

Time in the Bible with God -- 1

(New Testament – One Year; Old Testament – Two Years)

There are many ways to take time reading and absorbing God's Word. Here is one schedule, based mostly on the rhythm of our **weeks**, where certain days in most weeks may allow more time with the Bible than others.

This guide provides weekly readings in the **New Testament** (to complete it in one year) and the **Old Testament** (to complete it in two years).

For each day, it is suggested that at least one **Psalm** be “prayed.” This ancient tradition provides a good entryway into regular times with God, pondering his Word and expressing our hearts. The Psalms give us words either to articulate our hearts, or to pull our minds into communion with God and his people.

A few further suggestions:

- Develop a **balance** between the Bible's **sweeping story** and its **diverse details**; both surveying the essential content (looking at the "forest"), and slowing down to absorb the truth of a particular passage or book (examining the "trees");
- Refer to **introductory material** about the background and purpose of the various biblical books (e.g. NIV Study Bible, Life-Application Bible, the Student Bible, Eerdman's Handbook to the Bible, and New Bible Dictionary);
- Have a **notebook** to record insights, questions, prayers and meditations (and those distracting thoughts that can be put on a quick list for attention later!).

Finally, make your reading a **dialogue with the Lord**:

- Begin with a prayer *acknowledging his presence* and a *request that he speak* through his Word;
- Continue and end with appropriate responses of *confession, inquiry, resolve, thanks, and praise*.

For a truly good year, "may the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16).

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* *Proverb* readings (about every 3 weeks) can be worked in anytime.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Daily Psalms</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Old Testament (Year ONE)</u>	<u>Old Testament (Year TWO)</u>
Jan 1-7	1-8	Luke 1-5	Genesis 1-7 * Proverbs 1	Job 1-8 * Proverbs 17
Jan 8-14	9-15	Luke 6-9	Genesis 8-14	Job 9-15
Jan 15-21	16-20	Luke 10-14	Genesis 15-21	Job 16-24
Jan 22-28	21-26	Luke 15-19	Genesis 22-28 * Proverbs 2	Job 25-31 * Proverbs 18
Jan 29-Feb 4	27-32	Luke 20-24	Genesis 29-35	Job 32-37
Feb 5-11	33-36	Acts 1-4	Genesis 36-42	Job 38-42
Feb 12-18	37-41	Acts 5-9	Genesis 43-50 * Proverbs 3	Ecclesiastes 1-6 * Proverbs 19
Feb 19-25	42-47	Acts 10-14	Exodus 1-8	Ecclesiastes 7-12
Feb 26-Mar 4	48-53	Acts 15-19	Exodus 9-14	Song of Solomon
Mar 5-11	54-60	Acts 20-23	Exodus 15-20	1 Chronicles 1-8
Mar 12-18	61-66	Acts 24-28	Exodus 21-27 * Proverbs 4	1 Chronicles 9-15 * Proverbs 20
Mar 19-25	67-71	Romans 1-6	Exodus 28-33	1 Chron. 16-22
Mar 26-31	72-76	Romans 7-11	Exodus 34-40	1 Chron. 23-29
Apr 1-7	77-79	Romans 12-16	Leviticus 1-9 * Proverbs 5	2 Chronicles 1-8 * Proverbs 21
Apr 8-14	80-85	1 Cor. 1-6	Leviticus 10-18	2 Chronicles 9-15
Apr 15-21	86-90	1 Cor. 7-11	Leviticus 19-27	2 Chron. 16-22
Apr 22-28	91-97	1 Cor. 12-16	Numbers 1-7 * Proverbs 6	2 Chron. 23-29 * Proverbs 22
Apr 29-May 5	98-103	2 Cor. 1-5	Numbers 8-14	2 Chron. 30-36
May 6-12	104-107	2 Cor. 6-9	Numbers 15-21	Isaiah 1-7
May 13-19	108-111	2 Cor. 10-13	Numbers 22-28 * Proverbs 7	Isaiah 8-14 * Proverbs 23
May 20-26	112-118	Matthew 1-4	Numbers 29-36	Isaiah 15-24
May 27-Jun 2	119	Matthew 5-9	Deuteronomy 1-6	Isaiah 25-31
June 3-9	120-130	Matthew 10-14	Deuter. 7-13 * Proverbs 8	Isaiah 32-39 * Proverbs 24
June 10-16	131-137	Matthew 15-19	Deuter. 14-20	Isaiah 40-44
June 17-23	138-143	Matthew 20-23	Deuter. 21-27	Isaiah 45-51
June 24-30	144-150	Matthew 24-28	Deuter. 28-34	Isaiah 52-59

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July 1-7	1-8	Galatians	Joshua 1-8 * Proverbs 9	Isaiah 60-66 * Proverbs 25
July 8-14	9-15	Ephesians	Joshua 9-16	Jeremiah 1-6
July 15-21	16-20	Philippians	Joshua 17-24	Jeremiah 7-13
July 22-28	21-26	Colossians	Judges 1-7 * Proverbs 10	Jeremiah 14-22 * Proverbs 26
July 29-Aug 4	27-32	1,2 Thess.	Judges 8-14	Jeremiah 23-30
Aug 5-11	33-36	1 Timothy	Judges 15-21	Jeremiah 31-38
Aug 12-18	37-41	2 Timothy	Ruth * Proverbs 11	Jeremiah 39-48 * Proverbs 27
Aug 19-25	42-47	Titus, Phlm, Jude	1 Samuel 1-6	Jeremiah 49-52
Aug 26-Sep 1	48-53	Mark 1-4	1 Samuel 7-12	Lamentations
Sept 2-8	54-60	Mark 5-8	1 Samuel 13-18	Ezekiel 1-8
Sept 9-15	61-66	Mark 9-12	1 Samuel 19-24 * Proverbs 12	Ezekiel 9-16 * Proverbs 28
Sept 16-22	67-71	Mark 13-16	1 Samuel 25-31	Ezekiel 17-24
Sept 23-30	72-76	Hebrews 1-7	2 Samuel 1-8	Ezekiel 25-32
Oct 1-7	77-79	Hebrews 8-13	2 Samuel 9-16 * Proverbs 13	Ezekiel 33-40 * Proverbs 29
Oct 8-14	80-85	James	2 Samuel 17-24	Ezekiel 41-48
Oct 15-21	86-90	1,2 Peter	1 Kings 1-7	Daniel 1-6
Oct 22-28	91-97	John 1-4	1 Kings 8-15 * Proverbs 14	Daniel 7-12 * Proverbs 30
Oct 29-Nov 4	98-103	John 5-8	1 Kings 16-22	Ezra 1-5
Nov 5-11	104-107	John 9-12	2 Kings 1-9	Ezra 6-10
Nov 12-18	108-111	John 13-17	2 Kings 10-17 * Proverbs 15	Nehemiah 1-7 * Proverbs 31
Nov 19-25	112-118	John 18-21	2 Kings 18-25	Nehemiah 8-13
Nov 26-Dec 2	119	1, 2,3 John	Hosea 1-8	Esther
Dec 3-9	120-130	Revelation 1-6	Hosea 9-14, Joel Proverbs 16	Nahum, Habakkuk
Dec 10-16	131-137	Revelation 7-11	Amos	Zephaniah, Haggai
Dec 17-23	138-143	Revel. 12-17	Obadiah, Jonah	Zechariah 1-9
Dec 24-31	144-150	Revel. 18-22	Micah	Zechariah 10-14, Malachi