

Through the Bible in 31 Weeks

The following reading guide is adapted from “The Story,” a Bible Study program developed by the Zondervan publishing company. It selects passages of the Bible to lead you through the whole Bible in 31 weeks. We have done “The Story” as a Sermon series and Bible Study (and may do it again!). While not exhaustive, this method avoids repetition, many genealogical lists, and ancient societal and ritual codes. Use your own Bibles (more modern translations such as the NIV or NLT will help). Better yet, get a copy of “The Story,” (see the minister!) which includes all these passages, plus notes giving a bit of introduction and background to the passages.

1. Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It - Genesis 1-4, 6-9
2. God Builds a Nation - Genesis 12-13, 15-17, 21-22, 32-33, 35; Romans 4; Hebrews 11
3. Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh - Genesis 37, 39, 41-48, 50
4. Deliverance - Exodus 1-7, 10-17
5. New Commands and a New Covenant - Exodus 19-20, 24-25, 32-34, 40
6. Wandering - Numbers 10-14, 20-21, 25, 27; Deuteronomy 1-2, 4, 6, 8-9, 29-32, 34
7. The Battle Begins - Joshua 1-2, 6, 8, 10-11, 23-24
8. A Few Good Men... and Women - Judges 2-4, 6-8, 13-16
9. The Faith of a Foreign Woman – Ruth 1-4
10. Standing Tall, Falling Hard 1 Samuel 1-4, 8-13, 15
11. From Shepherd to King - 1 Samuel 16-18, 24, 31; 2 Samuel, 6, 22; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 59
12. The Trials of a King - 2 Samuel 11-12, 18-19; 1 Chronicles 22, 29; Psalms 23, 32, 51
13. The King Who Had It All - 1 Kings 1-8, 10-11; 2 Chronicles 5-7; Proverbs 1-3, 6, 20-21
14. A Kingdom Torn in Two - 1 Kings 12-16
15. God's Messengers - 1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2,4,6; Hosea 4-5, 8-9, 14; Amos 1, 3-5, 9
16. The Beginning of the End of the Kingdom of Israel - 2 Kings 17-19; Isaiah 3,6, 13-14, 49, 53
17. The Kingdoms' Fall - 2 Kings 21, 23-25; 2 Chronicles 33, 36; Jeremiah 1-2, 4-5, 13, 21; Lamentations 1-3, 5; Ezekiel 1-2, 6-7, 36-37
18. Daniel in Exile - Daniel 1-3, 6; Jeremiah 29-31
19. The Return Home - Ezra 1-6; Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1, 8
20. The Queen of Beauty and Courage - Esther 1-9
21. Rebuilding the Walls - Ezra 7; Nehemiah 1-2, 4, 6-8; Malachi 1-4
22. The Birth of the King - Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1
23. Jesus' Ministry Begins - Matthew 3-4, 11; Mark 1-3; Luke 8; John 1-4
24. No Ordinary Man - Matthew 5-7, 9, 14; Mark 4-6; Luke 10, 15; John 6
25. Jesus, the Son of God - Matthew 17, 21; Mark 8-12, 14; Luke 9, 22; John 7-8; 11-12
26. The Hour of Darkness - Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 13-14, 16-19
27. The Resurrection - Matthew 27-28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 19-21
28. New Beginnings - Acts 1-10, 12
29. Paul's Mission - Acts 13-14, 16-20; Romans 1, 3-6, 8, 12, 15; 1 Corinthians 1, 3, 5-6, 10, 12-13, 15-16; Galatians 1, 3, 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1-5
30. Paul's Final Days - Acts 20-23, 27-28; Ephesians 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4
31. The End of Time - Revelation 1-5, 19-22