



2021—Year 2

## 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.

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8*

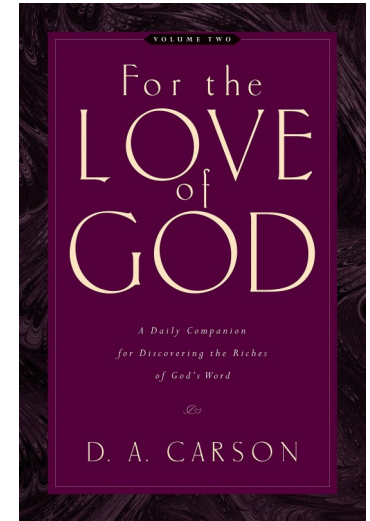
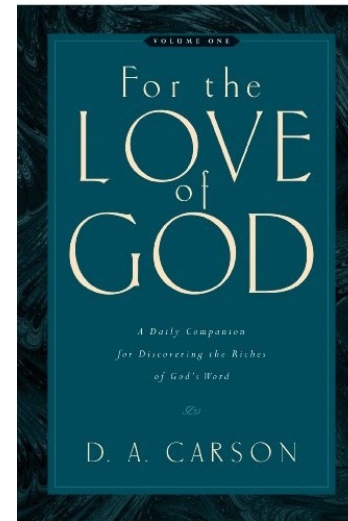
## Steps for Study—READ

**Read** the passage carefully to understand the plain idea. As you read note key words, key phrases, characters, and plot. Don't read too much at one time as it becomes difficult to focus on the details. You might read a section or chapter a day.

**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?

**Companion Readings as you read  
the Bible with this plan.**



D. A. Carson wrote these books to follow this reading plan, and give commentary explanation for readers as you go. If you're looking for help to understand the passages in your daily reading, I recommend these two resources.

## Congratulations!

You've read through the wisdom books and prophets of the Old Testament and all the New Testament. Perhaps you missed some days over the year but don't fret over it. Spending time in the Word of God is not a task to check off our daily to do list, but a training exercise to grow our faith. There may be days you miss, but trust that God will be with you when you pick up His word again tomorrow.

As you reflect on the year's reading, what did you learn new?

Which portion of Scripture brought encouragement when you needed it?

Was there a portion that challenged you?

Thank you for journeying through God's Word. I hope you'll continue to make this a daily habit for spiritual growth. In January, the plan continues through the Wisdom books and Prophets of the Old Testament and the New Testament again.

**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?

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

## 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 include a **p**romise for you to trust?

Does the passage reveal an **a**ttitude you should have?

Does the passage give a **c**ommand you should obey?

Does the passage demonstrate an **e**xample to follow?

Does the passage indicate a **s**in you should confess?

1-Dec	Micah 6	2 Peter 3
2-Dec	Micah 7	1 John 1
3-Dec	Nahum 1	1 John 2
4-Dec	Nahum 2	1 John 3
5-Dec	Nahum 3	1 John 4
6-Dec	Habakkuk 1	1 John 5
7-Dec	Habakkuk 2	2 John
8-Dec	Habakkuk 3	3 John
9-Dec	Zephaniah 1	Jude
10-Dec	Zephaniah 2	Revelation 1
11-Dec	Zephaniah 3	Revelation 2
12-Dec	Haggai 1	Revelation 3
13-Dec	Haggai 2	Revelation 4
14-Dec	Zechariah 1	Revelation 5
15-Dec	Zechariah 2	Revelation 6
16-Dec	Zechariah 3	Revelation 7
17-Dec	Zechariah 4	Revelation 8
18-Dec	Zechariah 5	Revelation 9
19-Dec	Zechariah 6	Revelation 10
20-Dec	Zechariah 7	Revelation 11
21-Dec	Zechariah 8	Revelation 12
22-Dec	Zechariah 9	Revelation 13
23-Dec	Zechariah 10	Revelation 14
24-Dec	Zechariah 11	Revelation 15
25-Dec	Zechariah 12-13:1	Revelation 16
26-Dec	Zechariah 13:2-9	Revelation 17
27-Dec	Zechariah 14	Revelation 18
28-Dec	Malachi 1	Revelation 19
29-Dec	Malachi 2	Revelation 20
30-Dec	Malachi 3	Revelation 21
31-Dec	Malachi 4	Revelation 22

