

Through The Bible



Scripture Reading Plan

THRU THE BIBLE

THRU THE BIBLE is designed to help you become familiar with the major persons, places, events and themes of the Bible in less than one year of casual reading.

This plan is planned to give you 5 days of readings, covering the major portions of the Bible in 10 months time. I've prepared an accompanying set of cassette tapes that go along with the readings to offer background and insights for each day's or week's readings. If you use the tapes, I suggest you pray and read first, and then listen to the taped material as a review.

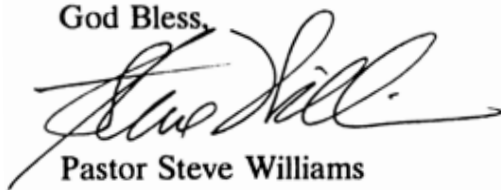
You may begin this reading plan at anytime during the year, but once you begin - do your best to stay with your new-found habit of reading each week.

This plan begins with the Gospel of John, since the purpose of the Bible is to introduce us to God's Son, Jesus Christ, and his eternal work of salvation for us.

Old Testament readings are placed in the historical sequence they cover, rather than in the order found in your Bible.

Sources used in preparing these materials are: The Thompson Chain Reference Bible, "Walk Through the Bible" Old Testament Seminar, and Famous People of the Bible, and How They Lived.

God Bless,

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Pastor Steve Williams

Month 1 - Getting to Know Jesus Christ

Week 1

- John 1:1-42
- John 1:43 - 2:25
- John 3
- John 4:1-42
- John 4:46 - 5:30

Week 2

- John 6
- John 7:1-31; 8:1-12
- John 8:31 - 9:41
- John 10
- John 11

Week 3

- John 12
- John 13
- John 14
- John 15
- John 16

Week 4

- John 17
- John 18
- John 19
- John 20
- John 21

Month 2 - The Beginning

Week 1

- Genesis 1 - 2
- Genesis 3 - 4
- Genesis 6 - 8:5
- Genesis 8:6 - 9:18
- Genesis 11:1-9,27 - 12:20

Week 2

- Genesis 15:1-16; 16; 17:1-22
- Genesis 18:1-15; 20:1 - 21:21
- Genesis 22:1-19; 23:1-2
- Genesis 23:1-2; 24:1-8,61-67; 25
- Genesis 27

Week 3

- Genesis 28:1 - 29:14
- Genesis 29:15 - 30:26
- Genesis 32 - 33
- Genesis 35:9-26; 37
- Genesis 39, 40

Week 4

- Genesis 41
- Genesis 42:1 - 43:14
- Genesis 43:15 - 44:34
- Genesis 45:1 - 46:7,28-34
- Genesis 49:28-33; 50:15-26; Exodus 1

Month 3 - The Beginning of a New Nation

Week 1

- Exodus 2:1-25; 3:1-22
- Exodus 4:1-17,19-23,27-31; 5:1-23
- Exodus 6:1-12; 7:1-24; 8:1-14
- Exodus 8:16-24,28-32; 9:1-35
- Exodus 10:1-6,13-29

Week 2

- Exodus 11:1-10; 12:1-20
- Exodus 12:21-42; 13:1-16
- Exodus 13:17-22; 14:5-31; 15:1-21
- Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-35
- Exodus 17:1-16; 19:1-25

Week 3

- Exodus 20:1-26; 23:20-33; 24:1-18
- Exodus 25:1-22; 29:1-21,35-46
- Exodus 31:12-18; 32:1-35
- Exodus 33:1-17; 34:1-28
- Exodus 39:32-43; 40:1-38

Week 4

- Leviticus 9:1-24; 10:1-11
- Leviticus 16:1-34
- Leviticus 22:31-33; 23:1-44
- Leviticus 26:1-46
- Numbers 1:1-19,44-54; Numbers 9:1-23

Month 4 - The Conquest of a New Land

Week 1

- Numbers 10:11-13,33-36; 11:1-34
- Numbers 13:1-3,17-33; 14:1-25
- Numbers 14:26-45; 16:1-7,16-35,41-50
- Numbers 17:1-11; 20:1-27
- Numbers 21:1-9,21-35; 25:1-18

