

A Challenge to Read the Scriptures Daily

Special Topical Lesson for the New Year

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I. Overview of This Message

- a. With a new year approaching, many of us are taking stock of where we have been over the past year, and what we want to do in the year ahead. (However, I believe this message is timeless, therefore appropriate *for any season of the year!*)
 - i. This goes beyond the usual *New Year's resolutions*, which often do not last through the month of January.
 - ii. This may involve planning, setting personal goals for ourselves or our families, thinking of things we want to do more (or less) of.
 - iii. In some cases, it may involve making changes to our daily habits, the things we do each day. Often, it is the simple things we do on a daily basis that have greatest impact on the outcome of our lives.
- b. Last year, at the beginning of January, my wife Alison asked me to come up with a plan to read through the Bible in a year. But since we have been reading the OSB (where the Old Testament text is based on the LXX) there are additional books in the Old Testament (sometimes referred to as 'Apocrypha' or 'Deuterocanonical' books, including **Tobit, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach**, etc.) that she wanted to have included in the reading plan.
 - i. Note that virtually all of the 'read through the Bible in a year' plans are based on Bibles that rely on the Masoretic Text for their Old Testament. Therefore, they typically do not include those additional books.
 - ii. So I created a spreadsheet in Excel that would generate a daily reading plan for Alison.
 1. I created it using an Excel spreadsheet format, creating a template where someone would enter their start date. From that, it would automatically generate a daily reading plan for the next year.
 2. The approach was to read through the books one at a time, alternating so that in each month there would be reading from both Old Testament and New Testament books.
 3. The daily reading assignments ended up being about four pages per day (in my Bible). For an average reader, that might take roughly 20-30 minutes per day.

4. My attitude was not to worry if I got behind the 'schedule' for some reason. This was not a race! However, having a structured daily plan can help someone develop a consistent habit of reading the Scriptures.
 - a. In my own case, I tend to do a lot of Bible teaching and personal study during the week. Therefore, I decided to use this reading plan for my 'baseline' daily Bible reading, before I pursued additional study.
- c. After following this approach for a year, both Alison and I have seen great benefits from it.
 - i. For Alison, this was the first time (in 40+ years) that she has been able to accomplish something that always seemed impossibly daunting to her: to persevere successfully in her goal of reading through the entire Bible.
 - ii. The thing that helped her was having a clear plan each morning, knowing exactly what she would be reading that day. By simply focusing on *only one day at a time*, she was not overwhelmed by what she had considered to be a daunting task.
 - iii. This reminded me of something I read about in William Osler's short, but profound speech in 1913 to Yale students entitled '*A Way of Life*'.
 1. Osler was a famous, incredibly accomplished physician. He founded medical schools, revolutionized medical student education, wrote a textbook that remained in publication long after his death, and was a serious student of the Bible.
 2. In this lecture, he insisted he was just a man of average intelligence. That he was able to accomplish extraordinary things, he attributed to his "way of life". His attitude was to focus on only that day.
 - a. He refused to 'beat himself up' for what he did (or didn't do) yesterday.
 - b. Likewise, Osler refused to waste time and energy worrying about tomorrow (or *anything* in the future).
 - c. Only focus on today, giving 100% of his attention to doing his best that day.
 - d. He used the illustration of "day-tight compartments", borrowing from the imagery of the watertight compartments below deck on an ocean liner (the importance of which can be seen in the unfortunate

example of the Titanic, which sank the year prior to Osler's speech).

- e. William Osler insisted that this "way of life" he had adopted was the key to his success: simply focusing on living one day at a time. He believed it was his daily habits, his way of life, that made all the difference in his extraordinary productivity.
 - i. While this may sound very easy, I challenge you to try to put this into practice for even one day!
 - ii. This approach, to me, also calls to mind some things that Jesus said:
 - 1. "Give us this day our daily bread."
(**Matthew 6:11**, NKJV)
 - 2. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (**Matthew 6:34**, NKJV)
- d. **Bottom Line:** After "test driving" this annual Bible reading plan in my own home, I want to encourage everyone to do something similar in the upcoming year.
 - i. A copy of the plan that Alison and I have been using will be attached to these notes.
 - ii. Feel free to make up your own plan, or borrow another one, or adjust it to your own pace (for example, reading through the Bible over a two-year period rather than within a single year).
 - iii. In the remainder of this lesson, I will do my best to demonstrate why you should make a decision to embark on this on your own.
 - 1. If you decide to accept this challenge, I encourage you to share your decision with others close to you. That way, they help keep you accountable and encourage you to stay on track!

II. The Legacy of James A. Harding

- a. Consider the legacy of James A. Harding (1848-1922), a Restoration Movement leader who was a famous preacher and teacher among the Churches of Christ in the late 19th and early 20th century. His life is an inspiration and upward call to me.

