



# Bible Reading Plan January

## In the beginning...

Children love to hear stories of their history. "Where do I come from?" "What was I like as a baby?" "What about my grandparents?" "How old were you when I was born?" My favorite remains the question which is voiced as a command: "Tell me about me." These questions reflect our nature... on one hand life orbits around us -- we ARE self-centered! On the other hand we are trying to understand "who" we are (identity), "why" we are (purpose), and "whose" we are (theology and community). Genesis also sets these questions and answers in the context of the world we live -- a world of beauty and decay, vigor and vulnerability, strength and fragility, selflessness and selfishness, and confidence and fear... Genesis, like all of Scripture, does not present a fantasy world filled with the unreal, the unreasonable, and the illogical... Instead it presents the "story of us" and it reveals the Presence of Him Who "in the beginning..."

January 1	Genesis 1-2	January 17	Genesis 31-32
January 2	Genesis 3-4	January 18	Genesis 33-34
January 3	Genesis 5-6	January 19	Genesis 35-36
January 4	Genesis 7-8	January 20	Genesis 37
January 5	Genesis 9-10	January 21	Genesis 38-39
January 6	Genesis 11-12	January 22	Genesis 40-41
January 7	Genesis 13-14	January 23	Genesis 42
January 8	Genesis 15-16	January 24	Genesis 43
January 9	Genesis 17-18	January 25	Genesis 44
January 10	Genesis 19-20	January 26	Genesis 45
January 11	Genesis 21-22	January 27	Genesis 46
January 12	Genesis 23	January 28	Genesis 47
January 13	Genesis 24	January 29	Genesis 48
January 14	Genesis 25-26	January 30	Genesis 49
January 15	Genesis 27-28	January 31	Genesis 50
January 16	Genesis 29-30		



# Bible Reading Plan February

## Deliverance and destiny

Prequels are popular. All of the super-hero films have felt obligated to shoot their prequels as part of their “rebooting” a new cinema franchise and some are produced after the main adventure/story has already been presented. Genesis is the epic prequel for the epic narratives that follow in Exodus. Whereas Genesis is about the creation of the world. Exodus is about the creation of a nation.

In Exodus we see how God takes a people whose entire existence was defined by slavery. Their culture, mentality, relationships, worldview were shaped by slavery. Their labor did not contribute to their own culture, expansion, innovation, or wealth. They existed solely to benefit their owner-oppressors.

When God hears the cry of His people and delivers them through the Red Sea to Sinai we begin to witness more than the “birth of a nation”. At Sinai we witness the “creation of a nation” that has been set free from Pharaoh and set free for God. Here, at Sinai, God reviews their history, creates culture (art, clothing, structure), establishes government, sets laws, defines justice, and commands worship. He attacks and addresses the slave mentality that must be eliminated if this people are to express God’s vision for them.

As we read Exodus we learn about God’s character, grace, righteousness, patience, justice, and discipline. We also witness an epic case-study in faith, obedience, repentance, double-mindedness, fear, atonement, freedom, and judgement. Do not be afraid to let this narrative challenge and provoke your faith and relationship with God. There is a lot for us to learn here...

<b>February 1</b>	Exodus 1	<b>February 15</b>	Exodus 17
<b>February 2</b>	Exodus 2	<b>February 16</b>	Exodus 18
<b>February 3</b>	Exodus 3	<b>February 17</b>	Exodus 19
<b>February 4</b>	Exodus 4	<b>February 18</b>	Exodus 20
<b>February 5</b>	Exodus 5	<b>February 19</b>	Exodus 21-22
<b>February 6</b>	Exodus 6	<b>February 20</b>	Exodus 23-24
<b>February 7</b>	Exodus 7	<b>February 21</b>	Exodus 25-26
<b>February 8</b>	Exodus 8	<b>February 22</b>	Exodus 27-28
<b>February 9</b>	Exodus 9	<b>February 23</b>	Exodus 29-30
<b>February 10</b>	Exodus 10	<b>February 24</b>	Exodus 31-33
<b>February 11</b>	Exodus 11	<b>February 25</b>	Exodus 34-35
<b>February 12</b>	Exodus 12	<b>February 26</b>	Exodus 36-37
<b>February 13</b>	Exodus 13-14	<b>February 27</b>	Exodus 38-39
<b>February 14</b>	Exodus 15-16	<b>February 28</b>	Exodus 40



