

Reading the Bible for Life 2012

One Year Chronological Reading Guide

This reading guide was developed by Dr. George H. Guthrie. It is not intended to be perfectly chronological, since the dating of some materials is not possible. Dr. Guthrie has placed Scriptures in a specific order to provide a general flow for the reader. This guide provides for 6 readings per week, allowing a one day space of time each week to catch up or rest and meditate.

There is also a focus verse for each week that either comes from that particular week's Scripture reading or goes along with one of the themes being read for that week. The intent in providing this focus verse is for memorization and meditation. It could be that the reader has already put a particular focus verse to memory. If that is the case, then it is suggested to select an alternative verse to put to memory for that week.

Week 1 [Focus Verse: John 1:1-3]

January 1 – Genesis 1-2
January 2 – John 1:1-3; Psalm 8; 104
January 3 – Genesis 3-5
January 4 – Genesis 6-7
January 5 – Genesis 8-9; Psalm 12
January 6 – Genesis 10-11

Week 2 [Focus Verse: Matthew 19:26]

January 8 – Genesis 12-13
January 9 – Genesis 14-16
January 10 – Genesis 17-19
January 11 – Genesis 20-23
January 12 – Genesis 24-26
January 13 – Genesis 27-29

Week 3 [Focus Verse: Galatians 6:10]

January 15 – Genesis 30-33
January 16 – Genesis 34-37
January 17 – Genesis 38-40
January 18 – Genesis 41-43
January 19 – Genesis 44-46
January 20 – Genesis 47-50

Week 4 [Focus Verse: Matthew 4:4]

January 22 – Job 1-5
January 23 – Job 6-9
January 24 – Job 10-13
January 25 – Job 14-17
January 26 – Job 18-21
January 27 – Job 22-24

Week 5 [Focus Verse: Job 34:12]

January 29 – Job 25-28
January 30 – Job 29-32
January 31 – Job 33-36
February 1 – Job 37:1-40:5; Psalm 19
February 2 – Job 40:6-42:17; Psalm 29
February 3 – Exodus 1-4

Week 6 [Focus Verse: Exodus 20:3]

February 5 – Exodus 5-9
February 6 – Exodus 10-13
February 7 – Exodus 14-18
February 8 – Exodus 19-21
February 9 – Exodus 22-24
February 10 – Exodus 25-28

Week 7 [Focus Verse: Romans 3:23]

February 12 – Exodus 29-32
February 13 – Exodus 33-36
February 14 – Exodus 37-40
February 15 – Leviticus 1-4
February 16 – Leviticus 5-7
February 17 – Leviticus 8-10

Week 8 [Focus Verse: Leviticus 11:45]

February 19 – Leviticus 11-14
February 20 – Leviticus 15-18
February 21 – Leviticus 19-22
February 22 – Leviticus 23-25
February 23 – Leviticus 26-27; Numbers 1-2
February 24 – Numbers 3-5

Week 9 [Focus Verse: Numbers 6:24-26]

February 26 – Numbers 6-9
February 27 – Numbers 10-13; Psalm 90
February 28 – Numbers 14-16; Psalm 95
February 29 – Numbers 17-20
March 1 – Numbers 21-24
March 2 – Numbers 25-28

Week 10 [Focus Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-6]

March 4 – Numbers 29-32
March 5 – Numbers 33-36
March 6 – Deuteronomy 1-3
March 7 – Deuteronomy 4-7
March 8 – Deuteronomy 8-11
March 9 – Deuteronomy 12-15

Week 11 [Focus Verse: Joshua 1:9]

March 11 – Deuteronomy 16-19
March 12 – Deuteronomy 20-23
March 13 – Deuteronomy 24-27
March 14 – Deuteronomy 28-30
March 15 – Deuteronomy 31-34
March 16 – Joshua 1-2; Psalm 105

Week 12 [Focus Verse: Joshua 24:15]

March 18 – Joshua 3-6
March 19 – Joshua 7-10
March 20 – Joshua 11-14
March 21 – Joshua 15-18
March 22 – Joshua 19-22
March 23 – Joshua 23-24; Judges 1

Week 13 [Focus Verse: Psalm 139:23-24]

March 25 – Judges 2-5
 March 26 – Judges 6-9
 March 27 – Judges 10-13
 March 28 – Judges 14-18
 March 29 – Judges 19-21
 March 30 – Ruth 1-4

Week 14 [Focus Verse: 1 Samuel 15:29]

