuel 9-12
- \_\_11 I Samuel 13-14
- \_\_12 I Samuel 15-17
- \_\_13 I Samuel 18-20; Psalm 11, 59
- \_\_14 I Samuel 21-24
- \_\_15 Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
- \_\_16 Psalm 56, 120, 140-142
- \_\_17 I Samuel 25-27
- \_\_18 Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
- \_\_19 I Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18
- \_\_20 Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130
- \_\_21 2 Samuel 1-4
- \_\_22 Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
- \_\_23 I Chronicles 1-2
- \_\_24 Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
- \_\_25 I Chronicles 3-5
- \_\_26 Psalm 73, 77-78
- \_\_27 I Chronicles 6
- \_\_28 Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
- \_\_29 I Chronicles 7-10
- \_\_30 Psalm 102-104

## May

- \_\_1 2 Samuel 5:1-10; I Chronicles 11-12
- \_\_2 Psalm 133
- \_\_3 Psalm 106-107
- \_\_4 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23; I Chronicles 13-16

- \_\_5 Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68
- \_\_6 Psalm 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132
- \_\_7 2 Samuel 7; I Chronicles 17
- \_\_8 Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
- \_\_9 2 Sam 8-9; I Chronicles 18
- \_\_10 Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75
- \_\_11 2 Samuel 10; I Chronicles 19, Ps 20
- \_\_12 Psalm 65-67, 69-70
- \_\_13 2 Samuel 11-12; I Chronicles 20
- \_\_14 Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122
- \_\_15 2 Samuel 13-15
- \_\_16 Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55
- \_\_17 2 Samuel 16-18
- \_\_18 Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
- \_\_19 2 Samuel 19-21
- \_\_20 Psalm 5, 38, 41-42
- \_\_21 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57
- \_\_22 Psalm 95, 97-99
- \_\_23 2 Samuel 24; I Chron. 21-22, Ps. 30
- \_\_24 Psalm 108-110
- \_\_25 I Chronicles 23-25
- \_\_26 Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145
- \_\_27 I Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127
- \_\_28 Psalm 111-118
- \_\_29 I Kings 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, 94
- \_\_30 Psalm 119:1-88
- \_\_31 I Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72

## June

- \_\_1 Psalm 119:89-176
- \_\_2 Song of Solomon 1-8
- \_\_3 Proverbs 1-3
- \_\_4 Proverbs 4-6
- \_\_5 Proverbs 7-9
- \_\_6 Proverbs 10-12
- \_\_7 Proverbs 13-15
- \_\_8 Proverbs 16-18
- \_\_9 Proverbs 19-21

- \_\_10 Proverbs 22-24
- \_\_11 I Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3
- \_\_12 I Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4
- \_\_13 I Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5
- \_\_14 2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136
- \_\_15 Psalm 134, 146-150
- \_\_16 I Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8
- \_\_17 Proverbs 25-26
- \_\_18 Proverbs 27-29
- \_\_19 Ecclesiastes 1-6
- \_\_20 Ecclesiastes 7-12
- \_\_21 I Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9
- \_\_22 Proverbs 30-31
- \_\_23 I Kings 12-14
- \_\_24 2 Chronicles 10-12

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OF HIS LIFE, THAT HE  
MAY LEARN TO FEAR  
THE LORD HIS GOD  
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OBSERVE ALL THE  
WORDS OF THIS LAW  
AND THESE STATUTES,  
Deuteronomy 17:19, NKJV

- \_\_25 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16
- \_\_26 1 Kings 15:25-16:34; 2 Chronicles 17
- \_\_27 1 Kings 17-19
- \_\_28 1 Kings 20-21
- \_\_29 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18
- \_\_30 2 Chronicles 19-23

## July

- \_\_1 Obadiah 1; Psalm 82-83
- \_\_2 2 Kings 1-4
- \_\_3 2 Kings 5-8
- \_\_4 2 Kings 9-11
- \_\_5 2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24
- \_\_6 2 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 25
- \_\_7 Jonah 1-4
- \_\_8 2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26
- \_\_9 Isaiah 1-4
- \_\_10 Isaiah 5-8
- \_\_11 Amos 1-5
- \_\_12 Amos 6-9
- \_\_13 2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12
- \_\_14 Micah 1-7
- \_\_15 2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17
- \_\_16 Isaiah 13-17
- \_\_17 Isaiah 18-22
- \_\_18 Isaiah 23-27
- \_\_19 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chron. 29-31; Ps. 48
- \_\_20 Hosea 1-7
- \_\_21 Hosea 8-14
- \_\_22 Isaiah 28-30
- \_\_23 Isaiah 31-34
- \_\_24 Isaiah 35-36
- \_\_25 Isaiah 37-39, Ps 76
- \_\_26 Isaiah 40-43
- \_\_27 Isaiah 44-48
- \_\_28 2 Kings 18:9-19:37; Psalm 46, 80, 135
- \_\_29 Isaiah 49-53
- \_\_30 Isaiah 54-58
- \_\_31 Isaiah 59-63