# Bible Reading Plan March

## March: A Little Leviticus and Numbers

As we continue our journey through the Old Testament we are going to skip Leviticus since much of its contents are repeated in Numbers and Deuteronomy. We are pausing in Leviticus to highlight the role of the priesthood since this is a major theme in the Old Testament that is fulfilled in Jesus... Happy Reading!

March 1	Leviticus 8	March 16	Numbers 15
March 2	Leviticus 9	March 17	Numbers 16
March 3	Leviticus 10	March 18	Numbers 17-18
March 4	Numbers 1-2	March 19	Numbers 19
March 5	Numbers 3	March 20	Numbers 20
March 6	Numbers 4	March 21	Numbers 21
March 7	Numbers 5	March 22	Numbers 22
March 8	Numbers 6	March 23	Numbers 23
March 9	Numbers 7	March 24	Numbers 24
March 10	Numbers 8	March 25	Numbers 25
March 11	Numbers 9	March 26	Numbers 26
March 12	Numbers 10	March 27	Numbers 27
March 13	Numbers 11	March 28	Numbers 28
March 14	Numbers 12-13	March 29	Numbers 29
March 15	Numbers 14	March 30	Numbers 30
		March 31	Numbers 31



# Bible Reading Plan for April

## April: The Surprise Find

You never know what you are going to find when you repair and remodel a family home. This was true when King Josiah (at age 19) authorized Temple repairs. There, amidst the Temple clutter, Deuteronomy was discovered (2Kings 22.8-10) prompting a national revival when it was read aloud...

April 1	Deuteronomy 1	April 16	Deuteronomy 17
April 2	Deuteronomy 2	April 17	Deuteronomy 18
April 3	Deuteronomy 3	April 18	Deuteronomy 19
April 4	Deuteronomy 4	April 19	Deuteronomy 20
April 5	Deuteronomy 5	April 20	Deuteronomy 21
April 6	Deuteronomy 6	April 21	Deuteronomy 22
April 7	Deuteronomy 7	April 22	Deuteronomy 23
April 8	Deuteronomy 8	April 23	Deuteronomy 24
April 9	Deuteronomy 9	April 24	Deuteronomy 25
April 10	Deuteronomy 10	April 25	Deuteronomy 26
April 11	Deuteronomy 12	April 26	Deuteronomy 27
April 12	Deuteronomy 13	April 27	Deuteronomy 28, 29
April 13	Deuteronomy 14	April 28	Deuteronomy 30-31
April 14	Deuteronomy 15	April 29	Deuteronomy 32
April 15	Deuteronomy 16	April 30	Deuteronomy 33-34



# Bible Reading Plan

## May

### Joshua: The Peril of Forgetting...

Joshua 24.31: Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the LORD did for Israel.

Judges 2.10-11: ... And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. 11 And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.

They say that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. For God's people those who forget their history are doomed to be disciplined by it. Joshua and Judges present us with 2 very different pictures of life before God. Together they illustrate the benefit and blessing that awaits those who "keep the faith" and the peril that awaits those who forget. Let's use our May readings as an opportunity for the Lord to remind us why it is so important to read the Scriptures so that we do not become a generation who forgets!