April 1 – 1 Samuel 1-3
 April 2 – 1 Samuel 4-8
 April 3 – 1 Samuel 9-12
 April 4 – 1 Samuel 13-16
 April 5 – 1 Samuel 17-20; Psalm 59
 April 6 – 1 Samuel 21-24; Psalm 91

Week 15 [Focus Verse: Psalm 121:1-2]

April 8 – Psalms 7; 27; 31; 34; 52
 April 9 – Psalms 56; 120; 140-142
 April 10 – 1 Samuel 25-27; Psalms 17; 73
 April 11 – Psalms 35; 54; 63; 18
 April 12 – 1 Samuel 28-31; 1 Chronicles 10
 April 13 – Psalms 121; 123-125; 128-130

Week 16 [Focus Verse: Psalm 51:10]

April 15 – 2 Samuel 1-4
 April 16 – Psalms 6; 9; 10; 14; 16; 21
 April 17 – 1 Chronicles 1-2; Psalms 43-44
 April 18 – Psalms 49; 84; 85; 87
 April 19 – 1 Chronicles 3-5
 April 20 – 1 Chronicles 6; Psalms 36; 39; 77-78

Week 17 [Focus Verse: Psalm 23]

April 22 – Psalms 81; 88; 92; 93
 April 23 – 1 Chronicles 7-9
 April 24 – 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Chronicles 11-12; Psalm 133
 April 25 – 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23; 1 Chronicles 13-16
 April 26 – Psalms 15; 23-25; 47
 April 27 – Psalms 89; 96; 100; 101; 107

Week 18 [Focus Verse: Psalm 1:2-3]

April 29 – 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalms 1-2; 33; 127; 132
 April 30 – 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18
 May 1 – 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalms 20; 53; 60; 75
 May 2 – Psalms 65-67; 69-70
 May 3 – 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20; Psalm 51
 May 4 – Psalms 32; 86; 102; 103; 122

Week 19 [Focus Verse: Psalm 55:22]

May 6 – 2 Samuel 13-15
 May 7 – Psalms 3; 4; 13; 28; 55
 May 8 – 2 Samuel 16-18
 May 9 – Psalms 26; 40-41; 58; 61; 62; 64
 May 10 – 2 Samuel 19-21; Psalms 5; 38; 42
 May 11 – 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57

Week 20 [Focus Verse: 1 John 1:8-9]

May 13 – Psalms 97-99
 May 14 – 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30
 May 15 – Psalms 108-109
 May 16 – 1 Chronicles 23-26
 May 17 – Psalms 131; 138; 139; 143-145
 May 18 – 1 Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 68

Week 21 [Focus Verse: Galatians 2:20]

May 20 – Psalms 111-118
 May 21 – 1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37; 71; 94
 May 22 – Psalm 119:1-88
 May 23 – 1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72
 May 24 – Psalm 119:89-176
 May 25 – Song of Solomon 1:1-5:1

Week 22 [Focus Verse: Proverbs 3:4-5]

May 27 – Song of Solomon 5:2-8:14; Psalm 45
 May 28 – Proverbs 1-4
 May 29 – Proverbs 5-8
 May 30 – Proverbs 9-12
 May 31 – Proverbs 13-16
 June 1 – Proverbs 17-20

Week 23 [Focus Verse: Proverbs 1:7]

June 3 – Proverbs 21-24
 June 4 – 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3
 June 5 – 1 Kings 7-8; Psalm 11
 June 6 – 2 Chronicles 4-7; Psalms 134; 136
 June 7 – Psalms 146-150
 June 8 – 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8; Proverbs 25-26

Week 24 [Focus Verse: Romans 12:1-2]

June 10 – Proverbs 27-29
 June 11 – Ecclesiastes 1-6
 June 12 – Ecclesiastes 7-12
 June 13 – 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9; Proverbs 30-31
 June 14 – 1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 10
 June 15 – 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chronicles 11-12

Week 25 [Focus Verse: Colossians 1:16]

June 17 – 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16
 June 18 – 1 Kings 15:25-16:34; 2 Chronicles 17
 June 19 – 1 Kings 17-19
 June 20 – 1 Kings 20-21
 June 21 – 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18-20
 June 22 – 2 Kings 1-4

Week 26 [Focus Verse: Isaiah 26:3]

June 24 – 2 Kings 5:1-8:15
 June 25 – 2 Kings 8:16-29; 2 Chronicles 21:1-22:9
 June 26 – 2 Kings 9-11; 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21
 June 27 – 2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24
 June 28 – 2 Kings 14-15; 2 Chronicles 25-27
 June 29 – Jonah 1-4