## August

- \_\_1 Isaiah 64-66
- \_\_2 2 Kings 20-21
- \_\_3 2 Chronicles 32-33
- \_\_4 Nahum 1-3
- \_\_5 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35
- \_\_6 Zephaniah 1-3
- \_\_7 Jeremiah 1-3
- \_\_8 Jeremiah 4-6
- \_\_9 Jeremiah 7-9
- \_\_10 Jeremiah 10-13
- \_\_11 Jeremiah 14-17
- \_\_12 Jeremiah 18-22
- \_\_13 Jeremiah 23-25
- \_\_14 Jeremiah 26-29
- \_\_15 Jeremiah 30-31
- \_\_16 Jeremiah 32-34
- \_\_17 Jeremiah 35-37
- \_\_18 Jeremiah 38-40; Psalm 74, 79
- \_\_19 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
- \_\_20 Habakkuk 1-3
- \_\_21 Jeremiah 41-45
- \_\_22 Jeremiah 46-48
- \_\_23 Jeremiah 49-50
- \_\_24 Jeremiah 51-52
- \_\_25 Lamentations 1:1-3:36
- \_\_26 Lamentations 3:37-5:22
- \_\_27 Ezekiel 1-4
- \_\_28 Ezekiel 5-8
- \_\_29 Ezekiel 9-12
- \_\_30 Ezekiel 13-15
- \_\_31 Ezekiel 16-17

## September

- \_\_1 Ezekiel 18-19
- \_\_2 Ezekiel 20-21
- \_\_3 Ezekiel 22-23

- \_\_4 Ezekiel 24-27
- \_\_5 Ezekiel 28-31
- \_\_6 Ezekiel 32-34
- \_\_7 Ezekiel 35-37
- \_\_8 Ezekiel 38-39
- \_\_9 Ezekiel 40-41
- \_\_10 Ezekiel 42-43
- \_\_11 Ezekiel 44-45
- \_\_12 Ezekiel 46-48
- \_\_13 Joel 1-3
- \_\_14 Daniel 1-3
- \_\_15 Daniel 4-6
- \_\_16 Daniel 7-9
- \_\_17 Daniel 10-12
- \_\_18 Ezra 1-3
- \_\_19 Ezra 4-6; Psalm 137
- \_\_20 Haggai 1-2
- \_\_21 Zechariah 1-7
- \_\_22 Zechariah 8-14
- \_\_23 Esther 1-5
- \_\_24 Esther 6-10
- \_\_25 Ezra 7-10
- \_\_26 Nehemiah 1-5
- \_\_27 Nehemiah 6-7
- \_\_28 Nehemiah 8-10
- \_\_29 Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126
- \_\_30 Malachi 1-4

## October

- \_\_1 Luke 1; John 1:1-14
- \_\_2 Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
- \_\_3 Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
- \_\_4 Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
- \_\_5 Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
- \_\_6 John 2-4
- \_\_7 Mark 2
- \_\_8 John 5
- \_\_9 Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
- \_\_10 Matthew 5-7

- \_\_ 11 Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
- \_\_ 12 Matthew 11
- \_\_ 13 Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11
- \_\_ 14 Matthew 13; Luke 8
- \_\_ 15 Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5
- \_\_ 16 Matthew 9-10
- \_\_ 17 Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
- \_\_ 18 John 6
- \_\_ 19 Matthew 15; Mark 7
- \_\_ 20 Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
- \_\_ 21 Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62
- \_\_ 22 Matthew 18
- \_\_ 23 John 7-8
- \_\_ 24 John 9:1-10:21
- \_\_ 25 Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
- \_\_ 26 Luke 12-13
- \_\_ 27 Luke 14-15
- \_\_ 28 Luke 16-17:10
- \_\_ 29 John 11
- \_\_ 30 Luke 17:11-18:14
- \_\_ 31 Matthew 19; Mark 10

