

Bible Reading Plan

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Start with the New Testament. To learn the teachings of Paul and the Apostles - Bible, one chapter a day & Read One Psalm (1) a Day to accompany.

1. Matthew
2. Romans
3. 1 Corinthians
4. 2 Corinthians
5. Galatians
6. Ephesians
7. Philippians
8. Colossians
9. Mark
10. 1 Thessalonians
11. 2 Thessalonians
12. 1 Timothy
13. 2 Timothy
14. Titus
15. Philemon
16. Gospel of John
17. Song of Songs
18. James
19. 1 Peter
20. 2 Peter
21. 1 John
22. 2 John
23. 3 John
24. Jude
25. Hebrews
26. Isaiah (Often Called the 5th Gospel for all of its foreknowledge of the Christ)
27. Psalms

Now we dig into the Old Testament and learn the Story of Salvation as laid out by the Great Adventure Bible by Ascension Press and Continue to read one psalm a day. When Finished read one chapter of Proverbs a day (1), then Sirach (aka Ecclesiasticus) (2), then Wisdom of Solomon (3). The Old Testament is much longer than the New!

28. Genesis - Early World, Creation, Patriarchs, Adam/Eve - Joseph in Egypt, reads as a narrative with many different characters
29. Job (A mysterious figure who has to deal with the weight of undeserved suffering. A type of wisdom book, but the timeframe is patriarchal perhaps)
30. Exodus - Egypt and Exodus, reads as a story
31. Numbers - Walking around the Desert story with facts
32. Joshua - Conquest of the Holy Land - a History book
33. Judges - God uses the unlikely - a series of character pieces.
34. Ruth - A good society, a Moab becomes Grandma of David, reads as a story
35. 1 Samuel
36. 2 Samuel (Royal Kingdom with prophetic activity, reads as a story)
37. 1 Kings
38. 2 Kings (Royal Kingdom and then the Kingdom split between North and South)

39. Ecclesiastes - a fun yet depressed prophet, can seem nihilistic, but he's a Jew (Solomon) in search of a Messiah.
40. Tobit
41. Jeremiah (Longer one)
42. Jonah
43. Judith
44. Hosea
45. Amos
46. Ezra (Coming back from Exile)
47. Esther
48. Nehemiah (Returned and rebuilding the 2nd temple)
49. 1 Maccabees
50. 2 Maccabees
51. Joel
52. And finally Malachi (The last prophet, 450 years before Christ)
53. Proverbs
54. Sirach
55. Wisdom

Then you can move back into the New Testament and read:

56. Luke
57. Acts
58. Revelation

= 58 books

This is 58 books right here listed above. There are 73 in the Catholic Bible. The ones remaining are

I left off a lot of the Prophets because you have to have context in which to read them, which you kind of would after reading the above.

59. Deuteronomy (Our Lord quotes frequently)
60. Lamentations (A short sad prophetic book)
61. Baruch
62. Ezekiel (exile)
63. Daniel (Has some real neat stories)
64. Obadiah
65. Micah
66. Nahum
67. Habakkuk
68. Zephaniah
69. Haggai
70. Zechariah

Sounds like a repeat of 1 & 2 Kings

71. 1 Chronicles
72. 2 Chronicles
73. Leviticus (has a lot of laws. More of a reference book for myself. Not really something I just read through. Explains stuff that happens in the New Testament)

= 73 books