Week 27 [Focus Verse: Hosea 6:3]

July 1 – Amos 1-5
 July 2 – Amos 6-9
 July 3 – Hosea 1-5
 July 4 – Hosea 6-9
 July 5 – Hosea 10-14
 July 6 – Isaiah 1-4

Week 28 [Focus Verse: Micah 6:8]

July 8 – Isaiah 5-8
 July 9 – Isaiah 9-12
 July 10 – Micah 1-4
 July 11 – Micah 5-7
 July 12 – 2 Kings 16-17; 2 Chronicles 28
 July 13 – Isaiah 13-17

Week 29 [Focus Verse: Luke 16:13]

July 15 – Isaiah 18-22
July 16 – Isaiah 23-26
July 17 – 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48
July 18 – Isaiah 27-30
July 19 – Isaiah 31-35
July 20 – Isaiah 36-37; 2 Kings 18:9-19:37; 2 Chronicles 32:1-23; Psalm 76

Week 30 [Focus Verse: Isaiah 52:7]

July 22 – Isaiah 38-39; 2 Kings 20:1-21; 2 Chronicles 32:24-33
July 23 – Isaiah 40-42; Psalm 46
July 24 – Isaiah 43-45; Psalm 80
July 25 – Isaiah 46-49; Psalm 135
July 26 – Isaiah 50-53
July 27 – Isaiah 54-58

Week 31 [Focus Verse: Nahum 1:7]

July 29 – Isaiah 59-63
July 30 – Isaiah 64-66
July 31 – 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33
August 1 – Nahum 1-3
August 2 – Zephaniah 1-3
August 3 – 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35

Week 32 [Focus Verse: 1 Corinthians 3:11]

August 5 – Habakkuk 1-3
August 6 – Joel 1-3
August 7 – Jeremiah 1-4
August 8 – Jeremiah 5-8
August 9 – Jeremiah 9-12
August 10 – Jeremiah 13-16

Week 33 [Focus Verse: Jeremiah 32:17]

August 12 – Jeremiah 17-20
August 13 – Jeremiah 21-24
August 14 – Jeremiah 25-28
August 15 – Jeremiah 29-32
August 16 – Jeremiah 33-37
August 17 – Jeremiah 38-40; Psalms 74; 79

Week 34 [Focus Verse: Jeremiah 33:2-3]

August 19 – 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36:1-21; Jeremiah 52
August 20 – Jeremiah 41-44
August 21 – Obadiah; Psalms 82; 83
August 22 – Jeremiah 45-48
August 23 – Jeremiah 49-50
August 24 – Jeremiah 51; Psalm 137

Week 35 [Focus Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23]

August 26 – Lamentations 1:1-3:36
August 27 – Lamentations 3:37-5:22
August 28 – Ezekiel 1-4
August 29 – Ezekiel 5-8
August 30 – Ezekiel 9-12
August 31 – Ezekiel 13-16

Week 36 [Focus Verse: John 15:5]

September 2 – Ezekiel 17-20
September 3 – Ezekiel 21-24
September 4 – Ezekiel 25-28
September 5 – Ezekiel 29-32
September 6 – Ezekiel 33-36
September 7 – Ezekiel 37-40

Week 37 [Focus Verse: Daniel 2:44]

September 9 – Ezekiel 41-44
September 10 – Ezekiel 45-48
September 11 – Daniel 1-3
September 12 – Daniel 4-6
September 13 – Daniel 7-9
September 14 – Daniel 10-12

Week 38 [Focus Verse: Haggai 1:5 or Zechariah 8:16]

September 16 – 2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1-3
September 17 – Ezra 4-6
September 18 – Haggai 1-2
September 19 – Zechariah 1-7
September 20 – Zechariah 8-14
September 21 – Esther 1-5

Week 39 [Focus Verse: Psalm 119:33]

September 23 – Esther 6-10
September 24 – Malachi 1-4; Psalm 50
September 25 – Ezra 7-10
September 26 – Nehemiah 1-4
September 27 – Nehemiah 5-7
September 28 – Nehemiah 8-10

Week 40 [Focus Verse: John 1:14]

September 30 – Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm 126
October 1 – Psalm 106; John 1:4-14
October 2 – Matthew 1; Luke 1:1-2:38
October 3 – Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
October 4 – Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3; John 1:15-34
October 5 – Matthew 4:1-22; 13:54-58; Mark 1:12-20; 6:1-6; Luke 4:1-30; 5:1-11; John 1:35-2:12

Week 41 [Focus Verse: Matthew 5:44]