- i. When Harding died, R.H. Boll eulogized his mentor as “one who set more people to reading the Bible than any other preacher; and he infused his own love and appreciation for the Word into those who came under his sway”. Harding encouraged daily reading of three and a third chapters of the Bible as a spiritual discipline, in order to read the entire Bible in one year.
- ii. He formed Bible reading classes wherever he went as an itinerant evangelist and collected ‘Bible reading cards’ that detailed commitments and progress. He believed that “the chief duty of the teacher in the Church (is) to lead people to the daily, diligent, prayerful study of the Word,” and he devoted more time and energy to that one point than to any other.
- iii. Harding saw the goal of daily Bible reading *as relational, exposing us to the mind of God in Scripture so that we can be shaped into the image of Christ*. He said that since “God is the author of the Bible, we should read it that we may know him”. Harding practiced what he preached. In 1914, he said that he had read the Old Testament through sixty times and the New Testament one hundred and thirty times.
 - 1. (Source: *Kingdom Come*, Hicks J.M. & Valentine, B., Leafwood Publishers, Abilene, TX, pp. 80-82)
- b. That is the kind of legacy I would hope to leave behind. Transmitting a love for the Scriptures and a commitment to daily devotion to reading and absorbing the word of God.
 - i. This is not to produce a crop of ‘Bible nerds’ but, instead, to lead people to better know and love Jesus, understand who He is, and strive to become like Him.
 - ii. Consider the old adage, “Give a man a fish and feed him for a day; Teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime.”
 - 1. **The primary goal of Bible teachers should be to motivate and equip others to feed themselves spiritually from the word of God.**
 - iii. With this approach, it becomes possible for a Bible teacher to make an impact that will extend *for generations*, just as James Harding did.

III. A Lesson from the Manna in the Wilderness

- a. Paul explains in **1 Corinthians 10:1-13** that the story of the exodus journey (mostly in **Exodus** and **Numbers**) is a foreshadowing of the Christian life.
 - i. The Red Sea = baptism

- ii. Promised Land = the eternal goal we are seeking
 - iii. Wilderness = Christian life *in this world* (extending through our time of testing between baptism and our eternal reward)
- b. Almost immediately after the Israelites crossed the Red Sea (**Exodus 13**), the first challenge they faced in the desert Wilderness was having no water or food. In **Exodus 16**, the Lord provides manna, “bread from heaven”, to sustain them every day over the next 40 years. As they approach the end of that time, before Moses dies, he explains the significance of the lesson of the manna.
- c. Read **Deuteronomy 8:2-3**.
- i. This famous passage is quoted by Jesus when He is tempted by Satan, shortly after His baptism.
 - 1. Jesus showed us the best way to respond in the face of temptation: *hitting back with the Word of God*.
- d. With this explanation of the significance of the lesson of the manna in mind, let us review the instructions regarding the manna that were originally given, from **Exodus 16**.
- i. Read **Exodus 16:1-5**.
 - 1. God would feed them in the Wilderness with this unusual “bread from heaven”.
 - 2. God also would use this means of feeding them as a test, to see if they would obey His instructions regarding how and when they gathered the manna.
 - ii. Read **Exodus 16:11-21**.
 - 1. They had to gather it in the morning before the sun became hot and the manna melted away.
 - 2. The people would eat this manna daily while they were in the Wilderness.
 - 3. They were forbidden to store it up. They had to gather manna new every day (except they could get two days’ worth on Friday, the day prior to the Sabbath).
 - iii. Read **Exodus 16:22-30**.
 - 1. The manna was versatile; they could bake or boil it.

2. It did not appear on the Sabbath. It appeared for six days, but not on the seventh, in a cycle that lasted throughout their 40 years in the Wilderness (clearly not a natural phenomenon, but a true miracle).
- iv. Read **Exodus 16:31-35**.
1. It appeared as white flakes on the ground.
 2. The manna tasted like wafers made with honey (sweet/pleasant).
 3. Aaron was to keep a golden pot of the manna for future generations by the ark as a reminder.
 4. It sustained them for the entire 40-year journey in the Wilderness, until they crossed the Jordan River and entered the Promised Land (**Joshua 5:11-12**).
 5. Recall that the time in the Wilderness is a 'type' or map of the Christian life. It represents the time from escaping slavery and being 'baptized', all the way to entering the Promised Land (**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**).
 6. This sustained them during their "time of testing".
- e. Later on, the people would become bored with the manna and complain that they wanted more variety. (**Numbers 11:4-10** and **21:5**).
- f. Application for us:
- i. We need to feed on this food from God every day.
 1. Many people today complain that they are 'too busy' to be able to spend time in the Word of God every day.
 - a. However, I ask them, "Did you have time to eat *physical food* today?"
 - b. If you always manage to find the time to feed your physical body, what about feeding your spirit? Isn't that even *more important*?
 - ii. The manna was sweet to the taste.
 1. That reminds me of what it says in **Psalms 118/119:103** that the Word of God is "sweeter than honey".

