

## March

- 1 Numbers 17-20
- 2 Numbers 21-22
- 3 Numbers 23-25
- 4 Numbers 26-27
- 5 Numbers 28-30
- \*6 Numbers 31-32**
- 7 Numbers 33-34
- 8 Numbers 35-36; Deuteronomy 1
- 9 Deuteronomy 2-4
- 10 Deuteronomy 5-7
- 11 Deuteronomy 8-10
- 12 Deuteronomy 11-13
- 13 Deuteronomy 14-16**
- 14 Deuteronomy 17-20
- 15 Deuteronomy 21-23
- 16 Deuteronomy 24-27
- 17 Deuteronomy 28-29
- 18 Deuteronomy 30-32
- 19 Deuteronomy 33-34; Psalm 91
- 20 Matthew 1-4**
- 21 Matthew 5-6
- 22 Matthew 7-8
- 23 Matthew 9-10
- 24 Matthew 11-12
- 25 Matthew 13-14
- 26 Matthew 15-17
- 27 Matthew 18-20**
- 28 Matthew 21-22
- 29 Matthew 23-24
- 30 Matthew 25-26
- 31 Matthew 27-28

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## April

- 1 Joshua 1-4
- 2 Joshua 5-7
- \*3 Joshua 8-10**
- 4 Joshua 11-13
- 5 Joshua 14-15
- 6 Joshua 16-19
- 7 Joshua 20-22
- 8 Joshua 23-24; Judges 1
- 9 Judges 2-5
- 10 Judges 6-8**
- 11 Judges 9-10
- 12 Judges 11-13
- 13 Judges 14-16
- 14 Judges 17-19
- 15 Judges 20-21
- 16 Ruth 1-4
- 17 1 Samuel 1-3**
- 18 1 Samuel 4-7
- 19 1 Samuel 8-11
- 20 1 Samuel 12-14
- 21 1 Samuel 15:1-16:13; Psalm 23;
- 22 1 Samuel 16:14-17:19
- 23 Psalm 59; 1 Sam. 19:12-21:15
- 24 Psalms 34, 56; 1 Samuel 22:1; Psalm 57, 142; 1 Sam. 22:3-23; Psalm 52**
- 25 1 Samuel 23; Psalms 54, 63; 1 Samuel 24
- 26 1 Samuel 25-27
- 27 1 Samuel 28-J 1
- 28 2 Samuel 1-3
- 29 2 Samuel 4-7
- 31 Psalm 30; 2 Samuel 8:1-14; Psalm 60; 2 Samuel 8:15-11:27

### Joshua

- Read for themes of fidelity and leadership.
- If Deuteronomy set out a goal, how does Joshua fulfill or miss the goal?

### Judges

You'll find yourself asking, "is this really in the bible?"

- Why are such hard stories in scripture?

### Ruth

- Continue to look for fidelity and loyalty.

### 1 Samuel

- How are power, politics & personality used?

### Boundaries

Deuteronomy literally means "Second Law", so be prepared for more of that! This law will call for the Hebrews' loyalty to Yahweh as Lord. And one study bible calls Matthew "church-building literature," so it will be similar instruction

- What happens if you read both books as instruction for holy living rather than lists of statutes?
- How does the setting shape the story in these readings?

## May

- \*1 2 Samuel 12:1-14; Psalms 51, 32; 2 Samuel 12:15-13:39**
- 2 2 Samuel 14-15; Psalm 3
- 3 Psalm 69; 2 Samuel 16-17
- 4 2 Samuel 18-19
- 5 2 Samuel 20; Psalms 64, 70; 2 Samuel 21
- 6 2 Samuel 22; Psalm 18
- 7 2 Samuel 23-24; Psalms 4-5
- 8 Psalms 6-7, 11-14**
- 9 Psalms 15-17, 19-22
- 10 Psalms 24-29
- 11 Psalms 31, 35-37
- 12 Psalms 38-41, 53
- 13 Psalms 55, 58, 61-62, 65
- 14 Psalms 68, 72, 86, 101
- 15 Psalms 103, 108-110, 138**
- 16 Psalms 139-141, 143-145
- 17 1 Kings 1-2
- 18 1 Kings 3-4; Proverbs 1
- 19 Proverbs 2-4
- 20 Proverbs 5-7
- 21 Proverbs 8-10
- 22 Proverbs 11-13**
- 23 Proverbs 14-16
- 24 Proverbs 17-19
- 25 Proverbs 20-22
- 26 Proverbs 23-25
- 27 Proverbs 26-28
- 28 Proverbs 29-31
- 29 Song of Solomon 1-4**
- 30 Song of Solomon 5-8
- 31 Mark 1-2

### 2 Samuel

- What do you make of the fact that Israel's most celebrated king is such a flawed human being?
- Which particular decisions do you wish David had made differently?

