

The Heart of the Old Testament

Following this plan you will read 14 of the 39 Old Testament books. These 14 books will provide you with the big picture of the Old Testament story but not all the details. The hope is that because there are fewer chapters to read you may find it more manageable and be able to spend time meditating on God's message to you. The plan is designed to allow you to read five days a week and then to use the weekends to catch up or review favorite passages.

Week 1

- Genesis 1:1-2:3
- Genesis 2:4-3:24
- Genesis 4
- Genesis 5-6
- Genesis 7-8

Week 2

- Genesis 9
- Genesis 10-11
- Genesis 12-13
- Genesis 14-15
- Genesis 16-17

Week 3

- Genesis 18
- Genesis 19
- Genesis 20-21
- Genesis 22
- Genesis 23

Week 4

- Genesis 24
- Genesis 25
- Genesis 26
- Genesis 27
- Genesis 28-29

Week 5

- Genesis 30
- Genesis 31
- Genesis 32
- Genesis 33
- Genesis 34

Week 6

- Genesis 35-36
- Genesis 37
- Genesis 38
- Genesis 39-40
- Genesis 41

Week 7

- Genesis 42
- Genesis 43
- Genesis 44-45
- Genesis 46
- Genesis 47

Week 8

- Genesis 48-49
- Genesis 50
- Exodus 1-2
- Exodus 3-4
- Exodus 5

Week 9

- Exodus 6:1-7:13
- Exodus 7:14-8:32
- Exodus 9
- Exodus 10-11
- Exodus 12

Week 10

- Exodus 13-14
- Exodus 15
- Exodus 16
- Exodus 17-18
- Exodus 19-20

Week 11

- Exodus 21
- Exodus 22
- Exodus 23
- Exodus 24-25
- Exodus 26

Week 12

- Exodus 27
- Exodus 28
- Exodus 29
- Exodus 30
- Exodus 31-32

Week 13

- Exodus 33-34
- Exodus 35
- Exodus 36
- Exodus 37
- Exodus 38

Week 14

- Exodus 39
- Exodus 40
- Numbers 1
- Numbers 2
- Numbers 3

Week 15

- Numbers 4
- Numbers 5
- Numbers 6
- Numbers 7
- Numbers 8

Week 16

- Numbers 8-9
- Numbers 10
- Numbers 11
- Numbers 12-13
- Numbers 14

Week 17

- Numbers 15
- Numbers 16
- Numbers 17-18
- Numbers 19-20
- Numbers 21

Week 18

- Numbers 22
- Numbers 23-24
- Numbers 25
- Numbers 26
- Numbers 27-28

Week 19

- Numbers 29
- Numbers 30
- Numbers 31
- Numbers 32
- Numbers 33

Week 20

- Numbers 34
- Numbers 35-36
- Joshua 1-2
- Joshua 3-4
- Joshua 5-6

Week 21

- Joshua 7
- Joshua 8
- Joshua 9:1-10:28
- Joshua 10:29-11:23
- Joshua 12-13

Week 22

- Joshua 14-15
- Joshua 16-17
- Joshua 18
- Joshua 19
- Joshua 20-21

Week 23

- Joshua 22
- Joshua 23
- Joshua 24
- Judges 1
- Judges 2-3

Week 24

- Judges 4
- Judges 5
- Judges 6
- Judges 7-8
- Judges 9

Week 25

- Judges 10
- Judges 11
- Judges 12-13
- Judges 14-15
- Judges 16-17

Week 26

- Judges 18
- Judges 19
- Judges 20-21
- 1 Samuel 1
- 1 Samuel 2

Week 27

- 1 Samuel 3-4
- 1 Samuel 5-7
- 1 Samuel 8
- 1 Samuel 9-10
- 1 Samuel 11-12

Week 28

- 1 Samuel 13
- 1 Samuel 14
- 1 Samuel 15-16
- 1 Samuel 17
- 1 Samuel 18

Week 29

- 1 Samuel 19
- 1 Samuel 20-21
- 1 Samuel 22-23
- 1 Samuel 24
- 1 Samuel 25

Week 30

- 1 Samuel 26-27
- 1 Samuel 28-29
- 1 Samuel 30-31
- 2 Samuel 1-2
- 2 Samuel 3-4

Week 31

- 2 Samuel 5-6
- 2 Samuel 7-8
- 2 Samuel 9-10
- 2 Samuel 11
- 2 Samuel 12

Week 32

- 2 Samuel 13
- 2 Samuel 14
- 2 Samuel 15
- 2 Samuel 16-17
- 2 Samuel 18

Week 33

- 2 Samuel 19
- 2 Samuel 20-21
- 2 Samuel 22
- 2 Samuel 23-24
- 1 Kings 1

Week 34

- 1 Kings 2
- 1 Kings 3
- 1 Kings 4
- 1 Kings 5
- 1 Kings 6

Week 35

- 1 Kings 7
- 1 Kings 8
- 1 Kings 9
- 1 Kings 10
- 1 Kings 11

Week 36

- 1 Kings 12
- 1 Kings 13
- 1 Kings 14
- 1 Kings 15:1-16:20
- 1 Kings 16:21-17:24

