

Time in the Bible with God -- 2 (New Testament – Twice/Year; Old Testament – One Year)

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 twice in one year) and the **Old Testament** (to complete it in one year).

For each day, it is suggested that at least one **Psalms** be "prayed." A schedule on the back page allows the Psalms to be prayed four times each year. 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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<u>Week</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Prov</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>
Jan 1-7	Mark 1-8	1	Genesis 1-14
Jan 8-14	Mark 9-16	2	Genesis 15-28
Jan 15-21	Revelation 1-11		Genesis 29-42
Jan 22-28	Revelation 12-22	3	Genesis 43-50 Exodus 1-8
Jan 29-Feb 4	Romans 1-11	4	Exodus 9-20
Feb 5-11	Romans 12-16 Luke 1-5		Exodus 21-33
Feb 12-18	Luke 6-14	5	Exodus 34-40 Leviticus 1-9
Feb 19-25	Luke 15-24	6	Leviticus 10-27
Feb 26-Mar 4	Acts 1-9		Numbers 1-14
Mar 5-11	Acts 10-19	7	Numbers 15-28
Mar 12-18	Acts 20-28		Numbers 29-36 Deuter. 1-6
Mar 19-25	1 Cor. 1-11	8	Deuter. 7-20
Mar 26-31	1 Cor. 12-16 2 Cor. 1-5		Deuter. 21-34
Apr 1-7	2 Cor. 6-13	9	Joshua 1-16
Apr 8-14	Matthew 1-9		Joshua 17-24 Judges 1-7
Apr 15-21	Matthew 10-19	10	Judges 8-21
Apr 22-28	Matthew 20-28	11	Ruth 1 Samuel 1-6
Apr 29-May 5	Galatians, Ephesians		1 Samuel 7-18
May 6-12	Philippians, Colossians	12	1 Samuel 19-31
May 13-19	1,2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy		2 Samuel 1-16
May 20-26	2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Jude	13	2 Samuel 17-24 1 Kings 1-7
May 27-Jun 2	John 1-8	14	1 Kings 8-22
June 3-9	John 9-17		2 Kings 1-17
June 10-16	John 18-21 Hebrews 1-7	15	2 Kings 18-25 Job 1-8
June 17-23	Heb 8-13 James	16	Job 9-24
June 24-30	1-2 Peter, 1-3 John		Job 25-37

<u>Week</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Prov</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>
July 1-7	Mark 1-8	17	Job 38-42 Eccles 1-6
July 8-14	Mark 9-16	18	Eccles 7-12 Song of Songs
July 15-21	Revelation 1-11		Isaiah 1-14
July 22-28	Revelation 12-22	19	Isaiah 15-31
July 29-Aug 4	Romans 1-11	20	Isaiah 32-44
Aug 5-11	Romans 12-16 Luke 1-5		Isaiah 45-59
Aug 12-18	Luke 6-14	21	Isaiah 60-66 Jeremiah 1-6
Aug 19-25	Luke 15-24	22	Jeremiah 7-22
Aug 26-Sep 1	Acts 1-9		Jeremiah 23-38
Sept 2-8	Acts 10-19	23	Jeremiah 39-52
Sept 9-15	Acts 20-28		Ezekiel 1-16
Sept 16-22	1 Cor. 1-11	24	Ezekiel 17-32
Sept 23-30	1 Cor. 12-16 2 Cor. 1-5		Ezekiel 33-48
Oct 1-7	2 Cor. 6-13	25	Daniel
Oct 8-14	Matthew 1-9		1 Chron. 1-15
Oct 15-21	Matthew 10-19		1 Chron. 16-29
Oct 22-28	Matthew 20-28	26	2 Chron. 1-15
Oct 29-Nov 4	Galatians, Ephesians		2 Chron. 16-29
Nov 5-11	Philippians, Colossians	27	2 Chron 30-36 Ezra 1-5
Nov 12-18	1,2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy		Ezra 6-10 Nehemiah 1-7
Nov 19-25	2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Jude	28	Nehemiah 8-13 Esther
Nov 26-Dec 2	John 1-8	29	Lamentations Amos
Dec 3-9	John 9-17		Hosea, Joel
Dec 10-16	John 18-21 Hebrews 1-7	30	Obadiah, Jonah, Micah
Dec 17-23	Heb 8-13 James	31	Nahum, Habakkuk Zephaniah, Haggai
Dec 24-31	1-2 Peter, 1-3 John		Zechariah, Malachi

DAILY PSALMS “PRAYING”

DAY	January, April, July, October	February, May, August, Nov.	March, June, Sept., Dec.
1	1-3	51-52	99-101
2	4-5	53-54	102
3	6-7	55-56	103
4	8-9	57-58	104
5	10-11	59-60	105
6	12-13	61-62	106
7	14-15	63-64	107
8	16-17	65	108
9	18	66-67	109
10	19	68	110-111
11	20-21	69	112-114
12	22	70-71	115-116
13	23-24	72	117-118
14	25-26	73	119:1-32
15	27-28	74	119:33-72
16	29-30	75-76	119:73-112
17	31	77	119:113-144
18	32-33	78	119:145-176
19	34	79	120-122
20	35	80	123-126
21	36	81-82	127-130
22	37	83-84	131-133
23	38-39	85-86	134-135
24	40	87-88	136-137
25	41-42	89	138-139
26	43-44	90	140-141
27	45	91-92	142-143
28	46-47	93-94	144-145
29	48-49	95-96	146-147
30	50	97-98	148-150