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2 Year Bible Reading Plan
Based on Robert Murray M'Cheyne's Bible Calendar

Studying the Bible to understand it

The Bible is a complex book full of meaning for your life. God gave us the Bible to reveal His own nature and purpose to us, and how we can relate to Him. He has expressed His deep love for us through the pages of the book, and with every chapter and verse, He shows us how we can be near to Him forever.
The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years by 40 different authors by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Even with such diversity and time involved the Bible is amazingly coherent and consistent. The narrative of Scripture explains the origins, purpose, hope, and future of life.

But how can we dig through the history and past cultures to understand its value for us today? Here are a few tools to help. In this study we will explore how the Bible tells a consistent story of relationship for God's people from beginning to end. Use these tools to help you read it and understand it.

Steps for Study—READ

Read the passage carefully to understand the plain idea. As you read note key words, key phrases, characters, and plot.

Explain the passage. After reading the passage answer some of these questions. If you don't understand something, pray about it. Ask other believers for help too.

· What is the context of the passage?
The **STOP** acronym is helpful to understand the context. Context is simply understanding the meaning of the passage to its original audience and its place in the text.

· Who do you meet in the passage? What are they like?

· What happens in the passage? (You can look for 5 observations in the passage by asking: What? When? Where? Who? How?)

· What do you learn about God in the passage?

· What do you learn about people in the passage?

Apply the passage to your life for obedience.

· What does the passage demand of you?
The **PACES** acronym is helpful for application.

· How does the passage change the way you relate to others?

· How does the passage prompt you to pray?

Do what it says. You've spent time with the passage. Pray for God's strength and wisdom to live it out. Consider something specific you can do in response to the passage this week. Who can you share it with?

STOP Tool for Context

Situation? - What's the historical situation? What do you need to know about people and events in the story? What's the larger context?

Type? - What's the type of literature? Is its historical narrative? Poetry? Prophecy? Law? Wisdom? Epistle? What literary devices are being used: Hyperbole? Parable? Metaphor? Apocalyptic Imagery?

Object? - Who is the object of the text? Everyone? Specific people? Ancient Israel? Is it the Old Covenant or New Covenant?

Prescription? - Is this passage prescriptive for us today or merely descriptive of an historical event?

PACES Tool for Application

Does the passage give a(n)…?

Promise to Keep?
Attitude to change?
Command to follow?
Example to set?
Sin to confess?

Helpful Resources for Bible Study

I always have these three resources near me when I study.

Treasury Knowledge of Scripture - this is a cross reference tool helping you connect to other verses in the Bible related to your passage. (Available on www.biblestudytools.com)

Bible Dictionary - helps you know the meaning of words, places, and people. (Available on www.biblestudytools.com)

Bible Commentary - a good study Bible and/or commentary helps put things together. A commentary is simply another scholar's view on what the passage means. I recommend The Wiersbe Bible Commentary for its ease and simplicity.

1-Jan	Genesis 1	Matthew 1
2-Jan	Genesis 2	Matthew 2
3-Jan	Genesis 3	Matthew 3
4-Jan	Genesis 4	Matthew 4
5-Jan	Genesis 5	Matthew 5
6-Jan	Genesis 6	Matthew 6
7-Jan	Genesis 7	Matthew 7
8-Jan	Genesis 8	Matthew 8
9-Jan	Genesis 9	Matthew 9
10-Jan	Genesis 10	Matthew 10
11-Jan	Genesis 11	Matthew 11
12-Jan	Genesis 12	Matthew 12
13-Jan	Genesis 13	Matthew 13
14-Jan	Genesis 14	Matthew 14
15-Jan	Genesis 15	Matthew 15
16-Jan	Genesis 16	Matthew 16
17-Jan	Genesis 17	Matthew 17
18-Jan	Genesis 18	Matthew 18
19-Jan	Genesis 19	Matthew 19
20-Jan	Genesis 20	Matthew 20
21-Jan	Genesis 21	Matthew 21
22-Jan	Genesis 22	Matthew 22
23-Jan	Genesis 23	Matthew 23
24-Jan	Genesis 24	Matthew 24
25-Jan	Genesis 25	Matthew 25
26-Jan	Genesis 26	Matthew 26
27-Jan	Genesis 27	Matthew 27
28-Jan	Genesis 28	Matthew 28
29-Jan	Genesis 29	Mark 1
30-Jan	Genesis 30	Mark 2
31-Jan	Genesis 31	Mark 3

