Reading Plans

180 Days - Guided Tour of the Bible:

The plan offers a kind of bird’s-eye-view. The daily readings consist of 180 selected passages, including at least one chapter from each of the Bible’s 66 books. You can read both the chapter and its accompanying note in 15 minutes per day.

This “Guided Tour” is exactly that, a guide-assisted tour of the Bible’s high points. Such a plan is no substitute for mastering the whole Bible, of course, but it may help lower barriers and point the way down a path for further study. Think of it as an introductory tour through a great art museum. You won’t get to see every painting in the museum, but you will learn the basic layout, and may also acquire a taste for art that will entice you to return again and again.

With a few exceptions, the Biblical material appears in rough chronological order. You will read the psalms attributed to David as you read about David’s life. You will read the prophets along with their background history. Portions from the Gospels, too, are interspersed, giving a composite picture of Jesus’ life on earth; and Paul’s letters are scattered throughout the record of his life. This arrangement should help convey the Bible’s “plot.”

Since “A Guided Tour” is arranged in 180 separate readings, most people will find it convenient to read one designated passage each day, along with the introductory notes. If you miss a few days, don’t worry. Just resume reading when you can.

Time Commitment: 180 Days
Goal: To present underlying story of the Bible

The Plot Unveiled

☐ Day 1. Genesis 1: A Book of Beginnings
☐ Day 2. Genesis 2: One Shining Moment
☐ Day 3. Genesis 3: The Crash
☐ Day 4. Genesis 4: Crouching at the Door
☐ Day 5. Genesis 7: Under Water
☐ Day 6. Genesis 8: The Rainbow
☐ Day 7. Genesis 15: The Plan
☐ Day 8. Genesis 19: A Catastrophe Sent from God
☐ Day 9. Genesis 22: Final Exam
☐ Day 10. Genesis 27: Jacob Gets the Blessing
☐ Day 11. Genesis 28: Something Undeserved
☐ Day 12. Genesis 37: Family Battles
☐ Day 13. Genesis 41: Behind the Scenes
☐ Day 14. Genesis 45: A Long Forgiveness

Birthing a Nation

☐ Day 15. Exodus 3: Time for Action
☐ Day 16. Exodus 10-11: The Ten Plagues
☐ Day 17. Exodus 14: Miracle at the Red Sea
☐ Day 18. Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments
☐ Day 19. Exodus 32: The Dream Dies
☐ Day 20. Leviticus 26: Legal Matters
☐ Day 21. Numbers 11: Trials in the Desert
☐ Day 22. Numbers 14: Open Mutiny
☐ Day 23. Deuteronomy 4: Never Forget
☐ Day 24. Deuteronomy 8: Dangers of Success
☐ Day 25. Deuteronomy 28: Loud and Clear
☐ Day 27. Joshua 6: Strange Tactics
☐ Day 28. Joshua 7: Slow Learners
☐ Day 29. Joshua 24: Home at Last
☐ Day 30. Judges 6: Unlikely Leader
☐ Day 31. Judges 7: Military Upset
☐ Day 32. Judges 16: Superman’s Flaws
☐ Day 33. Ruth 1: Tough Love

The Golden Age

☐ Day 34. 1 Samuel 3: Transition Team
☐ Day 35. 1 Samuel 16: Tale of Two Kings
☐ Day 36. Psalm 23: A Shepherd’s Song
☐ Day 37. 1 Samuel 17: Giant-Killer
☐ Day 38. Psalm 19: Outdoor Lessons
☐ Day 39. 1 Samuel 20: Jonathan’s Loyalty
☐ Day 40. Psalm 27: Ups and Downs
☐ Day 41. 2 Samuel 6: King of Passion
☐ Day 42. 1 Chronicles 17: God’s House
☐ Day 43. Psalm 103: The Goodness of God
☐ Day 44. 2 Samuel 11: Adultery and Murder
☐ Day 45. 2 Samuel 12: Caught in the Act
☐ Day 46. Psalm 51: True Confession
☐ Day 47. Psalm 139: David’s Spiritual Secret
☐ Day 48. 1 Kings 3: Raw Talent
☐ Day 49. 1 Kings 8: High-water Mark
☐ Day 50. Psalm 84: Home Sweet Home
☐ Day 51. Proverbs 4: Life Advice
☐ Day 52. Proverbs 10: One-liners
☐ Day 53. Proverbs 11:10-11: The Ten Plagues
☐ Day 54. Song of Songs 2: Love Story
☐ Day 55. Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything

The Northern Kingdom

☐ Day 56. 1 Kings 17: The Prophets
☐ Day 57. 1 Kings 18: Mountaintop Showdown
☐ Day 58. 2 Kings 5: Double Portion
☐ Day 59. Joel 2: Word Power
☐ Day 60. Jonah 3-4: Beloved Enemies
☐ Day 61. Amos 4: Street-Corner Prophet
☐ Day 62. Hosea 1, 3: Parable of Love
☐ Day 63. Hosea 11: Wounded Lover
☐ Day 64. 2 Kings 17: Postmortem

The Southern Kingdom

☐ Day 65. 2 Chronicles 20: Meanwhile in Jerusalem
☐ Day 66. Micah 6: Pollution Spreads
☐ Day 67. 2 Chronicles 30: Hezekiah’s Festival
☐ Day 68. Isaiah 6: Power behind the Throne
☐ Day 69. Isaiah 25: Eloquent Hope
☐ Day 70. 2 Chronicles 32: Battlefield Lessons
☐ Day 71. Nahum 1: Enemy Justice
☐ Day 72. Zephaniah 3: Rotten Ruling Class
☐ Day 73. 2 Kings 22: Boy Wonder
☐ Day 74. Jeremiah 2: National Adultery
☐ Day 75. Jeremiah 15: Balky Prophet