Week 2

- Numbers 27:12-23; Deuteronomy 1:1-8; 3:18-29
- Deuteronomy 4:1-14,21-40
- Deuteronomy 6:1-25; 7:1-26
- Deuteronomy 8:1-20; 9:1-6; 10:12-22
- Deuteronomy 29:1-29; 30:1-40

Week 3

- Deuteronomy 31:1-14; 32:44-52; 34:1-12
- Joshua 1:1-18; 2:1-24
- Joshua 3:1-17; 4:1-24
- Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-27
- Joshua 7:1-26

Week 4

- Joshua 8:1-35
- Joshua 10:40-43; 11:1-23; 21:43-45
- Joshua 23:1-16; 24:1-7,11-33
- Judges 1:1-36
- Judges 2:1-23; 3:1-6

Month 5 - A Nation with an Uncertain Future

Week 1

- Judges 3:7-31; 4:1-24
- Judges 6:1-32
- Judges 6:33-40; 7:1-25
- Judges 8:4-35
- Judges 10:6-18; 11:1-28

Week 2

- Judges 11:29-40; 12:1-7; 13:1-25
- Judges 14:1-20; 15:1-20
- Judges 16:1-31
- Judges 17:1-13; 18:1-21
- Judges 18:22-31; 19:1-30

Week 3

- Judges 20:1-48
- Judges 21:1-25
- 1 Samuel 1:1-28; 2:11-26
- 1 Samuel 2:27-36; 3:1-21
- 1 Samuel 4:1-22; 5:1-12

Week 4

- 1 Samuel 6:1-21; 7:1-17
- 1 Samuel 8:1-22; 9:1-13
- 1 Samuel 9:14-27; 10:1-16
- 1 Samuel 10:17-27; 11:1-15
- 1 Samuel 12:1-25; 13:1-15

Month 6 - A Loyal King Becomes a Royal Family

Week 1

- 1 Samuel 14:49-52; 15:1-35
- 1 Samuel 16:1-23; 17:1-19
- 1 Samuel 17:20-58; 18:1-9
- 1 Samuel 18:10-30; 19:1-18
- 1 Samuel 20:1-42;

Week 2

- 1 Samuel 21:1-15; 22:1-23; Psalm 142; Psalm 57
- 1 Samuel 23:1-29; Psalm 17; Psalm 144
- 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 26:1-25
- 1 Samuel 27:1-12; 28:1-25
- 1 Samuel 29:1-11; 30:1-31; 31:1-13

Week 3

- 2 Samuel 1:1-27; 2:1-32
- 2 Samuel 3:1-39
- 2 Samuel 5:1-25; Psalm 18
- 2 Samuel 6:1-23; 7:1-17
- 2 Samuel 7:18-29; 8:1-18

Week 4

- 2 Samuel 9:1-13; 10:1-19
- 2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-17; Psalm 51
- 2 Samuel 12:18-31; 13:1-39
- 2 Samuel 14:1-33; 15:1-12
- 2 Samuel 15:13-37; 16:15-23; 17:1-14; Psalm 3

Month 7 - A Royal Family Becomes Disloyal Kings

Week 1

- 2 Samuel 17:15-26; 18:1-17,19-33
- 2 Samuel 19:1-8,9-18,40-43; 20:1-22
- 2 Samuel 21:15-17; 1 Chronicles 20:1-3; 21:1-30; 22:1
- 1 Kings 1:1-53
- 1 Chronicles 22:2-19; 28:1-12,19-21

Week 2

- 1 Chronicles 29:1-25; 1 Kings 2:1-12
- 1 Kings 2:13-46
- 1 Kings 3:1-28; 4:20-34
- Proverbs 1:1-33; 2:1-22
- 1 Kings 5:1-18; 6:1,11-14

