

# Bible Reading Plan 2014: A Guided Tour of the Bible

This reading is a guide-assisted tour of the Bible's high points adapted from Zondervan. "Think of it as an introductory tour through a great art museum. You won't get to see every painting in the museum, but you will learn the basic layout and may also acquire a taste for art that will entice you to return again and again."

"With a few exceptions, the daily readings appear in rough chronological order. You will read the Psalms of David as you read about his life. You will read the prophets along with their background history. Portions of the Gospels, too, are interspersed, giving a composite picture of Jesus' life on earth and Paul's letters are scattered throughout the record of his life. This arrangement should help convey the Bible's "plot."

The plan is set up to read a chapter a day five days a week, Monday thru Friday. It will take you approximately five minutes per day for the reading. Spend some time following each reading reflecting on what you have read. Ask the who, what, why, when and how questions. Who do you most closely relate to in the story? What is God doing? How does this fit into the big picture of the Bible? What is God saying to me?

## **The Plot Unveiled**

- Dec 30. Genesis 1: A Book of Beginnings
- Dec 31. Genesis 2: One Shining Moment
- Jan 1. Genesis 3: The Crash
- Jan 2. Genesis 4: Crouching at the Door
- Jan 3. Genesis 7: Under Water
  
- Jan 6. Genesis 8: The Rainbow
- Jan 7. Genesis 15: The Plan
- Jan 8. Genesis 19: A Catastrophe Sent from God
- Jan 9. Genesis 22: Final Exam
- Jan 10. Genesis 27: Jacob Gets the Blessing
  
- Jan 13. Genesis 28: Something Undeserved
- Jan 14. Genesis 37: Family Battles
- Jan 15. Genesis 41: Behind the Scenes
- Jan 16. Genesis 45: A Long Forgiveness

## **Birthing a Nation**

- Jan 17. Exodus 3: Time for Action
  
- Jan 20. Exodus 10-11: The Ten Plagues
- Jan 21. Exodus 14: Miracle at the Red Sea
- Jan 22. Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments
- Jan 23. Exodus 32: The Dream Dies
- Jan 24. Leviticus 26: Legal Matters
  
- Jan 27. Numbers 11: Trials in the Desert
- Jan 28. Numbers 14: Open Mutiny
- Jan 29. Deuteronomy 4: Never Forget
- Jan 30. Deuteronomy 8: Dangers of Success
- Jan 31. Deuteronomy 28: Loud and Clear
  
- Feb 3. Joshua 2: New Spies, New Spirit
- Feb 4. Joshua 6: Strange Tactics
- Feb 5. Joshua 7: Slow Learners
- Feb 6. Joshua 24: Home at Last
- Feb 7. Judges 6: Unlikely Leader
  
- Feb 10. Judges 7: Military Upset
- Feb 11. Judges 16: Superman's Flaws
- Feb 12. Ruth 1: Tough Love

## **The Golden Age**

- Feb 13. 1 Samuel 3: Transition Team
- Feb 14. 1 Samuel 16: Tale of Two Kings
  
- Feb 17. Psalm 23: A Shepherd's Song
- Feb 18. 1 Samuel 17: Giant-Killer
- Feb 19. Psalm 19: Outdoor Lessons
- Feb 20. 1 Samuel 20: Jonathan's Loyalty
- Feb 21. Psalm 27: Ups and Downs
  
- Feb 24. 2 Samuel 6: King of Passion
- Feb 25. 1 Chronicles 17: God's House
- Feb 26. Psalm 103: The Goodness of God
- Feb 27. 2 Samuel 11: Adultery and Murder
- Feb 28. 2 Samuel 12: Caught in the Act

- Mar 3. Psalm 51: True Confession
- Mar 4. Psalm 139: David's Spiritual Secret
- Mar 5. 1 Kings 3: Raw Talent
- Mar 6. 1 Kings 8: High-water Mark
- Mar 7. Psalm 84: Home Sweet Home
  
- Mar 10. Proverbs 4: Life Advice
- Mar 11. Proverbs 10: One-liners
- Mar 12. Proverbs 15: More Wisdom
- Mar 13. Song of Songs 2: Love Story
- Mar 14. Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything

## **The Northern Kingdom**

- Mar 17. 1 Kings 17: The Prophets
- Mar 18. 1 Kings 18: Mountaintop Showdown
- Mar 19. 2 Kings 5: Double Portion
- Mar 20. Joel 2: Word Power
- Mar 21. Jonah 3-4: Beloved Enemies
  
- Mar 24. Amos 4: Street-Corner Prophet
- Mar 25. Hosea 1, 3: Parable of Love
- Mar 26. Hosea 11: Wounded Lover
- Mar 27. 2 Kings 17: Postmortem

## **The Southern Kingdom**

- Mar 28. 2 Chronicles 20: Meanwhile in Jerusalem
  
- Mar 31. Micah 6: Pollution Spreads
- Apr 1. 2 Chronicles 30: Hezekiah's Festival
- Apr 2. Isaiah 6: Power behind the Throne
- Apr 3. Isaiah 25: Eloquent Hope
- Apr 4. 2 Chronicles 32: Battlefield Lessons
  
- Apr 7. Nahum 1: Enemy Justice
- Apr 8. Zephaniah 3: Rotten Ruling Class
- Apr 9. 2 Kings 22: Boy Wonder
- Apr 10. Jeremiah 2: National Adultery
- Apr 11. Jeremiah 15: Balky Prophet
  
- Apr 14. Jeremiah 31: Israel's Future

- Apr 15. Jeremiah 38: Prophet's Perils
- Apr 16. Habakkuk 1: Debating God
- Apr 17. Lamentations 3: Poet In Shock
- Apr 18. Obadiah: No Room to Gloat