- iii. Some of the people got bored with the manna and became ungrateful, wanting more variety and excitement. They looked back longingly to 'the food of Egypt'.
 - 1. Similarly, many Christians today can tend to grow weary of the Scriptures. They become 'bored' with that and look back longingly on the worldly entertainment they enjoyed in the past: their iPhone, the internet, sports, movies and other stimulation offered by the world.
- iv. They needed to gather it *in the morning*.
 - 1. Note that you could boil or bake it in fire; however, after the sun started to rise in the sky, the *rays of the sun* would melt away the manna.
 - a. They had to gather it before the time when "the sun became hot, and it melted". (**Exodus 16:21**)
 - 2. **Wisdom of Solomon 16:20-29** discusses the significance of the manna given to the Israelites in the Wilderness. There, it says that the instructions regarding gathering the manna in the morning were given to *teach us to rise early* to give thanks to God!
 - a. There is no *requirement* that we have time in the Scriptures in the morning.
 - i. Some people simply assert that they are not 'morning people', and a time later in the day works better for them for personal Bible study.
 - ii. However, *for most of us*, it seems that establishing a time first thing in the morning to be in the Word of God works the best (before the demands of the day press in).

IV. Other Similar Lessons from the Scriptures

- a. Clean vs. unclean animals in **Leviticus 11:1-8**.
 - i. The clean animals must meet *BOTH* of the following two criteria:
 - 1. Have split (cloven) hooves, AND
 - 2. Chew the cud.
 - ii. About chewing the cud.

1. Grasses are plentiful over much of the earth, but for most animals, it is too difficult to extract all the nutrients they need from eating only grasses.
 2. A cow is designed by God to eat and properly digest *grass*. A cow's stomach has four compartments. This allows them to eat grass, store it in one of their stomach compartments for a period of time, then regurgitate it (coughing it up) to chew it again and again to extract more of the nutrients later.
- iii. One out of two of these criteria is *NOT GOOD ENOUGH!*
1. Horses, camels and rabbits chew the cud, but do not have split hooves. Therefore, they are unclean.
 2. Pigs have split hooves but do not chew the cud. Therefore, they are unclean.
 3. Animals that *BOTH* chew the cud and have split hooves, and therefore are 'clean', include sheep, goats, deer and cows (cattle).
- iv. 'Unclean' animals could not be eaten by the Jews, nor could they touch their dead carcasses.
- v. Recall that in many places in Scripture, God uses *animals* to communicate things about humans. Some examples:
1. "Do not muzzle an *ox* while it is treading out the grain."
(**Deuteronomy 25:4**; repeated in **1 Corinthians 9:9** and **1 Timothy 5:18**)
 2. "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the *little dogs*." (**Matthew 15:26**)
 3. "Go to the *ant*, you sluggard!" (**Proverbs 6:6**)
 4. "Go tell that *fox* (referring to King Herod) ..." (**Luke 13:32**)
 5. "... I send you out as *sheep* in the midst of *wolves*. Therefore be wise as *serpents* and harmless as *doves*." (**Matthew 10:16**)
 6. "You shall not plow with an *ox* and a *donkey together*."
(**Deuteronomy 22:10**; likely the passage in mind behind the admonition of **2 Corinthians 6:14** to not be "unequally yoked with unbelievers.")
 7. As "... 'a dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.'" (**2 Peter 2:22**)

vi. **Question:** Could the Lord be trying to communicate something to us in the distinction between clean and unclean animals? Let us take another look.

1. From Irenaeus, bishop of the church in Lyons, in Gaul, writing c. 180 AD (note that as a child, he had learned from Polycarp, who in turn had learned from the apostle John):
 - a. “Now the law has *figuratively* predicted all these, delineating man by the [various] animals: whatsoever of these, says [the Scripture], have a double hoof and ruminates, it proclaims as clean; but whatsoever of them do not possess one or other of these [properties], it sets aside by themselves as unclean.
 - b. “Who then are the clean? Those who make their way by faith steadily towards *the Father and the Son*; for this is denoted by the steadiness of those which *divide the hoof*; and they meditate day and night upon the words of God, that they may be adorned with good works: for this is the meaning of the ruminants.
 - c. “The unclean, however, are those which do neither divide the hoof nor ruminates; that is, those persons who have neither faith in God, nor do meditate on His words: and such is the abomination of the Gentiles. But as to those animals which do indeed chew the cud, but have not the double hoof, and are themselves unclean, we have in them a figurative description of the Jews, who certainly have the words of God in their mouth, but who do not fix their rooted steadfastness in the Father and in the Son; wherefore they are an unstable generation.
 - d. “For those animals which have the hoof all in one piece easily slip; but those which have it divided are more sure-footed, their cleft hoofs succeeding each other as they advance, and the one hoof supporting the other. In like manner, too, those are unclean which have the double hoof but do not ruminates: this is plainly an indication of all heretics, and of those who do not meditate on the words of God, neither are adorned with works of righteousness; to whom also the Lord says, ‘Why call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say to you?’
 - e. “For men of this stamp do indeed say that they believe in the Father and the Son, but they never meditate as

they should upon the things of God, neither are they adorned with works of righteousness; but, as I have already observed, they have adopted the lives of swine and of dogs, giving themselves over to filthiness, to gluttony, and recklessness of all sorts.”

