

180 Days - Guided Tour of the Bible

The plan offers a kind of bird's-eye-view. The daily readings consist of 180 selected passages, including at least one chapter from each of the Bible's 66 books which take you through the Bible's high points.

Such a plan is no substitute for mastering the whole Bible, of course, but it may help lower barriers and point the way down a path for further study. 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 Biblical material appears in rough chronological order. You will read the psalms attributed to David as you read about David's life. You will read the prophets along with their background history. Portions from 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."

Since this "Guided Tour" is arranged in 180 separate readings, most people will find it convenient to read one designated passage each day. If you miss a few days, don't worry. Just resume reading when you can.

Time Commitment: 180 Days

Goal: To present underlying story of the Bible

The Plot Unveiled

_____	1-Oct	Genesis 1: A Book of Beginnings
_____	2-Oct	Genesis 2: One Shining Moment
_____	3-Oct	Genesis 3: The Crash
_____	4-Oct	Genesis 4: Crouching at the Door
_____	5-Oct	Genesis 7: Under Water
_____	6-Oct	Genesis 8: The Rainbow
_____	7-Oct	Genesis 15: The Plan
_____	8-Oct	Genesis 19: A Catastrophe Sent from God
_____	9-Oct	Genesis 22: Final Exam
_____	10-Oct	Genesis 27: Jacob Gets the Blessing
_____	11-Oct	Genesis 28: Something Undeserved
_____	12-Oct	Genesis 37: Family Battles
_____	13-Oct	Genesis 41: Behind the Scenes
_____	14-Oct	Genesis 45: A Long Forgiveness

Birthing a Nation

_____	15-Oct	Exodus 3: Time for Action
_____	16-Oct	Exodus 10-11: The Ten Plagues
_____	17-Oct	Exodus 14: Miracle at the Red Sea
_____	18-Oct	Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments
_____	19-Oct	Exodus 32: The Dream Dies
_____	20-Oct	Leviticus 26: Legal Matters
_____	21-Oct	Numbers 11: Trials in the Desert
_____	22-Oct	Numbers 14: Open Mutiny
_____	23-Oct	Deuteronomy 4: Never Forget
_____	24-Oct	Deuteronomy 8: Dangers of Success
_____	25-Oct	Deuteronomy 28: Loud and Clear
_____	26-Oct	Joshua 2: New Spies, New Spirit
_____	27-Oct	Joshua 6: Strange Tactics

_____	28-Oct	Joshua 7: Slow Learners
_____	29-Oct	Joshua 24: Home at Last
_____	30-Oct	Judges 6: Unlikely Leader
_____	31-Oct	Judges 7: Military Upset
_____	1-Nov	Judges 16: Superman's Flaws
_____	2-Nov	Ruth 1: Tough Love

The Golden Age

_____	3-Nov	1 Samuel 3: Transition Team
_____	4-Nov	1 Samuel 16: Tale of Two Kings
_____	5-Nov	Psalms 23: A Shepherd's Song
_____	6-Nov	1 Samuel 17: Giant-Killer
_____	7-Nov	Psalms 19: Outdoor Lessons
_____	8-Nov	1 Samuel 20: Jonathan's Loyalty
_____	9-Nov	Psalms 27: Ups and Downs
_____	10-Nov	2 Samuel 6: King of Passion
_____	11-Nov	1 Chronicles 17: God's House
_____	12-Nov	Psalms 103: The Goodness of God
_____	13-Nov	2 Samuel 11: Adultery and Murder
_____	14-Nov	2 Samuel 12: Caught in the Act
_____	15-Nov	Psalms 51: True Confession
_____	16-Nov	Psalms 139: David's Spiritual Secret
_____	17-Nov	1 Kings 3: Raw Talent
_____	18-Nov	1 Kings 8: High-water Mark
_____	19-Nov	Psalms 84: Home Sweet Home
_____	20-Nov	Proverbs 4: Life Advice
_____	21-Nov	Proverbs 10: One-liners
_____	22-Nov	Proverbs 15: Verbal Dynamite
_____	23-Nov	Song of Songs 2: Love Story
_____	24-Nov	Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything

The Northern Kingdom

_____	25-Nov	1 Kings 17: The Prophets
_____	26-Nov	1 Kings 18: Mountaintop Showdown
_____	27-Nov	2 Kings 5: Double Portion
_____	28-Nov	Joel 2: Word Power
_____	29-Nov	Jonah 3-4: Beloved Enemies
_____	30-Nov	Amos 4: Street-Corner Prophet
_____	1-Dec	Hosea 1, 3: Parable of Love
_____	2-Dec	Hosea 11: Wounded Lover
_____	3-Dec	2 Kings 17: Postmortem

The Southern Kingdom

_____	4-Dec	2 Chronicles 20: Meanwhile in Jerusalem
_____	5-Dec	Micah 6: Pollution Spreads
_____	6-Dec	2 Chronicles 30: Hezekiah's Festival
_____	7-Dec	Isaiah 6: Power behind the Throne
_____	8-Dec	Isaiah 25: Eloquent Hope
_____	9-Dec	2 Chronicles 32: Battlefield Lessons
_____	10-Dec	Nahum 1: Enemy Justice
_____	11-Dec	Zephaniah 3: Rotten Ruling Class
_____	12-Dec	2 Kings 22: Boy Wonder
_____	13-Dec	Jeremiah 2: National Adultery
_____	14-Dec	Jeremiah 15: Balky Prophet
_____	15-Dec	Jeremiah 31: Israel's Future
_____	16-Dec	Jeremiah 38: Prophet's Perils
_____	17-Dec	Habakkuk 1: Debating God
_____	18-Dec	Lamentations 3: Poet In Shock

_____	19-Dec	Obadiah: No Room to Gloat
Starting Over		
_____	20-Dec	Ezekiel 1: In Exile
_____	21-Dec	Ezekiel 2-3: Toughening Up
_____	22-Dec	Ezekiel 4: Write Large and Shout
_____	23-Dec	Ezekiel 37: Resurrection Time
_____	24-Dec	Daniel 1: Enemy Employers
_____	25-Dec	Daniel 3: Ordeal by Fire
_____	26-Dec	Daniel 5: Like Father, Like Son
_____	27-Dec	Daniel 6: Daniel's Longest Night
_____	28-Dec	Ezra 3: Home at Last
_____	29-Dec	Haggai 1: A Needed Boost
_____	30-Dec	Zechariah 8: Raising Sights
_____	31-Dec	Nehemiah 2: A Man for All Seasons
_____	1-Jan	Nehemiah 8: Mourning into Joy
_____	2-Jan	Esther 4: A Race's Survival
_____	3-Jan	Malachi 2: Low-grade Disappointment

Cries of Pain		
_____	4-Jan	Job 1-2: Is God Unfair?
_____	5-Jan	Job 38: God Speaks to Job
_____	6-Jan	Job 42: Happy Ending
_____	7-Jan	Isaiah 40: Who's in Charge?
_____	8-Jan	Isaiah 52: The Suffering Servant
_____	9-Jan	Isaiah 53: Wounded Healer
_____	10-Jan	Isaiah 55: The End of It All

A Surprising Messiah		
_____	11-Jan	Luke 1: One Final Hope
_____	12-Jan	Luke 2: No Fear
_____	13-Jan	Mark 1: Immediate Impact
_____	14-Jan	Mark 2: Signal Fires of Opposition
_____	15-Jan	John 3: Late-Night Rendezvous
_____	16-Jan	Mark 3: Miracles and Magic
_____	17-Jan	Mark 4: Hard Soil
_____	18-Jan	Mark 5: Jesus and Illness
_____	19-Jan	Matthew 5: Inflammatory Word
_____	20-Jan	Matthew 6: Sermon on the Mount
_____	21-Jan	Matthew 13: Kingdom Tales
_____	22-Jan	Mark 6: Contrast in Power
_____	23-Jan	Luke 16: Of Two Worlds
_____	24-Jan	Luke 12: Jesus on Money
_____	25-Jan	Luke 18: Underdogs