Week 3

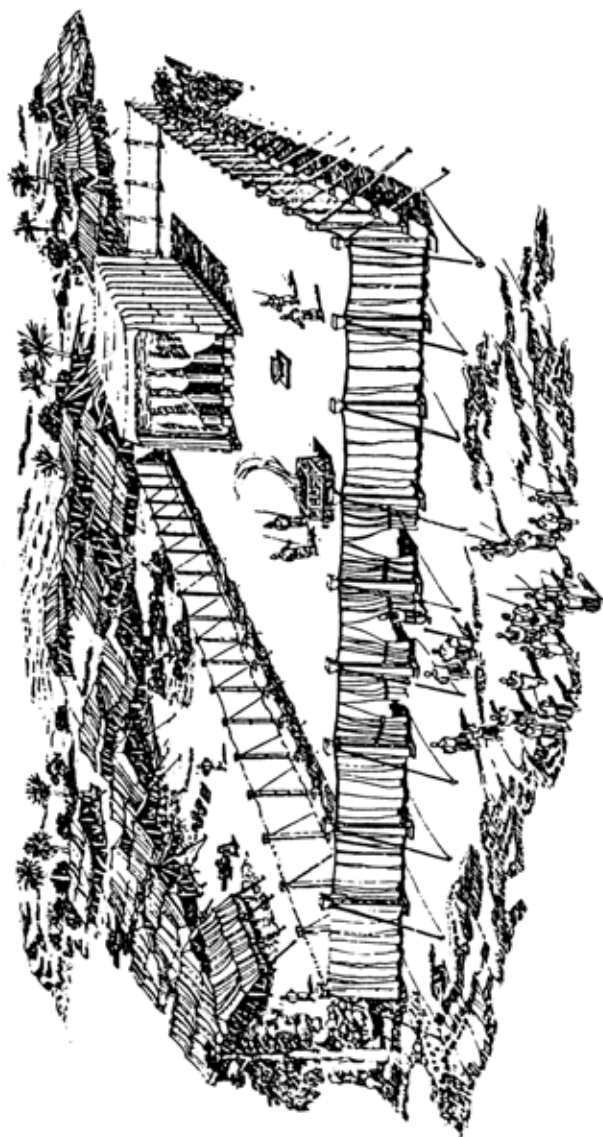
- 1 Kings 6:37-38; 7:1,51; 8:1-21
- 1 Kings 8:22-61
- 1 Kings 8:62-66; 9:1-9; 10:1-29
- 1 Kings 11:1-14,23-43
- 1 Kings 12:1-33; 13:1-6,33-34

Week 4

- 1 Kings 14:1-31; 15:1-8
- 1 Kings 15:9-32; 2 Chronicles 17:1-6,10-12; 20:1-13
- 2 Chronicles 20:14-37; 21:1-7,16-20
- 1 Kings 16:29-33; 17:1-24; 18:1-19
- 1 Kings 18:20-46; 19:1-18

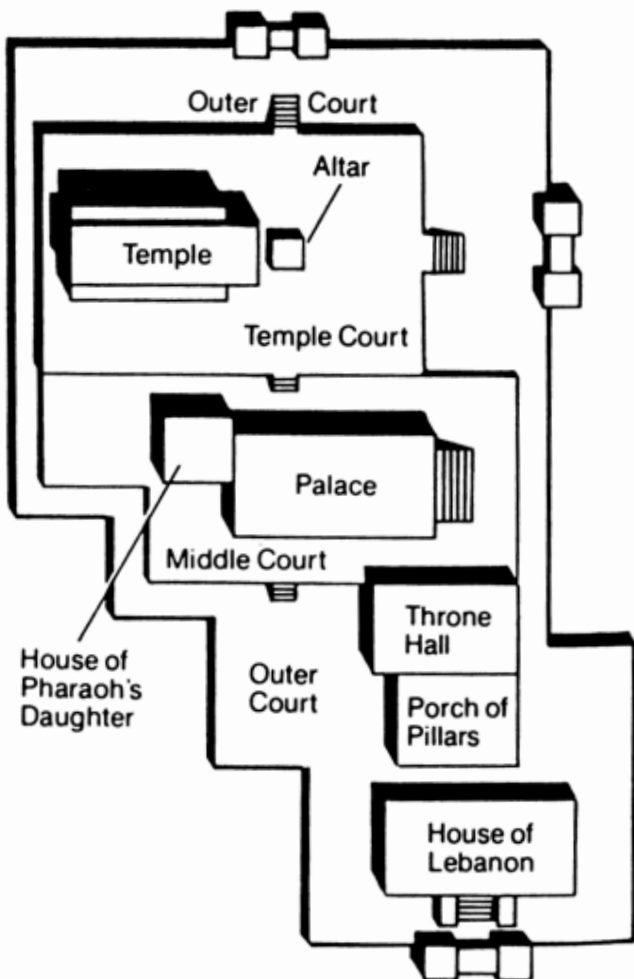
THE TABERNACLE

The Tabernacle, built under Moses' leadership, was the center of Jewish worship for centuries, until Solomon's Temple was built. Notice the similarity to Solomon's Temple is basic layout, although its design was for mobility and lacked the beauty of Solomon's design.