- i. (Source: Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, book 5, chapter 8; found in Ante-Nicene Fathers vol. 1, p. 534)
 - ii. Irenaeus saw the reference to ‘clean’ animals *chewing the cud* as referring to those who *meditate on the Word of God day and night*, as it says at the beginning of **Psalm 1**.
2. For similar insights from other early Christian writers regarding the significance of the **Leviticus 11** distinction between clean and unclean animals, see also:
- a. Clement of Alexandria, in Ante-Nicene Fathers vol. 2, pp. 289, 456, and 555-556.
 - b. Novatian, in Ante-Nicene Fathers vol. 5, p. 647.
- b. Read **Psalm 1:1-3**.
- i. The man who meditates on the Word day and night will always be fruitful. Even in the desert, when all other plants are wilting and dying.
- c. Read **1 Peter 1:22-2:3**.
- i. “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, because ‘All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the LORD endures forever.’ Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word*, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” (**1 Peter 1:22-2:3 NKJV**)
 1. Peter calls us to crave the word as a newborn baby desires his mother’s milk.
 2. The context here is Peter explaining that this pure milk of the word is the antidote against false teachers coming into the church.

d. Read **2 Peter 1:19-21**.

i. “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which *you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place*, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” (**2 Peter 1:19-21**, NKJV)

1. The world is a dark place. To keep from going astray, Peter calls us to see it as a light to guide us in this dark place.

V. **Concluding Thoughts**

a. See the Word of God as presented in all the analogies in Scriptures. It is like:

- i. Manna to sustain us in this Wilderness,
- ii. Sweeter than honey.
- iii. Like pure grass to a sheep or ox; one must ‘chew on it’ to extract the nourishment.
- iv. Like milk to an infant.
- v. Like streams of water to a desert plant.
- vi. A light shining in a dark place.
- vii. The great offensive weapon in our spiritual war against Satan (**Ephesians 6**).
- viii. More precious than silver and gold (**Psalms 118/119:72** and **Psalms 18/19:10-11**).

b. **Challenge:** Make a decision to be in the Word of God every day. Read through the entire Bible. *You need it all* in order to become “thoroughly equipped” (**2 Timothy 3:14-16**).

- i. Read through the Bible every day, one day at a time.
 1. Have a plan you are committed to, providing direction for each day. Make the commitment, one day at a time.
 2. Get to know the Lord better.
 3. Be fully equipped for the spiritual battle.
 4. Husbands, especially if your wives have multiple children to attend to, please be thoughtful and help your wives with this!

- ii. Anyone listening to this message should feel free to use a copy of the read-through-the-Bible-in-a-year plan that we handed out in church, posted as an addendum to these notes. Included are versions for both Bibles based on the Masoretic text and the LXX. You may also find an Excel spreadsheet for both versions on the resources page at www.walking-by-faith.org, which will allow you to change the start date of these one-year reading plans.