<b>May 1</b>	Joshua 1-2	<b>May 17</b>	Judges 1
<b>May 2</b>	Joshua 3-4	<b>May 18</b>	Judges 2-3
<b>May 3</b>	Joshua 5-6	<b>May 19</b>	Judges 4-5
<b>May 4</b>	Joshua 7-8	<b>May 20</b>	Judges 6
<b>May 5</b>	Joshua 9	<b>May 21</b>	Judges 7-8
<b>May 6</b>	Joshua 10	<b>May 22</b>	Judges 9
<b>May 7</b>	Joshua 11-12	<b>May 23</b>	Judges 10-11
<b>May 8</b>	Joshua 13-14	<b>May 24</b>	Judges 12-13
<b>May 9</b>	Joshua 15	<b>May 25</b>	Judges 14-15
<b>May 10</b>	Joshua 16-17	<b>May 26</b>	Judges 16
<b>May 11</b>	Joshua 18	<b>May 27</b>	Judges 17
<b>May 12</b>	Joshua 19	<b>May 28</b>	Judges 18
<b>May 13</b>	Joshua 20-21	<b>May 29</b>	Judges 19
<b>May 14</b>	Joshua 22	<b>May 30</b>	Judges 20
<b>May 15</b>	Joshua 23	<b>May 31</b>	Judges 21
<b>May 16</b>	Joshua 24		



# Bible Reading Plan

## June

### June: The Seed, the Sprouting, and the Spread of the Kingdom

This month's readings illustrate and narrate God's sovereignty. Here we see how He sovereignly governs history by sowing the future seeds of grace "today" amidst a people who have grown insecure, intimidated, and ignorant of God's relationship and rule. The Book of Ruth exists in the Bible for one reason: it tells the story of how God sowed the seeds of David's kingdom by going back and recounting how David's great-grandfather was conceived! 1 and 2 Samuel narrate the transition from the leadership of "judges" through the checkered history of God establishing His kingly rule and extending His everlasting promise to Abraham. Here see how God moves in and through the lives of 3 great men who are relationally, spiritually and morally compromised to unfold his gracious purposes across history.

NOTE: 1 and 2 Samuel seems to disparage the institution of the king while at the same time expressing God's covenant faithfulness through a king! It is not that God never intended to gift Israel with King after His own heart, it is that, in Saul, He gave them a king after theirs... be careful of what you demand from the Lord!

June 1	Ruth 1-2	June 16	1Samuel 29-31
June 2	Ruth 3-4	June 17	2 Samuel 1-2
June 3	1Samuel 1-2	June 18	2 Samuel 3-4
June 4	1Samuel 3-5	June 19	2 Samuel 5-7
June 5	1Samuel 6-8	June 20	2 Samuel 8-10
June 6	1Samuel 9-10	June 21	2 Samuel 11-12
June 7	1Samuel 11-13	June 22	2 Samuel 13-14
June 8	1Samuel 14	June 23	2 Samuel 15-16
June 9	1Samuel 15-16	June 24	2 Samuel 17-18
June 10	1Samuel 17-18	June 25	2 Samuel 19
June 11	1Samuel 19-20	June 26	2 Samuel 20
June 12	1Samuel 21-22	June 27	2 Samuel 21
June 13	1Samuel 23-24	June 28	2 Samuel 22
June 14	1Samuel 25	June 29	2 Samuel 23
June 15	1Samuel 26-28	June 30	2 Samuel 24



# Bible Reading Plan

## July

### July: A Game of Thrones

George R. R. Martin's epic series popularly known as A Game of Thrones, is capturing the attention of wider audiences through its HBO production. Here is an epic narrative of charismatic rulers, strategic alliances, betrayal, battles fought, lives lost and sacrificed, family conflict, torrid and destructive adulteries, and the rise and fall of kingdoms. Hmm... this sounds like this month's readings!

1 and 2 Kings, like the books of Samuel, are theological history. On the one hand it is the narration of the decay and destruction of the Davidic empire. On the other hand, it is the narrative of God's presence and judgment upon a nation that has repudiated its God's call and rejected God's relationship. In these chapters we see God's character revealed through the sovereign exercise of His judgment and grace as history unfolds. To the unaware, these events are merely fortunate or calamitous. To the faithful, these events are nothing short of God's judgment and love seeking to awaken a people that have always belonged to Him.