1-Nov	Hosea 7	2 Timothy 4
2-Nov	Hosea 8	Titus 1
3-Nov	Hosea 9	Titus 2
4-Nov	Hosea 10	Titus 3
5-Nov	Hosea 11	Philemon
6-Nov	Hosea 12	Hebrews 1
7-Nov	Hosea 13	Hebrews 2
8-Nov	Hosea 14	Hebrews 3
9-Nov	Joel 1	Hebrews 4
10-Nov	Joel 2	Hebrews 5
11-Nov	Joel 3	Hebrews 6
12-Nov	Amos 1	Hebrews 7
13-Nov	Amos 2	Hebrews 8
14-Nov	Amos 3	Hebrews 9
15-Nov	Amos 4	Hebrews 10
16-Nov	Amos 5	Hebrews 11
17-Nov	Amos 6	Hebrews 12
18-Nov	Amos 7	Hebrews 13
19-Nov	Amos 8	James 1
20-Nov	Amos 9	James 2
21-Nov	Obadiah	James 3
22-Nov	Jonah 1	James 4
23-Nov	Jonah 2	James 5
24-Nov	Jonah 3	1 Peter 1
25-Nov	Jonah 4	1 Peter 2
26-Nov	Micah 1	1 Peter 3
27-Nov	Micah 2	1 Peter 4
28-Nov	Micah 3	1 Peter 5
29-Nov	Micah 4	2 Peter 1
30-Nov	Micah 5	2 Peter 2

## 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](http://www.biblestudytools.com))

**Bible Dictionary** – helps you know the meaning of words, places, and people. (Available on [www.biblestudytools.com](http://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.

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:1-2*

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

1-Oct	Ezekiel 34	Ephesians 1
2-Oct	Ezekiel 35	Ephesians 2
3-Oct	Ezekiel 36	Ephesians 3
4-Oct	Ezekiel 37	Ephesians 4
5-Oct	Ezekiel 38	Ephesians 5
6-Oct	Ezekiel 39	Ephesians 6
7-Oct	Ezekiel 40	Philippians 1
8-Oct	Ezekiel 41	Philippians 2
9-Oct	Ezekiel 42	Philippians 3
10-Oct	Ezekiel 43	Philippians 4
11-Oct	Ezekiel 44	Colossians 1
12-Oct	Ezekiel 45	Colossians 2
13-Oct	Ezekiel 46	Colossians 3
14-Oct	Ezekiel 47	Colossians 4
15-Oct	Ezekiel 48	1 Thessalonians 1
16-Oct	Daniel 1	1 Thessalonians 2
17-Oct	Daniel 2	1 Thessalonians 3
18-Oct	Daniel 3	1 Thessalonians 4
19-Oct	Daniel 4	1 Thessalonians 5
20-Oct	Daniel 5	2 Thessalonians 1
21-Oct	Daniel 6	2 Thessalonians 2
22-Oct	Daniel 7	2 Thessalonians 3
23-Oct	Daniel 8	1 Timothy 1
24-Oct	Daniel 9	1 Timothy 2
25-Oct	Daniel 10	1 Timothy 3
26-Oct	Daniel 11	1 Timothy 4
27-Oct	Daniel 12	1 Timothy 5
28-Oct	Hosea 1	1 Timothy 6
29-Oct	Hosea 2	2 Timothy 1
30-Oct	Hosea 3-4	2 Timothy 2
31-Oct	Hosea 5-6	2 Timothy 3