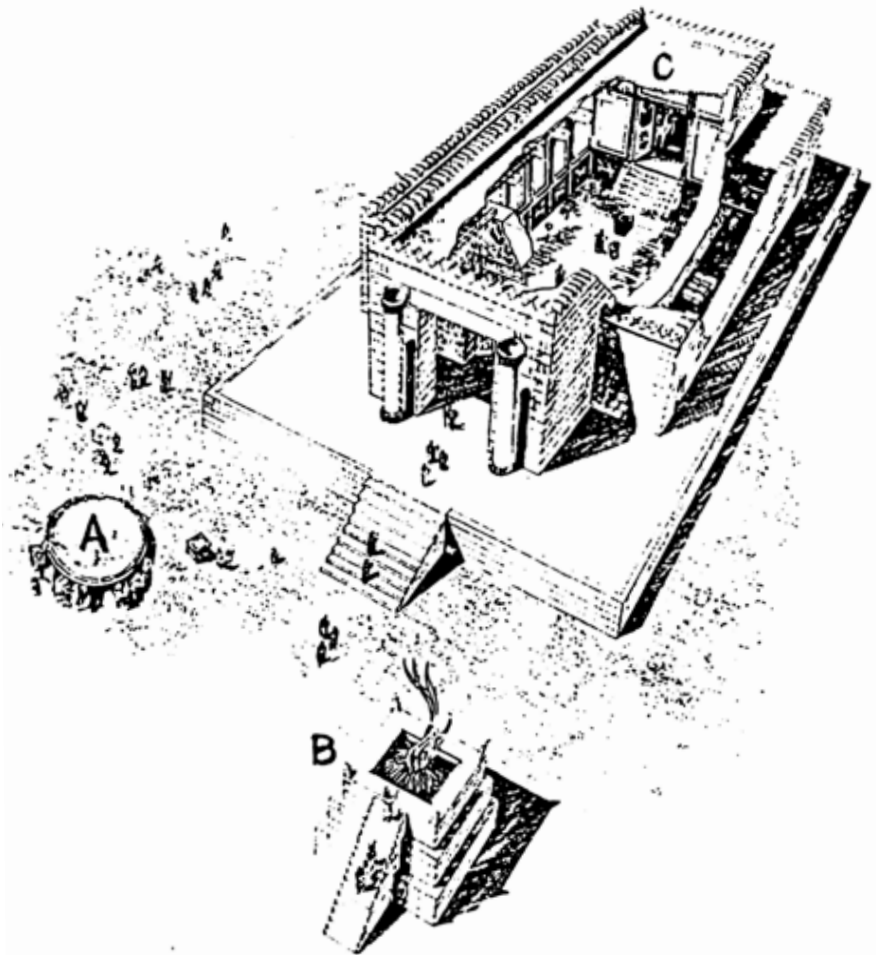
SOLOMON'S ROYAL BUILDINGS

Solomon did elaborate building on the top of Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Below is a plot plan of the buildings, including the Temple, as they were situated in Jerusalem.



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Solomon's elaborate Temple included a huge bronze bowl mounted on 12 oxen made of bronze (A) where priests performed their cleansing rituals. A spacious altar for sacrificing animals (B) was in the courtyard area. The most important part of the Temple was the Holy of Holies (C) inside, where the Ark of the Covenant resided.