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1	1-Jan	7-Jan	Genesis 1-4	Genesis 5-9	Genesis 10-14	Genesis 15-18	Genesis 19-22	Genesis 23-25	Genesis 26-28
2	8-Jan	14-Jan	Genesis 29-31	Genesis 32-35	Genesis 36-39	Genesis 40-42	Genesis 43-46	Genesis 47-50	Matthew 1-4
3	15-Jan	21-Jan	Matthew 5-7	Matthew 8-9	Matthew 10-11	Matthew 12-13	Matthew 14-15	Matthew 16-18	Matthew 19-21
4	22-Jan	28-Jan	Matthew 22-24	Matthew 25-26	Matthew 27-28	Exodus 1-4	Exodus 5-8	Exodus 9-12	Exodus 13-15
5	29-Jan	4-Feb	Exodus 16-19	Exodus 20-23	Exodus 24-28	Exodus 29-32	Exodus 33-36	Exodus 37-40	Leviticus 1-4
6	5-Feb	11-Feb	Leviticus 5-8	Leviticus 9-12	Leviticus 13-14	Leviticus 15-17	Leviticus 18-21	Leviticus 22-24	Leviticus 25-27
7	12-Feb	18-Feb	Mark 1-3	Mark 4-5	Mark 6-8	Mark 9-10	Mark 11-12	Mark 13-14	Mark 15-16
8	19-Feb	25-Feb	Numbers 1-3	Numbers 4-6	Numbers 7-9	Numbers 10-12	Numbers 13-15	Numbers 16-19	Numbers 20-22
9	26-Feb	4-Mar	Numbers 23-25	Numbers 26-28	Numbers 29-32	Numbers 33-36	Deut. 1-3	Deut. 4-5	Deut. 6-9
10	5-Mar	11-Mar	Deut. 10-13	Deut. 14-17	Deut. 18-21	Deut. 22-25	Deut. 26-28	Deut. 29-31	Deut. 32-34
11	12-Mar	18-Mar	Luke 1-2	Luke 3-4	Luke 5-6	Luke 7-8	Luke 9-10	Luke 11-12	Luke 13-14
12	19-Mar	25-Mar	Luke 15-16	Luke 17-18	Luke 19-20	Luke 21-22	Luke 23-24	Joshua 1-4	Joshua 5-8
13	26-Mar	1-Apr	Joshua 9-12	Joshua 13-16	Joshua 17-21	Joshua 22-24	Judges 1-3	Judges 4-6	Judges 7-9
14	2-Apr	8-Apr	Judges 10-13	Judges 14-18	Judges 19-21	Ruth 1-4	John 1-3	John 4-5	John 6-7
15	9-Apr	15-Apr	John 8-9	John 10-11	John 12-14	John 15-17	John 18-19	John 20-21	1 Kingdoms 1-3
16	16-Apr	22-Apr	1 Kingdoms 4-7	1 Kgdms. 8-12	1 Kgdms. 13-15	1 Kgdms. 16-19	1 Kgdms. 20-23	1 Kgdms. 24-26	1 Kgdms. 27-31
17	23-Apr	29-Apr	2 Kingdoms 1-3	2 Kgdms. 4-7	2 Kgdms. 8-12	2 Kgdms. 13-15	2 Kgdms. 16-18	2 Kgdms. 19-21	2 Kgdms. 22-24
18	30-Apr	6-May	3 Kingdoms 1-2	3 Kgdms. 3-6	3 Kgdms. 7-8	3 Kgdms. 9-11	3 Kgdms. 12-14	3 Kgdms. 15-17	3 Kgdms. 18-20
19	7-May	13-May	3 Kgdms. 21-22	4 Kingdoms 1-3	4 Kgdms. 4-6	4 Kgdms. 7-9	4 Kgdms. 10-13	4 Kgdms. 14-16	4 Kgdms. 17-19
20	14-May	20-May	4 Kgdms. 20-22	4 Kgdms. 23-25	Acts 1-2	Acts 3-5	Acts 6-8	Acts 9-10	Acts 11-13
21	21-May	27-May	Acts 14-16	Acts 17-19	Acts 20-22	Acts 23-25	Acts 26-28	1 Chron. 1-4	1 Chron. 5-7
22	28-May	3-Jun	1 Chron. 8-11	1 Chron. 12-16	1 Chron. 17-21	1 Chron. 22-26	1 Chron. 27-29	2 Chron. 1-5	2 Chron. 6-9
23	4-Jun	10-Jun	2 Chron. 10-15	2 Chron. 16-20	2 Chron. 21-24	2 Chron. 25-29	2 Chron. 30-33	2 Chron. 34-36	Romans 1-3
24	11-Jun	17-Jun	Romans 4-7	Romans 8-10	Romans 11-13	Romans 14-16	1 Ezra 1-3	1 Ezra 4-5	1 Ezra 6-7
25	18-Jun	24-Jun	1 Ezra 8-9	2 Ezra 1-5	2 Ezra 6-10	Nehemiah 1-4	Nehemiah 5-7	Nehemiah 8-10	Neh. 11-13
26	25-Jun	1-Jul	Tobit 1-6	Tobit 7-14	Judith 1-5	Judith 6-8	Judith 9-12	Judith 13-16	Esther 1-3
27	2-Jul	8-Jul	Esther 4-7	Esther 8-10	1 Corinth. 1-4	1 Cor. 5-8	1 Cor. 9-11	1 Cor. 12-14	1 Cor. 15-16
28	9-Jul	15-Jul	1 Maccab. 1-2	1 Macc. 3-4	1 Macc. 5-6	1 Macc. 7-9	1 Macc. 10-11	1 Macc. 12-13	1 Macc. 14-16