### Psalms

- How do the Psalm readings inform your reading of Hebrew history?

### Proverbs

- What strikes you as pithy? Can pithy also be wise?

### Song of Solomon

- Yes, love poems. Enjoy!

## June

- 1 Mark 3-4
- 2 Mark 5-6
- 3 Mark 7-8
- 4 Mark 9-10
- \*5 Mark 11-12**
- 6 Mark 13-14
- 7 Mark 15-16
- 8 1 Kings 5-7
- 9 1 Kings 8-9
- 10 1 Kings 10-11
- 11 Ecclesiastes 1-4
- 12 Ecclesiastes 5-8**
- 13 Ecclesiastes 9-12
- 14 1 Kings 12-14
- 15 1 Kings 15-17
- 16 1 Kings 18-19
- 17 1 Kings 20-21
- 18 1 Kings 22; 2 Kings 1
- 19 2 Kings 2-4**
- 20 2 Kings 5-7
- 21 2 Kings 8-10
- 22 2 Kings 11-13
- 23 2 Kings 14:1-25; Jonah 1-4; 2 Kings 14:26-29
- 24 Amos 1-5
- 25 Amos 6-9
- 26 2 Kings 15-17**
- 27 2 Kings 18-19
- 28 2 Kings 20-22
- 29 2 Kings 23-25
- 30 Psalms 1, 2, 10, 33, 43, 66

### Mark

- Probably the oldest Gospel. What seems to be Mark's central concern as he tells the Jesus story?

### Ecclesiastes

- Literally, "The Teacher." What does this teach about life?
- What does the teacher mean by vanity? (Part of complacency/apathy or contentment/serenity?)

### Kings

- How does leadership shape the people and their choices/loyalties?

### Amos

- Prepare to experience timelessness when you read. What's similar about today?

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## July

- 1 Psalms 67, 71, 89
- 2 Psalms 92-98
- \*3 Psalms 99-100, 102, 104**
- 4 Psalms 105-106
- 5 Psalms 111-118
- 6 Psalm 119:1-88
- 7 Psalm 119:89-176
- 8 Psalms 120-125, 127-132
- 9 Psalms 133-136, 146-147
- 10 Psalms 148-150; 1 Chronicles 1**
- 11 1 Chronicles 2-3
- 12 1 Chronicles 4-5
- 13 1 Chronicles 6
- 14 1 Chronicles 7-8
- 15 1 Chronicles 9-11
- 16 1 Chronicles 12-14
- 17 1 Chronicles 15-16; Psalm 42**
- 18 Psalms 44-49
- 19 Psalms 50, 73-76
- 20 Psalms 77-80
- 21 Psalms 81-85, 87-88
- 22 1 Chronicles 17-20
- 23 1 Chronicles 21-23
- 24 1 Chronicles 24-26**
- 25 1 Chronicles 27-29
- 26 2 Chronicles 1-5
- 27 2 Chronicles 6-8
- 28 2 Chronicles 9-12
- 29 2 Chronicles 13-17
- 30 2 Chronicles 18-20
- 31 2 Chronicles 21; Obadiah; 2 Chronicles 22**

### Didn't we just read this?

This month might feel like a slog...hang in there!

### Chronicles

- Opening genealogies are tedious – why do you suppose they're there?
- What does the "Chronicler" think of the divided monarchy?
- Chronicles was likely written *after* the exile, even though it talks about the history *before* the exile. What of Israel's history might the writer want to recapture?
- How is the 1&2 Chronicles record different from 1&2 Kings?

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## August

- 1 Joel 1-3; 2 Chronicles 23
- 2 2 Chronicles 24:1-26:8
- 3 Isaiah 1-4
- 4 Isaiah 5; 2 Chronicles 26:9-23; Isaiah 6; 2 Chronicles 27-28
- 5 2 Chronicles 29-31
- 6 2 Chronicles 32; Isaiah 7-8
- \*7 Isaiah 9-13**
- 8 Isaiah 14-18
- 9 Isaiah 19-23
- 10 Isaiah 24-28
- 11 Isaiah 29-32
- 12 Isaiah 33-36
- 13 Isaiah 37-39
- 14 Isaiah 40-42**
- 15 Isaiah 43-45
- 16 Isaiah 46-50
- 17 Isaiah 51-55
- 18 Isaiah 56-60
- 19 Isaiah 61-66
- 20 Hosea 1-6
- 21 Hosea 7-12**
- 22 Hosea 13-14; Micah 1-5
- 23 Micah 6-7; Nahum 1-3
- 24 2 Chron. 33-34; Zephaniah
- 25 Zephaniah 2-3; 2 Chronicles 35
- 26 Luke 1
- 27 Luke 2-3
- 28 Luke 4-5**
- 29 Luke 6-7
- 30 Luke 8
- 31 Luke 9-10

### Don't miss Joel!

- How can repentance open the way for new life and worship?