Week 37

- 1 Kings 18
- 1 Kings 19
- 1 Kings 20
- 1 Kings 21
- 1 Kings 22

Week 38

- 2 Kings 1-2
- 2 Kings 3-4
- 2 Kings 5
- 2 Kings 6
- 2 Kings 7-8

Week 39

- 2 Kings 9
- 2 Kings 10
- 2 Kings 11-12
- 2 Kings 13-14
- 2 Kings 15

Week 40

- 2 Kings 16-17
- 2 Kings 18
- 2 Kings 19
- 2 Kings 20
- 2 Kings 21-22

Week 41

- 2 Kings 23
- 2 Kings 24-25
- Isaiah 1
- Isaiah 2-3
- Isaiah 4-5

Week 42

- Isaiah 6-7
- Isaiah 8-9
- Isaiah 10
- Isaiah 11-13
- Isaiah 14-16

Week 43

- Isaiah 17-18
- Isaiah 19-21
- Isaiah 22-23
- Isaiah 24-26
- Isaiah 27-28

Week 44

- Isaiah 29-30
- Isaiah 31-32
- Isaiah 33-34
- Isaiah 35-36
- Isaiah 37

Week 45

- Isaiah 38-39
- Isaiah 40
- Isaiah 41-42
- Isaiah 43
- Isaiah 44-45

Week 46

- Isaiah 46-48
- Isaiah 49-50
- Isaiah 51-52
- Isaiah 53-55
- Isaiah 56-58

Week 47

- Isaiah 59-60
- Isaiah 61-64
- Isaiah 65-66
- Daniel 1
- Daniel 2

Week 48

- Daniel 3
- Daniel 4
- Daniel 5
- Daniel 6
- Daniel 7-8

Week 49

- Daniel 9
- Daniel 10
- Daniel 11-12
- Ezra 1-2
- Ezra 3

Week 50

- Ezra 4-5
- Ezra 6-7
- Ezra 8-9
- Ezra 10
- Nehemiah 1-2

Week 51

- Nehemiah 3-4
- Nehemiah 5-6
- Nehemiah 7
- Nehemiah 8
- Nehemiah 9

Week 52

- Nehemiah 10
- Nehemiah 11
- Nehemiah 12
- Nehemiah 13
- Malachi 1-4



"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

**Bible Reading Plan
2012**



FIRST LIGHT 2012

We are offering two reading plans for your use in drawing near to God through His Word in 2012. You can follow both plans which will allow you to read the entire New Testament, the Book of Psalms, and the heart of the Old Testament. Or you can choose one plan or the other depending on your preferences and needs.

SPENDING TIME ALONE WITH GOD

Time spent with God through Scripture reading and prayer draws us closer to Him and strengthens us for His service.

Start your time with God with a short prayer acknowledging God's presence and asking him for His guidance as you read His Word.

Spend the first portion of your Quiet Time reading the Word (listening to God) and the second portion in prayer (speaking to God).

Select a manageable portion of Scripture. The goal is not to cover a lot of ground, but to read thoughtfully and for personal application.

Record your insights in a spiritual journal (any kind of notebook will do). Recording your insights helps clarify your thoughts and makes them stick. Record the date, write a few sentences about what God said to you through the Scripture, and then write a brief prayer of response to God.

Pray using the A.C.T.S. acrostic. Begin with

- **A**doration of God
- **C**onfess your sin to God
- **T**hank God for his blessings
- **S**eek God's supply for your needs and the needs of others.

Chronological New Testament with Psalms

To read the Bible chronologically means reading the books and events in the order of the time they happened rather than in the traditional order in which they are found in our Bibles. Following this plan as you read the Gospels you will jump from one Gospel to the other to see how it all fits together rather reading each Gospel one at a time.

