

Bible Reading Record

God's Word is a tremendous gift to us! It serves as God's delivery system—a way for us to receive many wonderful treasures that can adorn our souls. To discover a few of the benefits of reading His Word, read Psalm 19 and Psalm 119. You'll notice that the following guide does not contain assigned readings for each day.

This guide can accommodate any method of Bible reading. Simply place an "X" or a "/" in the box after you have read the chapter. If you read three or four chapters per day, you'll be able to read the Bible in one year.

Here are a few pointers to get the most out of your Bible reading:

1. Begin by believing what you are reading is true, rather than deciding if it is true or not as you read.
2. Pray a simple prayer: "Lord, teach me from Your Word. Plant these verses in my heart to bear fruit in my life."
3. Read as regularly as possible. A little each day is better than a lot at once. Focus on the quality of your reading (growth and understanding) rather than the quantity.
4. Remember that the Bible was written for us, but it was not written to us. Before asking what the Bible means to us or trying to read ourselves into the story, we must understand what it meant to those to whom it was originally written. Spend time digging deeper into your study of God's Word.
5. Pay attention to repeated words, phrases, and connecting words that encapsulate the book.
6. Read on seven basic levels:
 - *Historical and cultural*: who are the people mentioned? When did they live? Learn about the history of people groups - Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, etc. Explore practices related to marriage, childbirth, family structures, economic life, laws, customs, and temple worship to better understand life during Jesus' time or the Old Testament era.
 - *Literal*: what God says or does in the lives of actual people; become familiar with the overall context of the book.
 - *Literary*: If you don't understand the literary context of the book you won't properly understand it. We don't read the Psalms the same way we read the Gospels, and the book of Isaiah should be read differently than Revelation. Take time to learn about the various literary forms of the Bible – prose/discourse, poetry, narrative, parable, apocalyptic, etc.
 - *Spatial*: the writers of the Bible assume we know its physical settings—geography, topography, climate, and geology. Familiarize yourself with these settings.
 - *Thematic*: principles and understandings about who God is, His ways, and how He works.
 - *Prophetic*: promises about what God is going to do in the flow of human history.
 - *Personal*: points of instruction, correction, and encouragement for your own life.
7. Expect God to speak to you. Listen to what comes to your heart from the Holy Spirit regarding your life, others, or matters you wonder about.
8. Mark or underline every verse that stands out to you, especially those that encourage you. Stay alert for promises or commands that reveal the heart of God.
9. Look for contrasts between what the Bible says and how you think, feel, or act. When you identify those differences, ask the Lord to change you, and obey what He is telling you.
10. If you encounter passages you don't understand, put a question mark in the margin and keep reading. Don't get stuck; come back to it later, and never hesitate to ask someone for help.
11. Look for qualities or attributes in the lives of key Bible characters that resemble you. Consider whether these traits are positive or negative based on how God dealt with them in the story.
12. Meditate on what you read by reflecting on it throughout the day. You will be amazed at how much God will reveal to you about your life as you contemplate His Word.

You may not read the Bible in the order presented below. However, in whatever sequence you choose to read, mark (X or /) each chapter on the chart as you complete it. You'll notice that checkboxes for the book of Psalms are included twice, and checkboxes are included four times for the book of Proverbs. I try to read those books more than once during the year.

Happy and blessed reading!

Dr. Dave Pafford

Nexus Church & Nexus Community, Inc.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis

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Exodus

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Leviticus

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Deuteronomy

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Joshua

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Judges

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Ruth

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1 Kings

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1 Chronicles

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Ezra

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Esther

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Psalms

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Ecclesiastes

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Nehemiah

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Job

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Proverbs

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Song of Solomon

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Isaiah

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Lamentations

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Daniel

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Joel

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Micah

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Malachi

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Jeremiah

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Ezekiel

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Hosea

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Amos

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Jonah

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Zechariah

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Luke

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Acts

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1 Corinthians

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Mark

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John

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Romans

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2 Corinthians

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Galatians

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Ephesians

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Philippians

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Colossians

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1 Timothy

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Titus

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Hebrews

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James

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1 Peter

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