1-Feb	Genesis 33	Mark 4
2-Feb	Genesis 34	Mark 5
3-Feb	Genesis 35-36	Mark 6
4-Feb	Genesis 37	Mark 7
5-Feb	Genesis 38	Mark 8
6-Feb	Genesis 39	Mark 9
7-Feb	Genesis 40	Mark 10
8-Feb	Genesis 41	Mark 11
9-Feb	Genesis 42	Mark 12
10-Feb	Genesis 43	Mark 13
11-Feb	Genesis 44	Mark 14
12-Feb	Genesis 45	Mark 15
13-Feb	Genesis 46	Mark 16
14-Feb	Genesis 47	Luke 1:1-38
15-Feb	Genesis 48	Luke 1:39-80
16-Feb	Genesis 49	Luke 2
17-Feb	Genesis 50	Luke 3
18-Feb	Exodus 1	Luke 4
19-Feb	Exodus 2	Luke 5
20-Feb	Exodus 3	Luke 6
21-Feb	Exodus 4	Luke 7
22-Feb	Exodus 5	Luke 8
23-Feb	Exodus 6	Luke 9
24-Feb	Exodus 7	Luke 10
25-Feb	Exodus 8	Luke 11
26-Feb	Exodus 9	Luke 12
27-Feb	Exodus 10	Luke 13
28-Feb	Exodus 11:1-12:20	Luke 14

1-Mar	Exodus 12:21-51	Luke 15
2-Mar	Exodus 13	Luke 16
3-Mar	Exodus 14	Luke 17
4-Mar	Exodus 15	Luke 18
5-Mar	Exodus 16	Luke 19
6-Mar	Exodus 17	Luke 20
7-Mar	Exodus 18	Luke 21
8-Mar	Exodus 19	Luke 22
9-Mar	Exodus 20	Luke 23
10-Mar	Exodus 21	Luke 24
11-Mar	Exodus 22	John 1
12-Mar	Exodus 23	John 2
13-Mar	Exodus 24	John 3
14-Mar	Exodus 25	John 4
15-Mar	Exodus 26	John 5
16-Mar	Exodus 27	John 6
17-Mar	Exodus 28	John 7
18-Mar	Exodus 29	John 8
19-Mar	Exodus 30	John 9
20-Mar	Exodus 31	John 10
21-Mar	Exodus 32	John 11
22-Mar	Exodus 33	John 12
23-Mar	Exodus 34	John 13
24-Mar	Exodus 35	John 14
25-Mar	Exodus 36	John 15
26-Mar	Exodus 37	John 16
27-Mar	Exodus 38	John 17
28-Mar	Exodus 39	John 18
29-Mar	Exodus 40	John 19
30-Mar	Leviticus 1	John 20
31-Mar	Leviticus 2-3	John 21

1-Apr	Leviticus 4	Psalm 1-2
2-Apr	Leviticus 5	Psalm 3-4
3-Apr	Leviticus 6	Psalm 5-6
4-Apr	Leviticus 7	Psalm 7-8
5-Apr	Leviticus 8	Psalm 9
6-Apr	Leviticus 9	Psalm 10
7-Apr	Leviticus 10	Psalm 11-12
8-Apr	Leviticus 11-12	Psalm 13-14
9-Apr	Leviticus 13	Psalm 15-16
10-Apr	Leviticus 14	Psalm 17
11-Apr	Leviticus 15	Psalm 18
12-Apr	Leviticus 16	Psalm 19
13-Apr	Leviticus 17	Psalm 20-21
14-Apr	Leviticus 18	Psalm 22
15-Apr	Leviticus 19	Psalm 23-24
16-Apr	Leviticus 20	Psalm 25
17-Apr	Leviticus 21	Psalm 25-27
18-Apr	Leviticus 22	Psalm 28-29
19-Apr	Leviticus 23	Psalm 30
20-Apr	Leviticus 24	Psalm 31
21-Apr	Leviticus 25	Psalm 32
22-Apr	Leviticus 26	Psalm 33
23-Apr	Leviticus 27	Psalm 34
24-Apr	Numbers 1	Psalm 35
25-Apr	Numbers 2	Psalm 36
26-Apr	Numbers 3	Psalm 37
27-Apr	Numbers 4	Psalm 38
28-Apr	Numbers 5	Psalm 39
29-Apr	Numbers 6	Psalm 40-41
30-Apr	Numbers 7	Psalm 42-43