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30	23-Jul	29-Jul	2 Cor. 10-13	3 Macc. 1-3	3 Macc. 4-5	3 Macc. 6-7	Galatians 1-3	Galatians 4-6	Psalms 1-6
31	30-Jul	5-Aug	Psalms 7-11	Psalms 12-17	Psalms 18-22	Psalms 23-27	Psalms 28-32	Psalms 33-36	Psalms 37-41
32	6-Aug	12-Aug	Psalms 42-47	Psalms 48-52	Psalms 53-58	Psalms 59-65	Psalms 66-70	Psalms 71-76	Psalms 77-80
33	13-Aug	19-Aug	Psalms 81-87	Psalms 88-91	Psalms 92-98	Psalms 99-103	Psalms 104-105	Psalms 106-111	Psalms 112-117
34	20-Aug	26-Aug	Psalms 118	Psalms 119-134	Psalms 135-142	Psalms 143-151	Ephesians 1-4	Ephesians 5-6	Job 1-3
35	27-Aug	2-Sep	Job 4-7	Job 8-11	Job 12-15	Job 16-20	Job 21-24	Job 25-31	Job 32-35
36	3-Sep	9-Sep	Job 36-39	Job 40-42	Philippians 1-4	Proverbs 1-4	Proverbs 5-7	Proverbs 8-10	Proverbs 11-13
37	10-Sep	16-Sep	Proverbs 14-15	Proverbs 16-18	Proverbs 19-21	Proverbs 22-24	Proverbs 25-28	Proverbs 29-31	Colossians 1-4
38	17-Sep	23-Sep	Eccles. 1-4	Eccles. 5-8	Eccles. 9-12	Song of So. 1-4	Song of So. 5-8	Wisd. Sol. 1-4	Wisd. Sol. 5-7
39	24-Sep	30-Sep	Wisd. Sol. 8-10	Wisd. Sol. 11-13	Wisd. Sol. 14-16	Wisd. Sol. 17-19	1 Thessal. 1-5	2 Thessal. 1-3	Sirach 1-4
40	1-Oct	7-Oct	Sirach 5-7	Sirach 8-11	Sirach 12-15	Sirach 16-18	Sirach 19-21	Sirach 22-24	Sirach 25-27
41	8-Oct	14-Oct	Sirach 28-31	Sirach 32-34	Sirach 35-37	Sirach 38-40	Sirach 41-43	Sirach 44-46	Sirach 47-49
42	15-Oct	21-Oct	Sirach 50-51	1 Timothy 1-6	2 Timothy 1-4	Titus & Philmn.	Hosea 1-4	Hosea 5-9	Hosea 10-14
43	22-Oct	28-Oct	Amos 1-5	Amos 6-9	Micah 1-6	Joel 1-4	Obad. & Jonah	Nahum & Hab.	Zeph. & Haggai
44	29-Oct	4-Nov	Zechariah 1-5	Zechariah 6-10	Zechariah 11-14	Malachi	Hebrews 1-3	Hebrews 4-8	Hebrews 9-11
45	5-Nov	11-Nov	Hebrews 12-13	Isaiah 1-5	Isaiah 6-9	Isaiah 10-15	Isaiah 16-22	Isaiah 23-27	Isaiah 28-32
46	12-Nov	18-Nov	Isaiah 33-37	Isaiah 38-42	Isaiah 43-46	Isaiah 47-51	Isaiah 52-57	Isaiah 58-62	Isaiah 63-66
47	19-Nov	25-Nov	James 1-5	Jeremiah 1-3	Jeremiah 4-6	Jeremiah 7-10	Jeremiah 11-14	Jeremiah 15-18	Jeremiah 19-23
48	26-Nov	2-Dec	Jeremiah 24-28	Jeremiah 29-33	Jeremiah 34-38	Jeremiah 39-42	Jeremiah 43-47	Jeremiah 48-52	Lament. 1-2
49	3-Dec	9-Dec	Lament. 3-5	Epist. Jeremiah	1 Peter 1-5	2 Peter 1-3	Ezekiel 1-4	Ezekiel 5-10	Ezekiel 11-15
50	10-Dec	16-Dec	Ezekiel 16-18	Ezekiel 19-21	Ezekiel 22-25	Ezekiel 26-30	Ezekiel 31-34	Ezekiel 35-38	Ezekiel 39-40
51	17-Dec	23-Dec	Ezekiel 41-44	Ezekiel 45-48	1 John 1-5	2&3 John, Jude	Sus+Daniel 1-2	Daniel 3	Daniel 4-6
52	24-Dec	30-Dec	Daniel 7-10	Dan. 11-12+Bel	Revelat. 1-3	Revelat. 4-8	Revelat. 9-14	Revelat. 15-18	Revelat. 19-22