While our own nation does not have Israel's call, there is a "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1Peter 2.9) within our borders that does! Let's let these narratives inform our own perspectives and influence our own faithfulness.

July 1	1Kings 1	July 17	2Kings 10-11
July 2	1 Kings 2	July 18	2Kings 12-14
July 3	1 Kings 3-5	July 19	2Kings 15-16
July 4	1Kings 6-7	July 20	2Kings 17-18
July 5	1Kings 8	July 21	2Kings 19
July 6	1Kings 9	July 22	2Kings 20-21
July 7	1Kings 10-12	July 23	2Kings 22-23
July 8	1Kings 13-14	July 24	2Kings 24-25
July 9	1Kings 15-16	July 25	1Chronicles 15-17
July 10	1Kings 17-19	July 26	1Chronicles 17, 22
July 11	1Kings 20-21	July 27	2Chronicles 5-6
July 12	1Kings 22	July 28	2Chronicles 7-9
July 13	2Kings 1-2	July 29	2Chronicles 17-20
July 14	2Kings 3-4	July 30	2Chronicles 29-32
July 15	2Kings 5-6	July 31	2Chronicles 34-36
July 16	2Kings 7-9		



# Bible Reading Plan

## August

### August: For His Glory

Isaiah's prophecies are magnificent and terrifying, inspiring and convicting, alarming and assuring... Through prophetic prose we are introduced to a God who is truly awesome, independent, all-powerful, all-knowing, wholly just, passionately zealous, uncompromisingly righteous, and relentlessly faithful. 21st century spiritual and moral sensibilities must be challenged by Isaiah's God. Is our God too small? Does our God play favorites? Is our God sovereignly ruling over history and current events? Does our God possess "national favorites"? Does God really care about how we treat the poor? Is there a "right" and "wrong" way to worship Him? What is He like? Can we know His character and His concerns? All this and more awaits us as we read through this magisterial prophecy... Surely, August will be a month where our vision of God will be challenged, our understanding grown, and our faith provoked... if it isn't, we must be reading 2 different books!

NOTE: I have uploaded to our website (<http://www.faithsandiego.org/resources/devotional>) a simple introduction to Isaiah which you might find helpful... remember, you have already read Isaiah's "history" as you read through 1/2 Kings and selections from 2 Chronicles last month!

August 1	Isaiah 1-2	August 17	Isaiah 41-42
August 2	Isaiah 3-4	August 18	Isaiah 43-44
August 3	Isaiah 5-6	August 19	Isaiah 45-46
August 4	Isaiah 7-8	August 20	Isaiah 47-48
August 5	Isaiah 9-10	August 21	Isaiah 49-50
August 6	Isaiah 11-13	August 22	Isaiah 51-52
August 7	Isaiah 14-16	August 23	Isaiah 53-54
August 8	Isaiah 17-19	August 24	Isaiah 55-56
August 9	Isaiah 20-22	August 25	Isaiah 57-58
August 10	Isaiah 23-25	August 26	Isaiah 59-60
August 11	Isaiah 26-28	August 27	Isaiah 61-62
August 12	Isaiah 29-30	August 28	Isaiah 63
August 13	Isaiah 31-33	August 29	Isaiah 64
August 14	Isaiah 34-36	August 30	Isaiah 65
August 15	Isaiah 37-38	August 31	Isaiah 66
August 16	Isaiah 39-40		