## November

- \_\_ 1 Matthew 20-21
- \_\_ 2 Luke 18:15-19:48
- \_\_ 3 Mark 11; John 12
- \_\_ 4 Matthew 22; Mark 12
- \_\_ 5 Matthew 23; Luke 20-21
- \_\_ 6 Mark 13
- \_\_ 7 Matthew 24
- \_\_ 8 Matthew 25
- \_\_ 9 Matthew 26; Mark 14
- \_\_ 10 Luke 22; John 13
- \_\_ 11 John 14-17
- \_\_ 12 Matthew 27; Mark 15
- \_\_ 13 Luke 23; John 18-19
- \_\_ 14 Matthew 28; Mark 16
- \_\_ 15 Luke 24; John 20-21
- \_\_ 16 Acts 1-3

- \_\_ 17 Acts 4-6
- \_\_ 18 Acts 7-8
- \_\_ 19 Acts 9-10
- \_\_ 20 Acts 11-12
- \_\_ 21 Acts 13-14
- \_\_ 22 James 1-5
- \_\_ 23 Acts 15-16
- \_\_ 24 Galatians 1-3
- \_\_ 25 Galatians 4-6
- \_\_ 26 Acts 17-18:18
- \_\_ 27 1 Thes. 1-5; 2 Thes. 1-3
- \_\_ 28 Acts 18:19-19:41
- \_\_ 29 1 Corinthians 1-4
- \_\_ 30 1 Corinthians 5-8

Get the word out. TEACH ALL THESE THINGS, AND DON'T LET ANYONE PUT YOU DOWN BECAUSE YOU'RE YOUNG. TEACH BELIEVERS WITH YOUR LIFE: BY WORD, BY DEemeanOR, BY LOVE, BY FAITH, BY INTEGRITY. STAY AT YOUR POST READING SCRIPTURE, GIVING COUNSEL, TEACHING. AND THAT SPECIAL GIFT OF MINISTRY YOU WERE GIVEN WHEN THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH LAID HANDS ON YOU AND PRAYED—KEEP THAT DUSTED OFF AND IN USE.

CULTIVATE THESE THINGS. Immerse yourself IN THEM. THE PEOPLE WILL ALL SEE YOU MATURE RIGHT BEFORE THEIR EYES! KEEP A FIRM GRASP ON BOTH YOUR CHARACTER AND YOUR TEACHING. DON'T BE DIVERTED. JUST KEEP AT IT. BOTH YOU AND THOSE WHO HEAR YOU WILL EXPERIENCE SALVATION.

1 Timothy 4:13-16, the Message

## December

- \_\_ 1 1 Corinthians 9-11
- \_\_ 2 1 Corinthians 12-14
- \_\_ 3 1 Corinthians 15-16
- \_\_ 4 2 Corinthians 1-4
- \_\_ 5 2 Corinthians 5-9
- \_\_ 6 2 Corinthians 10-13
- \_\_ 7 Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3
- \_\_ 8 Romans 4-7
- \_\_ 9 Romans 8-10
- \_\_ 10 Romans 11-13
- \_\_ 11 Romans 14-16
- \_\_ 12 Acts 20:4-23:35
- \_\_ 13 Acts 24-26
- \_\_ 14 Acts 27-28
- \_\_ 15 Colossians 1-4; Philemon 1
- \_\_ 16 Ephesians 1-6
- \_\_ 17 Philippians 1-4
- \_\_ 18 1 Timothy 1-6
- \_\_ 19 Titus 1-3
- \_\_ 20 1 Peter 1-5
- \_\_ 21 Hebrews 1-6
- \_\_ 22 Hebrews 7-10
- \_\_ 23 Hebrews 11-13
- \_\_ 24 2 Timothy 1-4
- \_\_ 25 2 Peter 1-3; Jude 1
- \_\_ 26 1 John 1-5
- \_\_ 27 2 John 1; 3 John 1
- \_\_ 28 Revelation 1-5
- \_\_ 29 Revelation 6-11
- \_\_ 30 Revelation 12-18
- \_\_ 31 Revelation 19-22

Congratulations! You just read through the Bible in chronological order. Consider jotting down what the Lord has taught you as you've read through the Word. Then choose another Bible reading plan or use this one again & begin reading through the Scriptures afresh.