The Kings of Judah

Name (Character)	Reigned	Relation to Predecessor	Reign Ended	1 & 2 Kings	2 Chronicles
Rehoboam (Bad)	931-913 BC	Son	Died	1 K 11:42-14:31	9:31-12:16
Abijam (Bad)	913-910 BC	Son	Died	1 K 14:31-15:8	13:1-22
Asa (Good)	910-869 BC	Son	Died	1 K 15:8-24	14:1-16:14
Jehoshaphat (Good)	873-848 BC	Son	Died	1 K 22:41-50	17:1-20:37
Jehoram (Bad)	853-841 BC	Son	Killed by God	2 K 8:16-24	21:1-20
Ahaziah (Bad)	841 BC	Son	Murdered by Jehu	2 K 8:24-9:29	22:1-9
Athaliah (Bad)	841-835 BC	Mother	Murdered by Army	2 K 11:1-20	22:1-23:21
Joash (Good)	835-796 BC	Grandson	Murdered by servants	2 K 11:1-12:21	22:10-24:27
Amaziah (Good)	796-767 BC	Son	Murdered by his court	2 K 14:1-20	25:1-28
Azariah (Good)	792-739 BC	Son	Killed by God	2 K 15:1-7	26:1-23
Jotham (Good)	750-731 BC	Son	Died	2 K 15:32-38	27:1-9
Ahaz (Bad)	735-715 BC	Son	Died	2 K 16:1-20	28:1-27
Hezekiah (Good)	715-686 BC	Son	Died	2 K 18:1-20:21	29:1-32:33
Manasseh (Bad)	697-642 BC	Son	Died	2 K 21:1-18	33:1-20
Amnon (Bad)	642-640 BC	Son	Murdered by servants	2 K 21:1-9-26	33:21-25
Josiah (Good)	640-609 BC	Son	Wounded in battle	2 K 22:1-23:30	34:1-35:27
Jehohaz (Bad)	3 months	Son	Deposed to Egypt	2 K 23:31-33	36:1-4
Jehoiakim (Bad)	609-598 BC	Brother	Died in siege?	2 K 23:34-24:5	36:5-7
Jehoiachin (Bad)	598-597 BC	Son	Deposed to Babylon	2 K 24:6-16	36:8-10
Zedekiah (Bad)	597-586 BC	Uncle	Deposed to Babylon	2 K 24:17-25:30	36:11-21

The Kings of Israel

Name (Character)	Reigned	Relation to Predecessor	Reign Ended	1 & 2 Kings	2 Chronicles
Jeroboam I (Bad)	931-909 BC		Killed by God	1 K 11:26-14:20	9:29-13:22
Nadab (Bad)	909-908 BC	Son	Murdered by Baasha	1 K 15:25-28	
Baasha (Bad)	908-885 BC		Died	1 K 15:27-16:7	16:1-6
Eiah (Bad)	885-884 BC	Son	Murdered by Zimri	1 K 16:6-14	
Zimri (Bad)	1 week	Army Capt.	Suicide	1 K 16:9-20	
Omri (Bad)	884-873 BC	Army Capt.	Died	1 K 16:15-28	
Ahab (Bad)	873-853 BC	Son	Wounded in battle	1 K 16:28-22:40	18:1-34
Ahaziah (Bad)	853-852 BC	Son	Fell to death	1 K 22:40-2 K 1:18	20:35-37
Jehoram (Bad)	852-841 BC	Brother	Murdered by Jehu	2 K 3:1-9:25	22:5-7
Jehu (Bad)	841-813 BC		Died	2 K 9:1-10:36	22:7-12
Jehoahaz (Bad)	813-798 BC	Son	Died	2 K 13:1-9	
Jehoash (Bad)	798-781 BC	Son	Died	2 K 13:10-14:16	25:17-24
Jeroboam II (Bad)	793-753 BC	Son	Died	2 K 14:23-29	
Zechariah (Bad)	6 months	Son	Murdered by Shallum	2 K 14:29-15:12	
Shallum (Bad)	1 month		Murdered by Menahem	2 K 15:10-15	
Menahem (Bad)	752-741 BC		Died	2 K 15:14-22	
Pekahiah (Bad)	741-739 BC	Son	Murdered by Pekah	2 K 15:22-26	
Pekah (Bad)	752-731 BC	Army Capt.	Murdered by Hoshea	2 K 15:27-31	28:5-8
Hoshea (Bad)	731-722 BC		Deposed to Assyria	2 K 15:30-17:6	

Month 8 - A Nation Exiled and Returned

Week 1

- Amos 2:6-16; 5:1-27
- Jonah, chapters 1-4
- Micah 1:1-9; 2:1-11; 3:1-12
- Micah 4:1-12; 5:1-5; 6:1-8; 7:1-7,14-20
- 2 Kings 17:1-41