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Week No.	Start of Week	End of Week	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	1-Jan	7-Jan	Genesis 1-3	Genesis 4-7	Genesis 8-11	Genesis 12-16	Genesis 17-19	Genesis 20-23	Genesis 24-25
2	8-Jan	14-Jan	Genesis 26-28	Genesis 29-30	Genesis 31-33	Genesis 34-36	Genesis 37-39	Genesis 40-42	Genesis 43-45
3	15-Jan	21-Jan	Genesis 46-47	Genesis 48-50	Matthew 1-4	Matthew 5-7	Matthew 8-9	Matthew 10-12	Matthew 13-14
4	22-Jan	28-Jan	Matthew 15-17	Matthew 18-20	Matthew 21-22	Matthew 23-24	Matthew 25-26	Matthew 27-28	Exodus 1-4
5	29-Jan	4-Feb	Exodus 5-7	Exodus 8-10	Exodus 11-13	Exodus 14-16	Exodus 17-20	Exodus 21-23	Exodus 24-27
6	5-Feb	11-Feb	Exodus 28-30	Exodus 31-34	Exodus 35-37	Exodus 38-40	Mark 1-3	Mark 4-6	Mark 7-9
7	12-Feb	18-Feb	Mark 10-13	Mark 14-16	Leviticus 1-4	Leviticus 5-7	Leviticus 8-11	Leviticus 12-14	Leviticus 15-17
8	19-Feb	25-Feb	Leviticus 18-20	Leviticus 21-23	Leviticus 24-25	Leviticus 26-27	Numbers 1-2	Numbers 3-4	Numbers 5-6
9	26-Feb	4-Mar	Numbers 7-8	Numbers 9-11	Numbers 12-14	Numbers 15-17	Numbers 18-20	Numbers 21-23	Numbers 24-26
10	5-Mar	11-Mar	Numbers 27-30	Numbers 31-33	Numbers 34-36	Luke 1	Luke 2-3	Luke 4-5	Luke 6-7
11	12-Mar	18-Mar	Luke 8-9	Luke 10-11	Luke 12-13	Luke 14-16	Luke 17-18	Luke 19-20	Luke 21-22
12	19-Mar	25-Mar	Luke 23-24	Deut. 1-2	Deut 3-4	Deut. 5-7	Deut. 8-11	Deut. 12-15	Deut. 16-19
13	26-Mar	1-Apr	Deut. 20-23	Deut. 24-27	Deut. 28-29	Deut. 30-31	Deut. 32-34	Joshua 1-4	Joshua 5-7
14	2-Apr	8-Apr	Joshua 8-10	Joshua 11-14	Joshua 15-18	Joshua 19-21	Joshua 22-24	Judges 1-3	Judges 4-5
15	9-Apr	15-Apr	Judges 6-8	Judges 9-11	Judges 12-15	Judges 16-18	Judges 19-21	John 1-3	John 4-5
16	16-Apr	22-Apr	John 6-7	John 8-9	John 10-11	John 12-13	John 14-15	John 16-17	John 18-19
17	23-Apr	29-Apr	John 20-21	Ruth 1-4	1 Samuel 1-3	1 Samuel 4-7	1 Samuel 8-10	1 Samuel 11-13	1 Samuel 14-15
18	30-Apr	6-May	1 Samuel 16-17	1 Samuel 18-20	1 Samuel 21-24	1 Samuel 25-27	1 Samuel 28-31	2 Samuel 1-3	2 Samuel 4-7
19	7-May	13-May	2 Samuel 8-11	2 Samuel 12-13	2 Samuel 14-15	2 Samuel 16-18	2 Samuel 19-20	2 Samuel 21-22	2 Samuel 23-24
20	14-May	20-May	Acts 1-2	Acts 3-4	Acts 5-6	Acts 7-8	Acts 9-12	Acts 13-16	Acts 17-19
21	21-May	27-May	Acts 20-23	Acts 24-28	1 Kings 1-2	1 Kings 3-5	1 Kings 6-7	1 Kings 8-9	1 Kings 10-12
22	28-May	3-Jun	1 Kings 13-15	1 Kings 16-18	1 Kings 19-20	1 Kings 21-22	2 King 1-3	2 Kings 4-5	2 Kings 6-8
23	4-Jun	10-Jun	2 Kings 9-11	2 Kings 12-14	2 Kings 15-17	2 Kings 18-20	2 Kings 21-23	2 Kings 24-25	Romans 1-3
24	11-Jun	17-Jun	Romans 4-7	Romans 8-10	Romans 11-13	Romans 14-16	1 Chron. 1-2	1 Chron. 3-5	1 Chron. 6-7
25	18-Jun	24-Jun	1 Chron. 8-10	1 Chron. 11-13	1 Chron. 14-16	1 Chron. 17-20	1 Chron. 21-23	1 Chron. 24-26	1 Chron. 27-29
26	25-Jun	1-Jul	2 Chron. 1-4	2 Chron. 5-7	2 Chron. 8-11	2 Chron. 12-16	2 Chron. 17-19	2 Chron. 20-22	2 Chron. 23-25
27	2-Jul	8-Jul	2 Chron. 26-29	2 Chron. 30-32	2 Chron. 33-34	2 Chron. 35-36	1 Corinth. 1-4	1 Corinth. 5-9	1 Corinth. 10-13
28	9-Jul	15-Jul	1 Corinth. 14-16	Ezra 1-4	Ezra 5-7	Ezra 8-10	Nehemiah 1-4	Nehemiah 5-7	Nehemiah 8-10