### Isaiah soars!

- Where does this prophet deliver the harshest criticism and where is the most inspiring hope?

### Hosea & Micah

- Two very different books with a very similar focus.
- How does Hosea's fidelity theme connect with Micah's obedience theme?

### Luke

- What is Luke's agenda in this gospel account?

## September

- 1 Luke 11-12
- 2 Luke 13-14
- 3 Luke 15-16
- \*4 Luke 17-18**
- 5 Luke 19-20
- 6 Luke 21-22
- 7 Luke 23-24
- 8 Habakkuk 1-3; Jeremiah 1
- 9 Jeremiah 2-4
- 10 Jeremiah 5-6, 11
- 11 Jeremiah 12,26,7**
- 12 Jeremiah 8-10
- 13 Jeremiah 14-17
- 14 Jeremiah 18-20, 35
- 15 Jeremiah 36,45,25,46
- 16 Jeremiah 47-49
- 17 Jeremiah 13, 22, 23
- 18 Jeremiah 24, 27-29**
- 19 Jeremiah 50-51
- 20 Jeremiah 30-31
- 21 Jeremiah 32-33, 21
- 22 Jeremiah 34, 37-38
- 23 Jeremiah 39, 52, 40-41
- 24 Jeremiah 42-44; Lamentations 1
- 25 Lamentations 2-3**
- 26 Lamentations 4-5; 2 Chronicles 36:1-8; Daniel 1
- 27 Daniel 2-3
- 28 Daniel 4-6
- 29 Daniel 7-9
- 30 Daniel 10-12

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## October

- 1 2 Chronicles 36:9-21; Psalm 137; Ezekiel 1-3
- \*2 Ezekiel 4-7**
- 3 Ezekiel 8-11
- 4 Ezekiel 12-15
- 5 Ezekiel 16-17
- 6 Ezekiel 18-20
- 7 Ezekiel 21-22
- 8 Ezekiel 23-25
- 9 Ezekiel 26-28**
- 10 Ezekiel 29-32
- 11 Ezekiel 33-35
- 12 Ezekiel 36-38
- 13 Ezekiel 30-40
- 14 Ezekiel 41-44
- 15 Ezekiel 45-48
- 16 2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-2:70**
- 17 Ezra 3:1-5:1; Haggai 1-2
- 18 Zechariah 1-6
- 19 Zechariah 7-11
- 20 Zechariah 12-14; Psalm 107
- 21 Psalm 126; Ezra 5:2-6:22; Esther 1-2
- 22 Esther 3-8
- 23 Esther 9-10; Ezra 7-8**
- 24 Ezra 9-10; Nehemiah 1-2
- 25 Nehemiah 3-6
- 26 Nehemiah 7-8
- 27 Nehemiah 9-10
- 28 Nehemiah 11-12
- 29 Nehemiah 13; Malachi 1-4
- 30 John 1-2**
- 31 John 3-4

### Ezekiel

- How does Ezekiel help exiles interpret captivity & find hope for restoration?

### Ezra/Nehemiah

- Originally one book.
- How are the ministries of Ezra and Nehemiah similar and different?

### Zechariah

- Zechariah is often quoted by the Gospel writers. Do any verses sound familiar?

### Esther

- Read for the Jewish celebration of Purim.
- Such a delightful story – try to read in one sitting!

## November

- 1 John 5:1-6:40
- 2 John 6:41-7:53
- 3 John 8
- 4 John 9-10
- 5 John 11:1-12:26
- \*6 John 12:27-13:38**
- 7 John 14-15
- 8 John 16-17
- 9 John 18-19
- 10 John 20-21; Acts 1
- 11 Acts 2-3
- 12 Acts 4-6
- 13 Acts 7:1-8:24**
- 14 Acts 8:25-10:48
- 15 Acts 11:1-13:12
- 16 Acts 13:13-14:28; James 1
- 17 James 2-5
- 18 Galatians 1-3
- 19 Galatians 4-6; Acts 15:1-21
- 20 Acts 15:22-17:34**
- 21 Acts 18:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1-5
- 22 2 Thessalonians 1-3; Acts 18:12-19:10
- 23 1 Corinthians 1-4
- 24 1 Corinthians 5-8
- 25 1 Corinthians 9-11
- 26 1 Corinthians 12-14
- 27 1 Corinthians 15-16**
- 28 Acts 19:11-20:1; 2 Corinthians 1-3
- 29 2 Corinthians 4-8
- 30 2 Corinthians 9-13; Acts 20:2

### John

- Which images for Jesus are particularly meaningful to you?
- How is John like Matt/Mark/Luke? Different?

### Acts

- Look for continuity with Luke and the work of the Holy Spirit.

### James

- How are believers encouraged to be doers?