As you read Acts you will periodically jump over to one of Paul's letters that was written during the time frame of Acts. This fresh approach to reading the New Testament will give you new insights into God's message. Following this plan you will read the New Testament five days a week and some selections from the Psalms on the weekend.

Week 1

Luke 1:1-38
 Luke 1:39-80
 Matthew 1
 John 1:1-18
 Luke 2:1-38
 Psalms 1-5

Week 2

Matthew 2
 Luke 2:39-52,
Matthew 3
 Mark 1
 Luke 3
 Matthew 4
 Psalms 6-9

Week 3

Luke 4:1-15
 Luke 4:16-44
 Luke 5
 John 1:19-42
 John 1:43-2:25
 Psalms 10-13

Week 4

John 3:1-21
 John 3:22-4:26
 John 4:27-54
 Mark 2
 John 5:1-23
 Psalms 14-17

Week 5

John 5:24-47,
Matthew 12:1-21
 Mark 3
 Luke 6:1-23
 Luke 6:24-49
 Matthew 5:1-30
 Psalms 18-19

Week 6

Matthew 5:31-6:15
 Matthew 6:16-7:12
 Matthew 7:13-8:13
 Luke 7:1-30
 Luke 7:31-50
 Psalms 20-22

Week 7

Matthew 11
 Matthew 12:22-50
 Matthew 13:1-30
 Matthew 13:31-58
 Luke 8:1-25
 Psalms 23-25

Week 8

Luke 8:26-56
 Matthew 8:14-34
 Mark 4
 Mark 5
 Matthew 9:1-17
 Psalms 26-29

Week 9

Matthew 9:18-10:15
 Matthew 10:16-42
 Matthew 14
 Mark 6:1-29
 Mark 6:30-56
 Psalms 30-32

Week 10

Luke 9:1-17
 John 6:1-21
 John 6:22-71
 Matthew 15:1-20
 Matthew 15:21-39
 Psalms 33-34

Week 11

Mark 7
 Matthew 16
 Mark 8
 Luke 9:18-27
 Matthew 17
 Psalms 35-36

Week 12

Mark 9
 Luke 9:28-62
 Matthew 18
 John 7:1-24
 John 7:25-8:1
 Psalms 37-38

Week 13

John 8:2-29
 John 8:30-59
 John 9:1-34
 John 9:35-10:21
 Luke 10:1-37
 Psalms 39-41

Week 14

Luke 10:38-11:23
 Luke 11:24-54
 John 10:22-42
 Luke 12:1-40
 Luke 12:41-13:5
 Psalms 42-44

Week 15

Luke 13:6-35
 Luke 14
 Luke 15
 Luke 16
 Luke 17:11-37
 Psalms 45-48

Week 16

Luke 18:1-14
 Matthew 19
 Mark 10:1-22
 Mark 10:23-52
 Matthew 20
 Psalms 49-50

Week 17

Matthew 21
 Luke 18:15-43
 Luke 19:1-27
 Luke 19:28-48
 Mark 11
 Psalms 51-54

Week 18

John 12
 Matthew 22:1-22
 Matthew 22:23-46
 Mark 12
 Mark 13
 Psalms 55-57

Week 19

Luke 20:1-19
 Luke 20:20-47
 Luke 21
 Mark 13
 Matthew 24:1-28
 Psalms 58-62

Week 20

Matthew 24:29-51
 Matthew 25:1-30
 Matthew 25:31-26:16
 Acts 1
 Luke 26:17-46
 Luke 26:47-75
 Psalms 63-66

Week 21

Mark 14:1-26
 Mark 14:27-52
 Mark 14:53-72
 Luke 22:1-34
 Luke 22:35-71
 Psalms 67-68

Week 22

John 13:1-30
 John 13:31-14:18
 John 14:19-15:17
 John 15:18-16:24
 John 16:25-17:26
 Psalms 69-70

Week 23

Matthew 27:1-26
 Matthew 27:27-66
 Mark 15:1-20
 Mark 15:21-47
 Luke 23:1-31
 Psalms 71-72

Week 24

Luke 23:32-56
 John 18
 John 19
 Matthew 28
 Mark 16
 Psalms 73-75

Week 25

Luke 24:1-35
 Luke 24:36-53,
John 20:1-18
 John 20:19-21:25
 Acts 1
 Acts 2:1-13
 Psalms 76-77

Week 26

Acts 2:14-47
 Acts 3
 Acts 4
 Acts 5:1-32
 Acts 5:33-6:15
 Psalm 78

Week 27

Acts 7:1-36
 Acts 7:37-60
 Acts 8:1-25
 Acts 8:26-9:19
 Acts 9:20-43
 Psalms 79-81

