

Old Testament

The beginning

- Genesis 1-11.
- All of Job.
- Genesis 12-36.
- Genealogy from Chronicles: 1 Chronicles 1.

To Egypt, escape to the wilderness, 40 years of wandering

- The rest of Genesis.
- Exodus.
- Leviticus.
- Numbers.
- Psalm 90,91.

Into the Promised Land

- Deuteronomy, Joshua.
- More genealogy: 1 Chronicles 2.
- Judges, Ruth.
- The older psalms: Psalms 43, 44, 45, 49, 73, 77, 78, 81, 84, 85, 87, 88, 92, 93.

The period of United Kingdom

- 1 Samuel 1-20.
- Psalms 11 and 59.
- 1 Samuel 21-24.
- Psalms 7, 27, 31, 34, 52, 56, 120, and 140, 141, and 142.
- 1 Samuel 25-27.
- Psalms 17, 35, 54, 63.
- 1 Samuel 28-31.
- The rest of Chronicles' genealogy and the overlapping bits: 1 Chronicles 3-10.
- Psalm 18, 121, 123, 124, 125, 128, 129 and 130.
- 2 Samuel 1-4.
- Psalms 102, 103 and 104.
- 1 Chronicles 11-12.
- Psalms 106, 107 and 133.
- 2 Samuel 5-6, 1 Chronicles 13-16.
- Psalms 1, 2, 15, 22, 23, 24, 47, 68, 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132
- 2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17.
- Psalms 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
- 2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18.
- Psalms 50, 53, 60, 75.
- 2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19.
- Psalms 20, 65, 66, 67, 69 and 70.
- 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chronicles 20.
- Psalms 32, 51, 86, 122.
- 2 Samuel 13-15.
- Psalms 3, 4, 12, 13, 28, 55.
- 2 Samuel 16-18.
- Psalms 26, 40, 58, 61, 62, 64.
- 2 Samuel 19-21.
- Psalms 5, 38, 41 and 42.
- 2 Samuel 22-23.
- Psalms 57, 95, 97, 98 and 99.
- 2 Samuel 24.
- 1 Chronicles 21-22.
- Psalms 30, 108, 109 and 110.
- 1 Chronicles 23-25.
- Psalms 131, 138, 139, 143 144 and 145.
- 1 Chronicles 26-29.
- Psalms 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118 and 127.

The period of Divided Kingdom

- 1 Kings 1-2.
- Psalms 37, 71, 72, 94 and 119.
- 1 Kings 3-4, 2 Chronicles 1.
- Song of Songs, Proverbs 1-24.
- 1 Kings 5-6, 2 Chronicles 2-3.
- 1 Kings 7, 2 Chronicles 4.
- 1 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 5-7.
- Psalms 134, 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.
- 1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8.
- Proverbs 25-27.
- Ecclesiastes.
- 1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chronicles 9.
- Proverbs 30-31.
- 1 Kings 12-14, 2 Chronicles 10-12.
- 1 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 13-17.
- 1 Kings 17-22, 2 Chronicles 18-23.
- Obadiah.
- 2 Kings 1-11.
- Psalms 82 and 83.
- 2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24.
- 2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25.
- Jonah.
- 2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26.
- Isaiah 1-8.
- Amos.
- 2 Chronicles 27.
- Isaiah 9-12.
- Micah.

The Period of Exile

- 2 Kings 16-17, 2 Chronicles 28.
- Isaiah 13-27.
- 2 Kings 18, 2 Chronicles 29-31.
- Hosea.
- Isaiah 28-39.
- Psalm 76.
- Isaiah 40-48.
- 2 Kings 19.
- Psalms 46, 80, 135.
- Isaiah 49-66.
- 2 Kings 20-21, 2 Chronicles 32-33.
- Nahum, probably.
- 2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chronicles 34-35.
- Zephaniah.
- Jeremiah 1-40.
- Psalms 74, 79.
- 2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chronicles 36.
- Habakkuk.
- The rest of Jeremiah, and Lamentations.
- Ezekiel, Joel, Daniel.

The time of rebuilding

- Ezra 1-6.
- Psalm 137.
- Haggai, Zechariah, Esther.
- The rest of Ezra, and Nehemiah.
- Psalm 126.
- Malachi.

Bible Read-through

The main reason for doing a bible read-through is to get familiar with the bible as a whole and start to see the big picture of God's extravagant love.

The bible may be made up of 66 books with many different authors *but* as we read it at a pace we see the amazing *unity of message* over several thousand years.

Reading at a pace is a totally different experience to an in-depth study. We are not trying to "understand everything" but instead stand under the "shower" of God's word and get drenched by it. We're not worried about the rest of the water running away!

One of the advantages of reading at a pace is that you don't get bogged down in a particular place. This comes in handy in some areas where the rhythm of doing a bible in a year can get disheartening.

Starting out...

- A great way to start off a read through is to buy a fresh bible in a translation that flows easily for you.
- Get a pencil crayon or highlighter.
- Print out the Old Testament chronological tick sheet.
- Highlight any verses that stand out *for any reason* to you.
- In another colour, highlight the word "Heart" whenever you see it along the way.
- An optional extra is to partner with someone else and meet up once a week over coffee. In turn, read out your highlighted verses to each other and pray at the end for each other.

If you read 10 chapters a day you will complete in about three months.

Following the chronological guide above is a great way of orientating yourself to the bigger picture, and everyone likes a tick sheet to cross off don't they!