# Bible Reading Plan

## September

### September: Eye-Exam: Is the God you see too small and too safe?

Ezekiel rarely makes it into anyone's Top 10 Favorite Books of the Bible list! The imagery and message can be very challenging. Even one of the early Church Fathers, Jerome, writing at the end of the 4th Century, commented: "As for Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, who can fully understand or adequately explain them? ... The beginning and ending of Ezekiel, the third of the four, are involved in so great obscurity that like the commencement of Genesis they are not studied by the Hebrews until they are thirty years old." So why challenge yourself by reading Ezekiel? Read Ezekiel to be challenged by God's sovereignty... read Ezekiel to be humbled by our sin... read Ezekiel to be sobered by God's judgment... read Ezekiel to see how God announces His intention to restore and bless. Ezekiel "drills down" and specifically addresses Israel within the context of His passionate relationship with His people. God will not turn a blind eye to the sin of His people chosen to communicate and express His glory... If they will not express God's glory through faithfulness, then they will express it by His judgement. Finally, we read Ezekiel because he is the prophet of the Holy Spirit. Ezekiel presents us with prophetic expectation for the Person and Gospel of Jesus. Here we see shadows and shades of the Fulfillment to come... and we are reminded that the reality we know in Jesus is greater than the anticipation. Be blessed by a challenging month in Ezekiel!

**NOTE:** I have uploaded to our website ([Ezekiel Introduction](#)) a simple introduction to Ezekiel which you might find helpful...

September 1	Ezekiel 1-2	September 16	Ezekiel 27
September 2	Ezekiel 3-4	September 17	Ezekiel 28-29
September 3	Ezekiel 5-6	September 18	Ezekiel 30-31
September 4	Ezekiel 7-8	September 19	Ezekiel 32
September 5	Ezekiel 9-10	September 20	Ezekiel 33
September 6	Ezekiel 11-12	September 21	Ezekiel 34-35
September 7	Ezekiel 13-14	September 22	Ezekiel 36-37
September 8	Ezekiel 15-16	September 23	Ezekiel 38-39
September 9	Ezekiel 17	September 24	Ezekiel 40
September 10	Ezekiel 18-19	September 25	Ezekiel 41-42
September 11	Ezekiel 20	September 26	Ezekiel 43-44
September 12	Ezekiel 21-22	September 27	Ezekiel 45
September 13	Ezekiel 23	September 28	Ezekiel 46
September 14	Ezekiel 24-25	September 29	Ezekiel 47
September 15	Ezekiel 26	September 30	Ezekiel 48



# Bible Reading Plan

## October

### OCTOBER: Minor Books with a Major Message

This month we close out the Old Testament and begin reading the New Testament. This month's readings are, for many, the "lesser books" of the Bible but they are essential to our understanding of God's rule, presence, character, plan to save, love, and call upon our lives. These books also warn us, invite us, shape us, and encourage us to respond to God with an obedience of faith that will release His life-giving presence in our midst and to those we love.

Let's be challenged and grow in our faith this month!

October 1	Hosea 1-3	October 17	Zechariah 1-4
October 2	Hosea 4-7	October 18	Zechariah 6-9
October 3	Hosea 8-10	October 19	Zechariah 10-14
October 4	Hosea 11-13	October 20	Malachi
October 5	Joel 1.1-2.17	October 21	James 1-3
October 6	Joel 2.18-3.21	October 22	James 4-5
October 7	Amos 1-3	October 23	1 Peter 1-2
October 8	Amos 4-6	October 24	1 Peter 3-5
October 9	Amos 7-9	October 25	2 Peter
October 10	Obadiah -Jonah	October 26	1 John 1-3
October 11	Micah 1-3	October 27	1 John 4-5/ 2 & 3John
October 12	Micah 4-6	October 28	Hebrews 1-4
October 13	Micah 7-Nahum 3	October 29	Hebrews 5-9
October 14	Habakkuk	October 30	Hebrews 10-11
October 15	Zephaniah	October 31	Hebrews 12-13
October 16	Haggai		