Week 2

- 2 Chronicles 29:1-11; 30:1-14,18-21,26-27; 31:20-21
- 2 Chronicles 32:1-33
- 2 Kings 22:1-20; 23:1-30
- Jeremiah 1:1-3; 3:6-25; 4:1-4
- Jeremiah 25:1-14; 26:1-19

Week 3

- Jeremiah 36:1-8,16-32; 2 Kings 23:36-37; 24:1-20
- Jeremiah 29:1-14; 38:14-28; 39:1-10
- 2 Chronicles 36:9-21
- Daniel 1:1-21; 3:1-30
- Daniel 5:1-31; 6:1-28
- Ezra 1:1-11; 3:1-13; 4:1-5; 5:1-2; Haggai 1:1-15

Week 4

- Ezra 6:14-18; 7:6-10; 9:1-15; 10:1-4,9-11,16-17
- Nehemiah, chapters 1-2
- Nehemiah 4:1-9,15-23; 5:1-13; 6:1-4,15-16
- Nehemiah 12:27-30; 13:1-3,15-27
- Malachi 1:6-14; 3:1-18; 4:1-6

The Prophets of Israel & Judah

Name	Date of Ministry	Audience	World Power	Biblical Context	Theme of the Book
Isaiah	c740-680 BC	Pre-exile/Judah	Assyria	2 K 15:1-20:21 2 Ch 26:16-32:33	Salvation is of the LORD
Jeremiah	c627-580 BC	Pre-exile/Judah	Assyria & Babylonia	2 K 22:3-25:30 2 Ch 34:1-36:21	Judgment is coming for Judah and Jerusalem!
Ezekiel	c593-571 BC	Exiles in Babylonia	Babylonia	2 K 24:8-25:30 2 Ch 36:9-21	The glory of the LORD
Daniel	c605-535 BC	Exiles in Babylonia	Babylonia & Medo-Persia	2 K 23:34-25:30 2 Ch 36:4-23	God rules over men and nations
Hosea	c755-715 BC	Pre-exile/Israel	Assyria	2 K 14:23-18:12	The LORD's unfailing love
Joel	c835 BC	Pre-exile/Judah	Assyria	2 K 12:1-21 2 Ch 24:1-27	The Day of the LORD
Amos	c760-753 BC	Pre-exile/Israel	Assyria	2 K 14:23-15:7	Judgment for Israel
Obadiah	c848-841 BC	Pre-exile/Edom	Assyria	2 K 8:16-24 2 Ch 21:1-20	Judgment for Edom

The Prophets of Israel & Judah Cont.

Name	Date of Ministry	Audience	World Power	Biblical Context	Theme of the Book
Jonah	c782-753 BC	Pre-exile/Assyria	Assyria	2 K 13:10-25; 14:23-29	Salvation is for the Gentiles
Micah	c735-700 BC	Pre-exile/Judah	Assyria	2 K 15:32-19:37 2 Ch 27:1-32:23	The justice of God contrasted with Judah's
Nahum	c664-654 BC	Pre-exile/Assyria	Assyria	2 K 21:1-18 2 Ch 33:1-20	The destruction of Nineveh
Habakkuk	c609-605 BC	Pre-exile/Judah	Babylonia	2 K 23:31-24:7 2 Ch 36:1-8	The Just live by their faith
Zephaniah	c632-628 BC	Pre-exile/Judah	Assyria	2 K 22:1-2 2 Ch 34:1-7	Judgment and blessing on the Day of the LORD
Haggai	c520 BC	Post-exile/Jews resettling in Jerusalem	Medo-Persia	Ezra 5:1-6:15	Rebuild the Temple!
Zechariah	c520-480 BC	Post-exile/Jewish resettlers	Medo-Persia	Ezra 5:1-6:15	Future blessings for Israel
Malachi	c432-424 BC	Post-exile/Jewish resettlers	Medo-Persia	Nehemiah 13	An appeal to wayward Jews

Month 9 - The King Comes To His Nation

Week 1

- Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-40
- Luke 2:41-52; 3:1-23; 4:1-13
- Luke 4:14-44; Mark 3:13-19; Matthew 9:35-38; 10:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-28; 17:1-13; 18:1-9
- Matthew 5:1-48