### Gal/Thess/Corinthians

- In what way does reading these letters feel like reading some else's mail?
- What church "concerns" does Paul address in each letter?

## December

- 1 Romans 1-2
- 2 Romans 3-5
- 3 Romans 6-7
- \*4 Romans 8-10**
- 5 Romans 11-13
- 6 Romans 14-16
- 7 Acts 20:3-21:40
- 8 Acts 22-23
- 9 Acts 24-26
- 10 Acts 27-28
- 11 Ephesians 1-4**
- 12 Ephesians 5-6; Philippians 1
- 13 Philippians 2-4
- 14 Colossians 1-4
- 15 Hebrews 1-5
- 16 Hebrews 6-9
- 17 Hebrews 10-11
- 18 Hebrews 12-13; Philemon**
- 19 1 Peter 1-4
- 20 1 Peter 5; 2 Peter 1-3
- 21 1 Timothy 1-5
- 22 1 Timothy 6; Titus 1-3; 2 Timothy 1
- 23 2 Timothy 2-4; 1 John 1
- 24 1 John 2-5
- 25 2 John; 3 John; Jude; Revelation 1**
- 26 Revelation 2-5
- 27 Revelation 6-10
- 28 Revelation 11-14
- 29 Revelation 15-18
- 30 Revelation 19-22
- 31 Genesis 1-3 (!)

### Romans

- Paul's most complete letter. Notice how the text grows into and then out from chapter 8.

### Hebrews

- "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (11:1). Does faith come easily or with difficulty for you?

### Pastorals

- The pastorals are filled with insight on leadership, ministry, and community.

### Revelation

- Does the Bible's final word give you comfort or fill with dread?



*A (roughly) chronological plan for reading through the bible in one year*

## January

- 1 Genesis 1-3
- 2 Genesis 4-6
- \*3 Genesis 7-10**
- 4 Genesis 11-13
- 5 Genesis 14-17
- 6 Genesis 18-20
- 7 Genesis 21-22; Job 1
- 8 Job 2-5
- 9 Job 6-8
- 10 Job 9-12**
- 11 Job 13-15
- 12 Job 16-19
- 13 Job 20-21
- 14 Job 22-25
- 15 Job 26-29
- 16 Job 30-32
- 17 Job 33-35**
- 18 Job 36-38
- 19 Job 39-42
- 20 Genesis 23-24
- 21 Genesis 25:1-27:40
- 22 Genesis 27:41-30:24
- 23 Genesis 30:25-31:55
- 24 Genesis 32-34**
- 25 Genesis 35:1-37:11
- 26 Genesis 37:12-39:23
- 27 Genesis 40-41
- 28 Genesis 42-43
- 29 Genesis 44: 1-46:27
- 30 Genesis 46:28-49:33
- 31 Genesis 50; Exodus 1-2**

### Job with Genesis?

Seems strange, but Job is some of the oldest writing in the Old Testament. So this reading plan includes it in the earliest part of our reading.

- Do you find themes that reverberate between the two books?
- What signs of woven stories do you find in Genesis?
- Genesis is foundational as a book of human origins. How is Job foundational?

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## February

- 1 Exodus 3-5
- 2 Exodus 6-8
- 3 Exodus 9-11
- 4 Exodus 12-14
- 5 Exodus 15-17
- 6 Exodus 18-21
- \*7 Exodus 22-24**
- 8 Exodus 25-27
- 9 Exodus 28-30
- 10 Exodus 31-33
- 11 Exodus 34-36
- 12 Exodus 37-39
- 13 Exodus 40; Psalm 90; Leviticus 1
- 14 Leviticus 2-5**
- 15 Leviticus 6-8
- 16 Leviticus 9-11
- 17 Leviticus 12:1-14:22
- 18 Leviticus 14:23-15:33
- 19 Leviticus 16-18
- 20 Leviticus 19-21
- 21 Leviticus 22-24**
- 22 Leviticus 25-26
- 23 Leviticus 27; Numbers 1
- 24 Numbers 2-3
- 25 Numbers 4-6
- 26 Numbers 7-8
- 27 Numbers 9-11
- 28 Numbers 12-14**
- 29 Numbers 15-16

### Leviticus. Really?

Ok. There's no denying that Leviticus and Numbers get tedious. Try to read the tedium with the knowledge that the writers thought their attention to detail was holy! Laws and holiness codes were an attempt to honor God.

- Are any parts of life left out in the way the Hebrews honored God?
- What core values emerge from these passages?
- How is Leviticus related to Exodus?

### Be on the lookout for HOPE.

#### Jeremiah

- Jeremiah wrote these words as Jerusalem was falling to Babylon. How might these words have been received?

#### Lamentations

- Each chapter represents a different poem, each with its own theme. What themes do you see?

#### Daniel

- Where does Daniel share that the oppressed can find encouragement?
- How do these offerings of encouragement speak to us today?