# Bible Reading Plan

## November

### NOVEMBER: The Birth and Life of Us

This month we get to read about the “birth” of our people called, “Christians”, “The Way”, or “The Church”. A people planted first among Israel and then expanding among the nations (Gentiles). In these Scriptures we see combustion and fire! The combustion of the Holy Spirit as He lights lives on fire. We also witness the combustion that happens when lives previously separated by culture, animosity, and racism are thrown together by the Lord Who calls each to follow Him together so that by their love for Him and each other the world might be won over... Here we see how messy the Church can be - gritty, argumentative, petty, distracted, divisive, carnal, sincere but sinful, and legalistic... but we also see courage, faith, expectation, affection, fellowship, power, unity, generosity, and the presence of Jesus among His people. In short, we behold the “birth and life of us”. May the Holy Spirit grow us as we read His Word this month...

November 1	Acts 1-2	November 16	Romans 3-4
November 2	Acts 3-4	November 17	Romans 5-6
November 3	Acts 5-6	November 18	Romans 7-8
November 4	Acts 7-8	November 19	Romans 9-10
November 5	Acts 9-10	November 20	Romans 11-12
November 6	Acts 11-12 13?	November 21	Romans 13-14
November 7	Acts 13-14	November 22	Romans 15-16
November 8	Acts 15-16	November 23	Galatians 1-3
November 9	Acts 17-18	November 24	Galatians 4-6
November 10	Acts 19-20	November 25	Ephesians 1-3
November 11	Acts 21-22	November 26	Ephesians 4-6
November 12	Acts 23-24	November 27	Philippians 1-2
November 13	Acts 25-26	November 28	Philippians 3-4
November 14	Acts 27-28	November 29	Colossians 1-2
November 15	Romans 1-2	November 30	Colossians 3-4



# Bible Reading Plan

## December

### December: The Christmas Chronicles

The arrangement of the New Testament often causes us to forget that the Gospels were composed after the Letters. They were written to present the One whose life has inspired the understanding and lifestyle ethics expressed in every letter. Who is this "Jesus" mentioned in the Letters? Why do His followers call him, "Messiah"(the Christ)? Why is He exalted as "Lord"? Why is He called Son- a title recognizing that He possesses God's royal authority? Why has His Jewish followers created a mystery out of the simplicity of their monotheism by making Him co-equal to and one with God in substance?

In these Gospels the writers continue to make the case for why Jesus is "Lord" (with a capital 'L') rather than merely "a lord" (with a little 'L'). If Jesus is a "Little 'L' lord" than we can add him to our buffet of spiritual options. If He is the "Capital 'L' Lord" than He demands our exclusive devotion and our surrender. This is not a surrender that demands we grovel before Him. This surrender liberates us as we yield to His call, follow His example, and respond to his teaching. This opportunity is a gift because it brings us into a new relationship where God becomes our Father as He adopts us as His own...

Christmas is more than a day and a season. Christmas IS a person... Christmas is Jesus! Let's use this month's readings as God's gift to us... the unveiling of the one we worship as Messiah, Savior, and Son!

December 1	Matthew 1-2	December 17	Luke 1
December 2	Matthew 3-4	December 18	Luke 2
December 3	Matthew 5	December 19	Luke 3-4
December 4	Matthew 6	December 20	Luke 5-6
December 5	Matthew 7	December 21	Luke 7-8
December 6	Matthew 8-9	December 22	Luke 9-10
December 7	Matthew 10-11	December 23	Luke 11-12
December 8	Matthew 12-13	December 24	Luke 13-14
December 9	Matthew 14-15	December 25	Luke 15-16
December 10	Matthew 16-17	December 26	Luke 17-18
December 11	Matthew 18-19	December 27	Luke 19-20
December 12	Matthew 20-21	December 28	Luke 21-22
December 13	Matthew 22-23	December 29	Luke 23
December 14	Matthew 23-24	December 30	Luke 24
December 15	Matthew 25-26	December 31	John 1
December 16	Matthew 27-28		