

Scholarly Advanced Bible Reading & Study Program (12 Months)

Program Goals

- Read the entire Bible in one year with historical, literary, and theological depth.
- Engage critical commentaries and academic tools for deeper exegesis.
- Integrate biblical languages, theological synthesis, and spiritual formation.
- Develop the ability to do inductive, exegetical, and thematic studies independently.

Recommended Scholarly Tools

- Commentaries: NICOT/NICNT, NIGTC, Word Biblical Commentary, Pillar New Testament Commentary, Tyndale Commentaries, Anchor Yale Bible Commentary
- Biblical Languages & Backgrounds: TDNT, NIDOTTE, IVP Bible Background Commentary
- Theological Integration: Systematic Theology (Grudem/Horton), Biblical Theology (Vos/Carson)
- Software Tools: Logos, Accordance, BibleWorks (legacy)

Month 1 – Foundations & Covenant

- Read: Genesis, Job, Matthew 1–14, Psalms 1–14
- Focus: Creation theology, covenant beginnings
- Study: NICOT Genesis, Carson's Biblical Theology overview

Month 2 – Law, Redemption, and Worship

- Read: Exodus, Leviticus, Matthew 15–28, Mark 1–8, Psalms 15–27
- Focus: Law, sacrifice, redemption themes
- Study: NIDOTTE on 'Covenant,' IVP Background Commentary on Exodus

Month 3 – Wilderness, Wisdom, and Kingdom Ethics

- Read: Numbers, Deuteronomy, Mark 9–16, Luke 1–8, Psalms 28–41

- Focus: Israel's faith journey, wisdom foundations
- Study: WBC Numbers & Deuteronomy, Sermon on the Mount theology

Month 4 – Conquest, Kingship, and Prophecy Foundations

- Read: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, Luke 9–24, Psalms 42–56
- Focus: Leadership, obedience, prophecy patterns
- Study: AYBC Judges, NIGTC Luke commentary

Month 5 – Davidic Covenant & Early Church Beginnings

- Read: 2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, Acts 1–12, Psalms 57–72
- Focus: Kingship, covenant promises, ecclesiology
- Study: NICOT Samuel & Kings, Carson's 'The Gagging of God' (for Acts)

Month 6 – Wisdom, Worship, and Global Mission

- Read: 1–2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Acts 13–28, Psalms 73–89
- Focus: Wisdom theology, worship patterns, missions in Acts
- Study: PNTC Acts, TDNT word studies on 'wisdom'

Month 7 – Major Prophets & Pauline Theology

- Read: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Psalms 90–106
- Focus: Prophecy, lament, Pauline justification theology
- Study: NIGTC Romans, NICOT Isaiah, Wright on Pauline Theology

Month 8 – Exile, Return, and Prophetic Hope

- Read: Ezekiel, Daniel, Minor Prophets, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Psalms 107–118
- Focus: Judgment, hope, eschatological prophecies
- Study: AYBC Ezekiel, WBC Daniel, Intertestamental period backgrounds

Month 9 – Pastoral Theology & Christology

- Read: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, Psalms 119–134
- Focus: Christology, ecclesiology, pastoral ministry
- Study: NIGTC Hebrews, Wright's 'Paul and the Faithfulness of God'

Month 10 – General Epistles & Apocalyptic Literature

- Read: James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, Jude, Revelation 1–11, Psalms 135–150
- Focus: Practical theology, eschatology foundations
- Study: Beale's Revelation Commentary (AYBC), WBC James

Month 11 – Eschatology & Biblical Theology Integration

- Read: Revelation 12–22, selected OT prophetic texts
- Focus: End times, Christ's return, new creation
- Study: Beale & Carson's Commentary on the NT Use of the OT

Month 12 – Theological Synthesis & Doctrinal Review

- Read: Key passages: Genesis 1–3, Romans 8, Hebrews 11, Revelation 21–22
- Focus: Creation → Fall → Redemption → New Creation storyline
- Study: Summarize doctrinal themes from Systematic Theologies

Weekly Reflection Questions

- How does this week's reading expand my understanding of redemptive history?
- What theological tensions or paradoxes emerge in the text?
- How do historical backgrounds and linguistic insights clarify interpretation?
- What doctrinal or ethical implications arise for the church today?