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29	16-Jul	22-Jul	Nehemiah 11-13	Esther 1-4	Esther 5-10	Job 1-4	Job 5-8	Job 9-12	Job 13-17
30	23-Jul	29-Jul	Job 18-21	Job 22-26	Job 27-30	Job 31-34	Job 35-38	Job 39-42	2 Corinth. 1-4
31	30-Jul	5-Aug	2 Corinth. 5-7	2 Corinth. 8-10	2 Corinth. 11-13	Psalms 1-7	Psalms 8-14	Psalms 15-18	Psalms 19-24
32	6-Aug	12-Aug	Psalms 25-30	Psalms 31-34	Psalms 35-37	Psalms 38-42	Psalms 43-48	Psalms 49-54	Psalms 55-60
33	13-Aug	19-Aug	Psalms 61-67	Psalms 68-71	Psalms 72-75	Psalms 76-78	Psalms 79-84	Psalms 85-89	Psalms 90-95
34	20-Aug	26-Aug	Psalms 96-102	Psalms 103-105	Psalms 106-108	Psalms 109-115	Psalms 116-118	Psalms 119	Psalms 120-131
35	27-Aug	2-Sep	Psalms 132-138	Psalms 139-144	Psalms 145-150	Galatians 1-3	Galatians 4-6	Ephesians 1-3	Ephesians 4-6
36	3-Sep	9-Sep	Proverbs 1-3	Proverbs 4-7	Proverbs 8-10	Proverbs 11-13	Proverbs 14-16	Proverbs 17-19	Proverbs 20-22
37	10-Sep	16-Sep	Proverbs 23-25	Proverbs 26-28	Proverbs 29-31	Eccles. 1-4	Eccles. 5-8	Eccles. 9-12	Song of Sol. 1-4
38	17-Sep	23-Sep	Song of Sol. 5-8	Philippians 1-4	Isaiah 1-3	Isaiah 4-6	Isaiah 7-9	Isaiah 10-13	Isaiah 14-16
39	24-Sep	30-Sep	Isaiah 17-21	Isaiah 22-25	Isaiah 26-28	Isaiah 29-31	Isaiah 32-34	Isaiah 35-37	Isaiah 38-40
40	1-Oct	7-Oct	Isaiah 41-42	Isaiah 43-44	Isaiah 45-47	Isaiah 48-50	Isaiah 51-53	Isaiah 54-57	Isaiah 58-60
41	8-Oct	14-Oct	Isaiah 61-64	Isaiah 65-66	Colossians 1-4	Jeremiah 1-3	Jeremiah 4-5	Jeremiah 6-8	Jeremiah 9-11
42	15-Oct	21-Oct	Jeremiah 12-14	Jeremiah 15-17	Jeremiah 18-21	Jeremiah 22-23	Jeremiah 24-26	Jeremiah 27-29	Jeremiah 30-31
43	22-Oct	28-Oct	Jeremiah 32-34	Jeremiah 35-37	Jeremiah 38-41	Jeremiah 42-45	Jeremiah 46-48	Jeremiah 49	Jeremiah 50
44	29-Oct	4-Nov	Jeremiah 51-52	1 Thessalonians	1 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians	Lament. 1-2	Lament. 3-5	1 Timothy 1-6
45	5-Nov	11-Nov	2 Timothy 1-4	Titus & Philem.	Ezekiel 1-4	Ezekiel 5-9	Ezekiel 10-13	Ezekiel 14-16	Ezekiel 17-19
46	12-Nov	18-Nov	Ezekiel 20-21	Ezekiel 22-23	Ezekiel 24-26	Ezekiel 27-28	Ezekiel 29-31	Ezekiel 32-33	Ezekiel 34-36
47	19-Nov	25-Nov	Ezekiel 37-39	Ezekiel 40-42	Ezekiel 43-45	Ezekiel 46-48	Hebrews 1-4	Hebrews 5-7	Hebrews 8-10
48	26-Nov	2-Dec	Hebrews 11-13	Daniel 1-2	Daniel 3-4	Daniel 5-6	Daniel 7-9	Daniel 10-12	James 1-5
49	3-Dec	9-Dec	1 Peter 1-5	2 Peter 1-3	Hosea 1-4	Hosea 5-9	Hosea 10-14	Joel 1-3	Amos 1-3
50	10-Dec	16-Dec	Amos 4-6	Amos 7-9	1 John 1-5	2&3 John, Jude	Obad. & Jonah	Micah 1-4	Micah 5-7
51	17-Dec	23-Dec	Nahum 1-3	Habakkuk 1-3	Zephaniah 1-3	Haggai 1-2	Zechariah 1-6	Zechariah 7-10	Zechariah 11-14
52	24-Dec	30-Dec	Malachi 1-4	Revelat. 1-3	Revelat. 4-7	Revelat. 8-12	Revelat. 13-16	Revelat. 17-19	Revelat. 20-22