October 7 – Matthew 4:23-25; 8:14-17; Mark 1:21-39; Luke 4:31-44
October 8 – John 3-5
October 9 – Matthew 8:1-4; 9:1-17; 12:1-21; Mark 1:40-3:21; Luke 5:12-6:19
October 10 – Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49; 11:1-13
October 11 – Matthew 8:5-13; 11:1-30; Luke 7
October 12 – Matthew 12:22-50; Mark 3:22-35; Luke 8:19-21; 11:14-54

Week 42 [Focus Verse: Matthew 16:24]

October 14 – Matthew 13:1-53; Mark 4:1-34; Luke 8:1-18
October 15 – Matthew 8:18-34; 9:18-38; Mark 4:35-5:43; Luke 8:22-56; 9:57-62
October 16 – Matthew 10; 14; Mark 6:7-56; Luke 9:1-17; John 6
October 17 – Matthew 15; Mark 7:1-8:10
October 18 – Matthew 16; Mark 8:11-9:1; Luke 9:18-27
October 19 – Matthew 17-18; Mark 9:2-50; Luke 9:28-56

Week 43 [Focus Verse: Mark 10:27]

October 21 – John 7-9
October 22 – Luke 10; John 10:1-11:54
October 23 – Luke 12:1-13:30
October 24 – Luke 14-15
October 25 – Matthew 19; Mark 10:1-31; Luke 16:1-18:30
October 26 – Matthew 20; Mark 10:32-52; Luke 18:31-19:27

Week 44 [Focus Verse: John 13:34]

October 28 – Matthew 21:1-22; 26:6-13; Mark 11:1-26; 14:3-9; Luke 19:28-48; John 2:13-25; 11:55-12:36
October 29 – Matthew 21:23-22:14; Mark 11:27-12:12; Luke 20:1-19; John 12:37-50
October 30 – Matthew 22:15-23:39; Mark 12:13-44; Luke 20:20-21:4; 13:31-35
October 31 – Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21:5-38
November 1 – Matthew 26:1-5, 14-35; Mark 14:1-2, 10-31; Luke 22:1-38; John 13
November 2 – John 14-17

Week 45 [Focus Verse: Acts 1:8]

November 4 – Matthew 26:36-75; Mark 14:32-72; Luke 22:39-71; John 18:1-27
November 5 – Matthew 27:1-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-19:16
November 6 – Matthew 27:32-66; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:17-42; Psalm 22
November 7 – Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21
November 8 – Acts 1-4; Psalm 110
November 9 – Acts 5-8

Week 46 [Focus Verse: James 1:27]

November 11 – Acts 9-11
November 12 – Acts 12-14
November 13 – James 1-5
November 14 – Galatians 1-3
November 15 – Galatians 4-6
November 16 – Acts 15-16

Week 47 [Focus Verse: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18]

November 18 – Acts 17:1-18:18
November 19 – 1 Thessalonians 1-5
November 20 – 2 Thessalonians 1-3
November 21 – Acts 18:19-19:41
November 22 – 1 Corinthians 1-4
November 23 – 1 Corinthians 5-8

Week 48 [Focus Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:21]

November 25 – 1 Corinthians 9-11
November 26 – 1 Corinthians 12-14
November 27 – 1 Corinthians 15-16
November 28 – 2 Corinthians 1-4
November 29 – 2 Corinthians 5-9
November 30 – 2 Corinthians 10-13

Week 49 [Focus Verse: Romans 8:38-39]

December 2 – Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-4
December 3 – Romans 5-8
December 4 – Romans 9-12
December 5 – Romans 13-16
December 6 – Acts 20:4-23:35
December 7 – Acts 24-26

Week 50 [Focus Verse: Philippians 4:19]

December 9 – Acts 27-28
December 10 – Philippians 1-4
December 11 – Philemon; Colossians 1-4
December 12 – Ephesians 1-4
December 13 – Ephesians 5-6; Titus 1-3
December 14 – 1 Timothy 1-6

Week 51 [Focus Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7]

December 16 – 1 Peter 1-5
December 17 – Hebrews 1-4
December 18 – Hebrews 5-8
December 19 – Hebrews 9-13
December 20 – 2 Timothy 1-4
December 21 – 2 Peter 1-3; Jude

Week 52 [Focus Verse: 1 John 4:10]

December 23 – 1 John 1-5; 2 John; 3 John
December 24 – Revelation 1-5
December 25 – Revelation 6-10
December 26 – Revelation 11-13
December 27 – Revelation 14-18
December 28 – Revelation 19-22