Responses to Jesus		
_____	26-Jan	Luke 15: Master Storyteller
_____	27-Jan	John 6: Food that Endures
_____	28-Jan	Mark 7: Poles Apart
_____	29-Jan	Matthew 18: Out of Bondage
_____	30-Jan	John 10: No Secrets
_____	31-Jan	Mark 8: Turning Point
_____	1-Feb	Mark 9: Slow Learners
_____	2-Feb	Luke 10: Mission Improbable
_____	3-Feb	Mark 10: Servant Leadership
_____	4-Feb	Mark 11: Opposition Heats Up
_____	5-Feb	Mark 12: Baiting Jesus
_____	6-Feb	Mark 13: A Day to Dread
_____	7-Feb	Mark 14: A Scent of Doom

Final Days		
_____	8-Feb	John 14: One Final Meal Together
_____	9-Feb	John 15: Vital Link
_____	10-Feb	John 16: Grief into Joy
_____	11-Feb	John 17: Commissioning
_____	12-Feb	Matthew 26: Appointment with Destiny
_____	13-Feb	Matthew 27: No Justice
_____	14-Feb	Mark 15: The Last Temptation
_____	15-Feb	Matthew 28: A Rumor of Life
_____	16-Feb	John 20: The Rumor Spreads
_____	17-Feb	Luke 24: The Final Link

The Word Spreads		
_____	18-Feb	Acts 1: Departure
_____	19-Feb	Acts 2: Explosion
_____	20-Feb	Acts 5: Shock Waves
_____	21-Feb	Acts 9: About-face
_____	22-Feb	Galatians 3: Legalism
_____	23-Feb	Acts 16: Detour
_____	24-Feb	Philippians 2: Downward Mobility
_____	25-Feb	Acts 17: Mixed Results
_____	26-Feb	1 Thessalonians 3-4: Preparing for the End
_____	27-Feb	2 Thessalonians 2: Rumor Control
_____	28-Feb	1 Corinthians 13: The Love Chapter
_____	1-Mar	1 Corinthians 15: The Last Enemy
_____	2-Mar	2 Corinthians 4: Baked Dirt
_____	3-Mar	2 Corinthians 12: Boasting of Weakness

Paul's Legacy		
_____	4-Mar	Romans 3: Remedy
_____	5-Mar	Romans 7: Limits of the Law
_____	6-Mar	Romans 8: Spirit Life
_____	7-Mar	Romans 12: Down-To-Earth Problems
_____	8-Mar	Acts 26: Unexpected Passage
_____	9-Mar	Acts 27: Perfect Storm
_____	10-Mar	Acts 28: Rome at Last
_____	11-Mar	Ephesians 2: Prison Letter
_____	12-Mar	Ephesians 3: Success Story
_____	13-Mar	Colossians 1: Spanning the Gap
_____	14-Mar	Philemon: A Personal Favor
_____	15-Mar	Titus 2: Paul's Troubleshooter
_____	16-Mar	1 Timothy 1: Growth Pains
_____	17-Mar	2 Timothy 2: Final Words

Vital Letters		
_____	18-Mar	Hebrews 2: The Great Descent
_____	18-Mar	Hebrews 11: What Is True Faith?
_____	20-Mar	Hebrews 12: Marathon Race
_____	21-Mar	James 1: Walk the Talk
_____	22-Mar	1 Peter 1: Converted Coward
_____	23-Mar	2 Peter 1: Hidden Dangers
_____	24-Mar	Jude: Sounding the Alarm
_____	25-Mar	1 John 3: Merest Christianity
_____	26-Mar	2 and 3 John: Pesky Deceivers
_____	27-Mar	Revelation 1: The Final Word
_____	28-Mar	Revelation 12: Another Side of History
_____	29-Mar	Revelation 21: An End and a Beginning