1-Sep	Ezekiel 4	1 Corinthians 6
2-Sep	Ezekiel 5	1 Corinthians 7
3-Sep	Ezekiel 6	1 Corinthians 8
4-Sep	Ezekiel 7	1 Corinthians 9
5-Sep	Ezekiel 8	1 Corinthians 10
6-Sep	Ezekiel 9	1 Corinthians 11
7-Sep	Ezekiel 10	1 Corinthians 12
8-Sep	Ezekiel 11	1 Corinthians 13
9-Sep	Ezekiel 12	1 Corinthians 14
10-Sep	Ezekiel 13	1 Corinthians 15
11-Sep	Ezekiel 14	1 Corinthians 16
12-Sep	Ezekiel 15	2 Corinthians 1
13-Sep	Ezekiel 16	2 Corinthians 2
14-Sep	Ezekiel 17	2 Corinthians 3
15-Sep	Ezekiel 18	2 Corinthians 4
16-Sep	Ezekiel 19	2 Corinthians 5
17-Sep	Ezekiel 20	2 Corinthians 6
18-Sep	Ezekiel 21	2 Corinthians 7
19-Sep	Ezekiel 22	2 Corinthians 8
20-Sep	Ezekiel 23	2 Corinthians 9
21-Sep	Ezekiel 24	2 Corinthians 10
22-Sep	Ezekiel 25	2 Corinthians 11
23-Sep	Ezekiel 26	2 Corinthians 12
24-Sep	Ezekiel 27	2 Corinthians 13
25-Sep	Ezekiel 28	Galatians 1
26-Sep	Ezekiel 29	Galatians 2
27-Sep	Ezekiel 30	Galatians 3
28-Sep	Ezekiel 31	Galatians 4
29-Sep	Ezekiel 32	Galatians 5
30-Sep	Ezekiel 33	Galatians 6

1-Feb	Esther 9-10	Mark 4
2-Feb	Job 1	Mark 5
3-Feb	Job 2	Mark 6
4-Feb	Job 3	Mark 7
5-Feb	Job 4	Mark 8
6-Feb	Job 5	Mark 9
7-Feb	Job 6	Mark 10
8-Feb	Job 7	Mark 11
9-Feb	Job 8	Mark 12
10-Feb	Job 9	Mark 13
11-Feb	Job 10	Mark 14
12-Feb	Job 11	Mark 15
13-Feb	Job 12	Mark 16
14-Feb	Job 13	Luke 1:1-38
15-Feb	Job 14	Luke 1:39-80
16-Feb	Job 15	Luke 2
17-Feb	Job 16-17	Luke 3
18-Feb	Job 18	Luke 4
19-Feb	Job 19	Luke 5
20-Feb	Job 20	Luke 6
21-Feb	Job 21	Luke 7
22-Feb	Job 22	Luke 8
23-Feb	Job 23	Luke 9
24-Feb	Job 24	Luke 10
25-Feb	Job 25-26	Luke 11
26-Feb	Job 27	Luke 12
27-Feb	Job 28	Luke 13
28-Feb	Job 29	Luke 14

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

1-Aug	Jeremiah 28	Acts 19
2-Aug	Jeremiah 29	Acts 20
3-Aug	Jeremiah 30-31	Acts 21
4-Aug	Jeremiah 32	Acts 22
5-Aug	Jeremiah 33	Acts 23
6-Aug	Jeremiah 34	Acts 24
7-Aug	Jeremiah 35	Acts 25
8-Aug	Jeremiah 36, 45	Acts 26
9-Aug	Jeremiah 37	Acts 27
10-Aug	Jeremiah 38	Acts 28
11-Aug	Jeremiah 39	Romans 1
12-Aug	Jeremiah 40	Romans 2
13-Aug	Jeremiah 41	Romans 3
14-Aug	Jeremiah 42	Romans 4
15-Aug	Jeremiah 43	Romans 5
16-Aug	Jeremiah 44	Romans 6
17-Aug	Jeremiah 46	Romans 7
18-Aug	Jeremiah 47	Romans 8
19-Aug	Jeremiah 48	Romans 9
20-Aug	Jeremiah 49	Romans 10
21-Aug	Jeremiah 50	Romans 11
22-Aug	Jeremiah 51	Romans 12
23-Aug	Jeremiah 52	Romans 13
24-Aug	Lamentations 1	Romans 14
25-Aug	Lamentations 2	Romans 15
26-Aug	Lamentations 3	Romans 16
27-Aug	Lamentations 4	1 Corinthians 1
28-Aug	Lamentations 5	1 Corinthians 2
29-Aug	Ezekiel 1	1 Corinthians 3
30-Aug	Ezekiel 2	1 Corinthians 4
31-Aug	Ezekiel 3	1 Corinthians 5

