



Mount Zion Church Bible Reading Plan

The New Testament in a Year

New Testament

To read through the 27 books of the New Testament in a year you will need to read one chapter a day for five days each week. The New Testament is often divided into three sections – the Gospels and Acts, the Epistles of Paul, and the General Epistles and Revelation. Using this plan you will rotate through these three sections, reading a Gospel, then one or more letters of Paul, then one or more general epistles, then returning to the next Gospel.

WEEK 1

- Matthew 1
- Matthew 2
- Matthew 3
- Matthew 4
- Matthew 5

WEEK 2

- Matthew 6
- Matthew 7
- Matthew 8
- Matthew 9
- Matthew 10

WEEK 3

- Matthew 11
- Matthew 12
- Matthew 13
- Matthew 14
- Matthew 15

WEEK 4

- Matthew 16
- Matthew 17
- Matthew 18
- Matthew 19
- Matthew 20

WEEK 5

- Matthew 21
- Matthew 22
- Matthew 23
- Matthew 24
- Matthew 25

WEEK 6

- Matthew 26
- Matthew 27
- Matthew 28
- Romans 1
- Romans 2

WEEK 7

- Romans 3
- Romans 4
- Romans 5
- Romans 6
- Romans 7

WEEK 8

- Romans 8
- Romans 9
- Romans 10
- Romans 11
- Romans 12

WEEK 9

- Romans 13
- Romans 14
- Romans 15
- Romans 16
- Hebrews 1

WEEK 10

- Hebrews 2
- Hebrews 3
- Hebrews 4
- Hebrews 5
- Hebrews 6

WEEK 11

- Hebrews 7
- Hebrews 8
- Hebrews 9
- Hebrews 10
- Hebrews 11

WEEK 12

- Hebrews 12
- Hebrews 13
- Mark 1
- Mark 2
- Mark 3

WEEK 13

- Mark 4
- Mark 5
- Mark 6
- Mark 7
- Mark 8

WEEK 14

- Mark 9
- Mark 10
- Mark 11
- Mark 12
- Mark 13

WEEK 15

- Mark 14
- Mark 15
- Mark 16
- 1 Corinthians 1
- 1 Corinthians 2

WEEK 16

- 1 Corinthians 3
- 1 Corinthians 4
- 1 Corinthians 5
- 1 Corinthians 6
- 1 Corinthians 7

WEEK 17

- 1 Corinthians 8
- 1 Corinthians 9
- 1 Corinthians 10
- 1 Corinthians 11
- 1 Corinthians 12

WEEK 18

- 1 Corinthians 13
- 1 Corinthians 14
- 1 Corinthians 15
- 1 Corinthians 16
- 2 Corinthians 1

WEEK 19

- 2 Corinthians 2
- 2 Corinthians 3
- 2 Corinthians 4
- 2 Corinthians 5
- 2 Corinthians 6

WEEK 20

- 2 Corinthians 7
- 2 Corinthians 8
- 2 Corinthians 9
- 2 Corinthians 10
- 2 Corinthians 11