### Starting Over

- Apr 21. Ezekiel 1: In Exile
- Apr 22. Ezekiel 2-3: Toughening Up
- Apr 23. Ezekiel 4: Write Large and Shout
- Apr 24. Ezekiel 37: Resurrection Time
- Apr 25. Daniel 1: Enemy Employers

- Apr 28. Daniel 3: Ordeal by Fire
- Apr 29. Daniel 5: Like Father, Like Son
- Apr 30. Daniel 6: Daniel's Longest Night
- May 1. Ezra 3: Home at Last
- May 2. Haggai 1: A Needed Boost

- May 5. Zechariah 8: Raising Sights
- May 6. Nehemiah 2: A Man for All Seasons
- May 7. Nehemiah 8: Mourning into Joy
- May 8. Esther 4: A Race's Survival
- May 9. Malachi 2: Low-grade Disappointment

### Cries of Pain

- May 12. Job 1-2: Is God Unfair?
- May 13. Job 38: God Speaks to Job
- May 14. Job 42: Happy Ending
- May 15. Isaiah 40: Who's in Charge?
- May 16. Isaiah 52: The Suffering Servant

- May 19. Isaiah 53: Wounded Healer
- May 20. Isaiah 55: The End of It All

### A Surprising Messiah

- May 21. Luke 1: One Final Hope
- May 22. Luke 2: No Fear
- May 23. Mark 1: Immediate Impact
- May 26. Mark 2: Signal Fires of Opposition
- May 27. John 3: Late-Night Rendezvous
- May 28. Mark 3: Miracles and Magic
- May 29. Mark 4: Hard Soil
- May 30. Mark 5: Jesus and Illness

- Jun 2. Matthew 5: Inflammatory Word

- Jun 3. Matthew 6: Sermon on the Mount
- Jun 4. Matthew 13: Kingdom Tales
- Jun 5. Mark 6: Contrast in Power
- Jun 6. Luke 16: Of Two Worlds

- Jun 9. Luke 12: Jesus on Money
- Jun 10. Luke 18: Underdogs

### Responses to Jesus

- Jun 11. Luke 15: Master Storyteller
- Jun 12. John 6: Food that Endures
- Jun 13. Mark 7: Poles Apart

- Jun 16. Matthew 18: Out of Bondage
- Jun 17. John 10: No Secrets
- Jun 18. Mark 8: Turning Point
- Jun 19. Mark 9: Slow Learners
- Jun 20. Luke 10: Mission Improbable

- Jun 23. Mark 10: Servant Leadership
- Jun 24. Mark 11: Opposition Heats Up
- Jun 25. Mark 12: Baiting Jesus
- Jun 26. Mark 13: A Day to Dread
- Jun 27. Mark 14: A Scent of Doom

### Final Days

- Jun 30. John 14: One Final Meal Together
- Jul 1. John 15: Vital Link
- Jul 2. John 16: Grief into Joy
- Jul 3. John 17: Commissioning
- Jul 4. Matthew 26: Appointment with Destiny

- Jul 7. Matthew 27: No Justice
- Jul 8. Mark 15: The Last Temptation
- Jul 9. Matthew 28: A Rumor of Life
- Jul 10. John 20: The Rumor Spreads
- Jul 11. Luke 24: The Final Link

### The Word Spreads

- Jul 14. Acts 1: Departure
- Jul 15. Acts 2: Explosion
- Jul 16. Acts 5: Shock Waves
- Jul 17. Acts 9: About-face
- Jul 18. Galatians 3: Legalism

- Jul 21. Acts 16: Detour

- Jul 22. Philippians 2: Downward Mobility
- Jul 23. Acts 17: Mixed Results
- Jul 24. 1 Thessalonians 3-4: Preparing for the End
- Jul 25. 2 Thessalonians 2: Rumor Control

- Jul 28. 1 Corinthians 13: The Love Chapter
- Jul 29. 1 Corinthians 15: The Last Enemy
- Jul 30. 2 Corinthians 4: Baked Dirt
- Jul 31. 2 Corinthians 12: Boasting of Weakness

### Paul's Legacy

- Aug 1. Romans 3: Remedy

- Aug 4. Romans 7: Limits of the Law
- Aug 5. Romans 8: Spirit Life
- Aug 6. Romans 12: Down-To-Earth Problems
- Aug 7. Acts 26: Unexpected Passage
- Aug 8. Acts 27: Perfect Storm

- Aug 11. Acts 28: Rome at Last
- Aug 12. Ephesians 2: Prison Letter
- Aug 13. Ephesians 3: Success Story
- Aug 14. Colossians 1: Spanning the Gap
- Aug 15. Philemon: A Personal Favor

- Aug 18. Titus 2: Paul's Troubleshooter
- Aug 19. 1 Timothy 1: Growth Pains
- Aug 20. 2 Timothy 2: Final Words

### Vital Letters

- Aug 21. Hebrews 2: The Great Descent
- Aug 22. Hebrews 11: What Is True Faith?

- Aug 25. Hebrews 12: Marathon Race
- Aug 26. James 1: Walk the Talk
- Aug 27. 1 Peter 1: Converted Coward
- Aug 28. 2 Peter 1: Hidden Dangers
- Aug 29. Jude: Sounding the Alarm

- Sep 1. 1 John 3: Merest Christianity
- Sep 2. 2 and 3 John: Pesky Deceivers
- Sep 3. Revelation 1: The Final Word
- Sep 4. Revelation 12: Another Side of History
- Sep 5. Revelation 21: An End and a Beginning