1-Jul	Isaiah 63	Psalms 126-128
2-Jul	Isaiah 64	Psalms 129-131
3-Jul	Isaiah 65	Psalms 132-134
4-Jul	Isaiah 66	Psalms 135-136
5-Jul	Jeremiah 1	Psalms 137-138
6-Jul	Jeremiah 2	Psalms 139
7-Jul	Jeremiah 3	Psalms 140-141
8-Jul	Jeremiah 4	Psalms 142-143
9-Jul	Jeremiah 5	Psalms 144
10-Jul	Jeremiah 6	Psalms 145
11-Jul	Jeremiah 7	Psalms 146-147
12-Jul	Jeremiah 8	Psalms 148
13-Jul	Jeremiah 9	Psalms 149-150
14-Jul	Jeremiah 10	Acts 1
15-Jul	Jeremiah 11	Acts 2
16-Jul	Jeremiah 12	Acts 3
17-Jul	Jeremiah 13	Acts 4
18-Jul	Jeremiah 14	Acts 5
19-Jul	Jeremiah 15	Acts 6
20-Jul	Jeremiah 16	Acts 7
21-Jul	Jeremiah 17	Acts 8
22-Jul	Jeremiah 18	Acts 9
23-Jul	Jeremiah 19	Acts 10
24-Jul	Jeremiah 20	Acts 11
25-Jul	Jeremiah 21	Acts 12
26-Jul	Jeremiah 22	Acts 13
27-Jul	Jeremiah 23	Acts 14
28-Jul	Jeremiah 24	Acts 15
29-Jul	Jeremiah 25	Acts 16
30-Jul	Jeremiah 26	Acts 17
31-Jul	Jeremiah 27	Acts 18

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

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

1-Jun	Isaiah 33	Psalm 88
2-Jun	Isaiah 34	Psalm 89
3-Jun	Isaiah 35	Psalm 90
4-Jun	Isaiah 36	Psalm 91
5-Jun	Isaiah 37	Psalm 92-93
6-Jun	Isaiah 38	Psalm 94
7-Jun	Isaiah 39	Psalm 95-96
8-Jun	Isaiah 40	Psalm 97-98
9-Jun	Isaiah 41	Psalm 99-101
10-Jun	Isaiah 42	Psalm 102
11-Jun	Isaiah 43	Psalm 103
12-Jun	Isaiah 44	Psalm 104
13-Jun	Isaiah 45	Psalm 105
14-Jun	Isaiah 46	Psalm 106
15-Jun	Isaiah 47	Psalm 107
16-Jun	Isaiah 48	Psalm 108-109
17-Jun	Isaiah 49	Psalm 110-111
18-Jun	Isaiah 50	Psalm 112-113
19-Jun	Isaiah 51	Psalm 114-115
20-Jun	Isaiah 52	Psalm 116
21-Jun	Isaiah 53	Psalm 117-118
22-Jun	Isaiah 54	Psalm 119:1-24
23-Jun	Isaiah 55	Psalm 119:25-48
24-Jun	Isaiah 56	Psalm 119:49-72
25-Jun	Isaiah 57	Psalm 119:73-96
26-Jun	Isaiah 58	Psalm 119:97-120
27-Jun	Isaiah 59	Psalm 119:121-144
28-Jun	Isaiah 60	Psalm 119:145-176
29-Jun	Isaiah 61	Psalm 120-122
30-Jun	Isaiah 62	Psalm 123-125