WEEK 21

- 2 Corinthians 12
- 2 Corinthians 13
- James 1
- James 2
- James 3

WEEK 22

- James 4
- James 5
- Luke 1
- Luke 2
- Luke 3

WEEK 23

- Luke 4
- Luke 5
- Luke 6
- Luke 7
- Luke 8

WEEK 24

- Luke 9
- Luke 10
- Luke 11
- Luke 12
- Luke 13

WEEK 25

- Luke 14
- Luke 15
- Luke 16
- Luke 17
- Luke 18

WEEK 26

- Luke 19
- Luke 20
- Luke 21
- Luke 22
- Luke 23

WEEK 27

- Luke 24
- Galatians 1
- Galatians 2
- Galatians 3
- Galatians 4

WEEK 28

- Galatians 5
- Galatians 6
- Ephesians 1
- Ephesians 2
- Ephesians 3

WEEK 29

- Ephesians 4
- Ephesians 5
- Ephesians 6
- Philippians 1
- Philippians 2

WEEK 30

- Philippians 3
- Philippians 4
- 1 Peter 1
- 1 Peter 2
- 1 Peter 3

WEEK 31

- 1 Peter 4
- 1 Peter 5
- 2 Peter 1
- 2 Peter 2
- 2 Peter 3

WEEK 32

- John 1
- John 2
- John 3
- John 4
- John 5

WEEK 33

- John 6
- John 7
- John 8
- John 9
- John 10

WEEK 34

- John 11
- John 12
- John 13
- John 14
- John 15

WEEK 35

- John 16
- John 17
- John 18
- John 19
- John 20

WEEK 36

- John 21
- Colossians 1
- Colossians 2
- Colossians 3
- Colossians 4

WEEK 37

- 1 Thessalonians 1
- 1 Thessalonians 2
- 1 Thessalonians 3
- 1 Thessalonians 4
- 1 Thessalonians 5

WEEK 38

- 2 Thessalonians 1
- 2 Thessalonians 2
- 2 Thessalonians 3
- Philemon
- 1 John 1

WEEK 39

- 1 John 2
- 1 John 3
- 1 John 4
- 1 John 5
- 2 John

WEEK 40

- 3 John
- Jude
- Acts 1
- Acts 2
- Acts 3

WEEK 41

- Acts 4
- Acts 5
- Acts 6
- Acts 7
- Acts 8

WEEK 42

- Acts 9
- Acts 10
- Acts 11
- Acts 12
- Acts 13

WEEK 43

- Acts 14
- Acts 15
- Acts 16
- Acts 17
- Acts 18

WEEK 44

- Acts 19
- Acts 20
- Acts 21
- Acts 22
- Acts 23

WEEK 45

- Acts 24
- Acts 25
- Acts 26
- Acts 27
- Acts 28

WEEK 46

- 1 Timothy 1
- 1 Timothy 2
- 1 Timothy 3
- 1 Timothy 4
- 1 Timothy 5

WEEK 47

- 1 Timothy 6
- 2 Timothy 1
- 2 Timothy 2
- 2 Timothy 3
- 2 Timothy 4

WEEK 48

- Titus 1
- Titus 2
- Titus 3
- Revelation 1
- Revelation 2

WEEK 49

- Revelation 3
- Revelation 4
- Revelation 5
- Revelation 6
- Revelation 7

WEEK 50

- Revelation 8
- Revelation 9
- Revelation 10
- Revelation 11
- Revelation 12

WEEK 51

- Revelation 13
- Revelation 14
- Revelation 15
- Revelation 16
- Revelation 17

WEEK 52

- Revelation 18
- Revelation 19
- Revelation 20
- Revelation 21
- Revelation 22

Further ideas to help you read the Bible

Make sure that you are reading a good modern Bible translation

All Bible translations are interpretations of the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts. Many of the differences between Bible translations result from the different approaches that translators take to translating the original languages.

Some Bibles attempt to translate the original languages as close to word-for-word as possible. These translations can be more demanding to read, since they prioritize the word order and forms of expression of the original languages. The **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)** is a good example of this kind.

Other translations try to render the ideas and idioms of the original languages in the closest modern English expressions. These translations are often easier to read, since they prioritize clarity of English. The **New Living Translation (NLT)** is a good example of this.

Other translations try to mediate between these poles. A good example of this is the **New International Version (NIV)**.

Ask good questions of each passage you are reading

Some questions you might want to ask of any Bible passage you are reading include:

- What can I learn from this passage about God, His character, His purposes and His ways?
- What can I learn from this passage about human beings?
- What good news does this passage have for me and for others?
- What is this passage asking me to believe and to do? How is it calling me to be more like Jesus?

Make use of other good resources

Additional help in reading the Bible can be found by reading the notes in a modern study Bible such as the **NIV Study Bible**.

A short but excellent introduction and orientation to each book of the Bible can be found in **How to Read the Bible Book by Book** by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart.

For further information you can also make use of a one-volume commentary on the whole Bible, such as **The New Bible Commentary** published by InterVarsity Press, which will contain helpful comments on every chapter of the Bible.