Week 2

- Matthew 6:1-34; 7:1-14
- Matthew 7:15-29; 13:1-35
- Matthew 18:21-35; 19:1-12; Mark 2:18-27
- Mark 3:1-6; Luke 19:1-48
- Luke 20:1-19; 21:1-38

Week 3

- Luke 22:1-53
- Luke 22:54-71; 23:1-25
- Luke 23:26-56; 24:1-35
- Luke 24:36-53; Acts 1:1-26
- Acts 2:1-47

Week 4

- Acts 8:1-40; 9:1-9
- Acts 9:11-31; 10:1-48
- Acts 11:1-30
- Acts 13:1-3; 14:1-28; 15:1-21
- Romans 2:1-16; 3:1-31; 4:1-5

Month 10 - The King for All Nations

Week 1

- Ephesians 2:1-22; 3:1-12; Hebrews 7:1-28
- Hebrews 8:1-13; 9:11-15,24-28; 10:10-25
- James 2:14-26; Galatians 1:1-9; 3:1-29; 4:1-7
- Galatians 5:1-26; Romans 6:1-23; 8:1-17
- Colossians 1:1-29; 2:1-15

Week 2

- 1 John 4:1-6; 5:1-13; 2:15-29; 3:1-3; Colossians 3:1-17
- 1 Peter 1:1-25; 2:1-17
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; 8:1-13; 10:1-13,23-33
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18; 5:1-24; 1 Peter 4:1-19; 5:6-11
- 2 Peter 3:1-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12; 2:1-17

Week 3

- Revelation 1:1-20
- Revelation 2:1-29
- Revelation 3:1-22; 4:1-11
- Revelation 5:1-14; 6:1-17
- Revelation 7:1-17; 12:1-17

Week 4

- Revelation 13:1-18; 16:1-21
- Revelation 19:1-21; 20:1-15
- Revelation 21:1-27; 22:1-17
- Psalm 119:1-88
- Psalm 119:89-176

THE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Law

The Books that constituted the laws governing the moral behavior of individuals, directions for the work of the Priests, as well as the covenant responsibilities of the people of Israel as a nation to God. Included in this group are the accounts of the important persons and developments that led to the receiving of the Law from God.

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

The History of Israel

Accounts of the important persons and events in the history of Israel from the period after Moses' leadership to the period of restoration after the destruction of Jerusalem and Babylonian captivity.

- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 & 2 Samuel
- 1 & 2 Kings
- 1 & 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

The Books of Poetry

Books that fall into a Hebrew poetry style of writing. The Psalms were poetry used in worship in the Temple and, later, the Synagogues. The others were "wisdom" literature that were simply written in the same poetic style.

- The Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Songs(Solomon)

The Major Prophets

The books of prophets that are longer in length. "Major" has no relation to the significance of the prophet or his message, it simply refers to the length of space given to it. The only exception to this rule in the Major Prophets is Lamentations, which is placed in this section because it was authored by Jeremiah. The Books cover the period from the period of the Kings until the period of the exile of Israel

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

The Minor Prophets

The shorter books of the prophets which cover the same period of time as the Major Prophets.

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

THE BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Gospels

Relating the life and ministry of Jesus to Jewish and Greek audiences, as proof that Jesus is the Son of God, and is to be believed and obeyed.

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

The History of the Early Church

Accounts of the early history of the Church and the important activities of the Apostles in the start of the Church.

- Acts of the Apostles

The Letters of Paul

Letters from the Apostle Paul to various Churches, dealing with Christian doctrines and particular Church problems.

- Romans
- 1 & 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians

The Pastoral Letters of Paul

Letters from the Apostle Paul to Church leaders, dealing with issues related to conducting ministry and guiding the Churches, as well as personal appeals and encouragement.

- 1 & 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

The General Letters of Apostles

Letters attributed to various Apostles, addressed to no particular Church, which were distributed widely among the Churches.

- Hebrews
- James
- 1 & 2 Peter
- 1, 2 & 3 John
- Jude

The Apocalyptic Vision

The Apostle John's visions of ultimate triumph for the Church, written in apocalyptic style.

- The Revelation



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