1-May	Numbers 8	Psalm 44
2-May	Numbers 9	Psalm 45
3-May	Numbers 10	Psalm 46-47
4-May	Numbers 11	Psalm 48
5-May	Numbers 12-13	Psalm 49
6-May	Numbers 14	Psalm 50
7-May	Numbers 15	Psalm 51
8-May	Numbers 16	Psalm 52-54
9-May	Numbers 17-18	Psalm 55
10-May	Numbers 19	Psalm 56-57
11-May	Numbers 20	Psalm 58-59
12-May	Numbers 21	Psalm 60-61
13-May	Numbers 22	Psalm 62-63
14-May	Numbers 23	Psalm 64-65
15-May	Numbers 24	Psalm 66-67
16-May	Numbers 25	Psalm 68
17-May	Numbers 26	Psalm 69
18-May	Numbers 27	Psalm 70-71
19-May	Numbers 28	Psalm 72
20-May	Numbers 29	Psalm 73
21-May	Numbers 30	Psalm 74
22-May	Numbers 31	Psalm 75-76
23-May	Numbers 32	Psalm 77
24-May	Numbers 33	Psalm 78:1-39
25-May	Numbers 34	Psalm 78:40-72
26-May	Numbers 35	Psalm 79
27-May	Numbers 36	Psalm 80
28-May	Deuteronomy 1	Psalm 81-82
29-May	Deuteronomy 2	Psalm 83-84
30-May	Deuteronomy 3	Psalm 85
31-May	Deuteronomy 4	Psalm 86-87

1-Jun	Deuteronomy 5	Psalm 88
2-Jun	Deuteronomy 6	Psalm 89
3-Jun	Deuteronomy 7	Psalm 90
4-Jun	Deuteronomy 8	Psalm 91
5-Jun	Deuteronomy 9	Psalm 92-93
6-Jun	Deuteronomy 10	Psalm 94
7-Jun	Deuteronomy 11	Psalm 95-96
8-Jun	Deuteronomy 12	Psalm 97-98
9-Jun	Deuteronomy 13-14	Psalm 99-101
10-Jun	Deuteronomy 15	Psalm 102
11-Jun	Deuteronomy 16	Psalm 103
12-Jun	Deuteronomy 17	Psalm 104
13-Jun	Deuteronomy 18	Psalm 105
14-Jun	Deuteronomy 19	Psalm 106
15-Jun	Deuteronomy 20	Psalm 107
16-Jun	Deuteronomy 21	Psalm 108-109
17-Jun	Deuteronomy 22	Psalm 110-111
18-Jun	Deuteronomy 23	Psalm 112-113
19-Jun	Deuteronomy 24	Psalm 114-115
20-Jun	Deuteronomy 25	Psalm 116
21-Jun	Deuteronomy 26	Psalm 117-118
22-Jun	Deuteronomy 27:1-28:19	Psalm 119:1-24
23-Jun	Deuteronomy 28:20-68	Psalm 119:25-48
24-Jun	Deuteronomy 29	Psalm 119:49-72
25-Jun	Deuteronomy 30	Psalm 119:73-96
26-Jun	Deuteronomy 31	Psalm 119:97-120
27-Jun	Deuteronomy 32	Psalm 119:121-144
28-Jun	Deuteronomy 33-34	Psalm 119:145-176
29-Jun	Joshua 1	Psalm 120-122
30-Jun	Joshua 2	Psalm 123-125