

Advanced Bible Reading & Study Program (12 Months)

Program Goals

- Read the entire Bible in one year with systematic coverage.
- Explore historical-cultural backgrounds and theological themes.
- Learn basic exegesis tools: word studies, cross-referencing, commentaries.
- Integrate spiritual formation with intellectual depth.

Month 1 – The Beginning & God’s Covenant

- Read: Genesis, Job, Matthew 1–14, Psalms 1–14
- Focus: Creation, covenant, and God’s sovereignty
- Study Tool: Bible concordances & commentaries

Month 2 – Law & Leadership

- Read: Exodus, Leviticus, Matthew 15–28, Mark 1–8, Psalms 15–27
- Focus: Law, redemption, Christ’s early ministry
- Study Tool: Basic hermeneutics (historical-grammatical method)

Month 3 – Wilderness & Wisdom

- Read: Numbers, Deuteronomy, Mark 9–16, Luke 1–8, Psalms 28–41
- Focus: Israel’s journey, wisdom foundations, Jesus’ parables
- Study Tool: Biblical theology vs. Systematic theology

Month 4 – Conquest, Kings, and Prophets

- Read: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, Luke 9–24, Psalms 42–56
- Focus: Leadership, obedience, prophecy beginnings
- Study Tool: Word studies using Strong’s Concordance

Month 5 – United Kingdom & Prophecy

- Read: 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, Acts 1–12, Psalms 57–72
- Focus: Kingship, covenant promises, early church
- Study Tool: Interlinear Bibles for Hebrew/Greek word insights

Month 6 – Wisdom & Worship

- Read: 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Acts 13–28, Psalms 73–89
- Focus: Wisdom literature, worship theology, missions in Acts
- Study Tool: Bible dictionaries & historical backgrounds

Month 7 – Major Prophets & Pauline Letters

- Read: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Psalms 90–106
- Focus: Prophecy, lament, Paul's theology of salvation
- Study Tool: Textual criticism & manuscript history

Month 8 – Minor Prophets & Pauline Letters

- Read: Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea–Malachi, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Psalms 107–118
- Focus: Judgment, hope, new covenant prophecy
- Study Tool: Typology and messianic prophecy analysis

Month 9 – Pastoral Epistles & Early Church

- Read: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, Psalms 119–134
- Focus: Church leadership, perseverance, Christ's supremacy
- Study Tool: Historical creeds & councils (e.g., Nicene Creed)

Month 10 – General Epistles & Apocalyptic Literature

- Read: James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, Jude, Revelation 1–11, Psalms 135–150

- Focus: Christian living, eschatology introduction
- Study Tool: Apocalyptic imagery & symbols

Month 11 – Revelation & Thematic Review

- Read: Revelation 12–22, selected passages from Gospels & Prophets for review
- Focus: End times, new heaven & new earth
- Study Tool: Comparative study with OT prophecies & NT fulfillment

Month 12 – Theological Integration

- Read: Revisit key passages: Genesis 1–3, Romans 8, Hebrews 11, Revelation 21–22
- Focus: Biblical theology synthesis: Creation → Fall → Redemption → Restoration
- Study Tool: Write a personal theology summary or final reflection essay

Weekly Reflection Questions

- What theological theme dominates this week's reading?
- How does the historical context deepen my understanding?
- What doctrinal truths emerge for Christian living today?
- Where do I see Christ foreshadowed or revealed?

Recommended Study Tools

- Commentaries: Matthew Henry, New Bible Commentary
- Historical Backgrounds: Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary
- Word Studies: Strong's Concordance, Blue Letter Bible
- Bible Software: Logos, Accordance, or free tools like e-Sword