Week 28

Acts 10
 Acts 11
 Acts 12
 Acts 13:1-41
 Acts 13:42-14:7
 Psalms 82-85

Week 29

Acts 14:8-28
 James 1:1-2:13
 James 2:14-3:18
 James 4-5
 Acts 15:1-21
 Psalms 86-88

Week 30

Acts 15:22-16:5
 Acts 16:6-40
 Galatians 1
 Galatians 2
 Galatians 3:1-4:7
 Psalm 89

Week 31

Galatians 4:8-5:15
 Galatians 5:16-6:18
 Acts 17:1-21
 Acts 17:22-18:18
 1 Thessalonians 1-2
 Psalms 90-92

Week 32

1 Thessalonians 3-4
 1 Thessalonians 5
 2 Thessalonians 1-3
 Acts 18:19-19:10
 Acts 19:11-41
 Psalms 93-95

Week 33

1 Corinthians 1
 1 Corinthians 2:1-3:17
 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:21
 1 Corinthians 5-6
 1 Corinthians 7:1-24
 Psalms 96-99

Week 34

1 Corinthians 7:25-8:13
 1 Corinthians 9
 1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1
 1 Corinthians 11:2-34
 1 Corinthians 12
 Psalms 100-102

Week 35

1 Cor. 13:1-14:25
 1 Cor. 14:26-15:11
 1 Cor. 15:12-49
 1 Cor. 15:50-16:24
 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4
 Psalms 103-104

Week 36

2 Corinthians 2:5-3:18
 2 Corinthians 4
 2 Corinthians 5:1-6:13
 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:16
 2 Corinthians 8-9
 Psalm 105

Week 37

2 Cor. 10:1-11:15
 2 Cor. 11:16-12:10
 2 Cor. 12:11-13:13,
Acts 20:1-3
 Romans 1
 Romans 2
 Psalm 106

Week 38

Romans 3
 Romans 4:1-5:5
 Romans 5:6-6:23
 Romans 7
 Romans 8:1-30
 Psalm 107

Week 39

Romans 8:31-9:29
 Romans 9:30-10:21
 Romans 11:1-32
 Romans 11:33-12:21
 Romans 13:1-14:12
 Psalms 108-110

Week 40

Romans 14:13-15:21
 Romans 15:22-16:27
 Acts 20:4-16
 Acts 20:17-38;
Acts 23:1-10
 Acts 23:11-35
 Psalms 111-114

Week 41

Acts 24
 Acts 25
 Acts 26
 Acts 27
 Acts 28
 Psalms 115-117

Week 42

Colossians 1:1-23
 Colossians 1:24-2:23
 Colossians 3-4
 Philemon
 Ephesians 1
 Psalms 118:1-119:32

Week 43

Ephesians 2
 Ephesians 3
 Ephesians 4:1-5:5
 Ephesians 5:6-33
 Ephesians 6
 Psalm 119:33-80

Week 44

Philippians 1
 Philippians 2
 Philippians 3-4
 1 Timothy 1
 1 Timothy 2-3
 Psalm 119:81-128

Week 45

1 Timothy 4-5
 1 Timothy 6
 Titus 1-3
 1 Peter 1
 1 Peter 2
 Ps. 119:129-120:7

Week 46

1 Peter 3
 1 Peter 4-5
 Hebrews 1-2
 Hebrews 3-4
 Hebrews 5-6
 Psalms 121-126

Week 47

Hebrews 7
 Hebrews 8:1-9:10
 Hebrews 9:11-10:18
 Hebrews 10:19-39
 Hebrews 11
 Psalms 127-132

Week 48

Hebrews 12
 Hebrews 13
 2 Timothy 1:1-2:13
 2 Timothy 2:14-3:17
 2 Timothy 4
 Psalms 133-136

Week 49

2 Peter 1
 2 Peter 2-3
 Jude
 1 John 1:1-2:17
 1 John 2:18-3:24
 Psalms 137-139

Week 50

1 John 4-5
 2 John
 3 John
 Revelation 1-2
 Revelation 3-4
 Psalms 140-143

Week 51

Revelation 5-6
 Revelation 7-8
 Revelation 9-10
 Revelation 11-12
 Rev. 13:1-14:13
 Psalms 144-146

Week 52

Rev. 14:14-16:21
 Revelation 17:1-18:8
 Revelation 18:9-19:21
 Revelation 20-21
 Revelation 22
 Psalms 147-150