

# The "Summary First" Bible Read-through Plan

Many people set out to read their Bible straight through, from beginning to end. However, most soon get bogged down and frustrated. The seemingly haphazard sequence of the books within the Bible can be perplexing. And this can cause even well-intentioned commitment to fall by the wayside. Has this ever happened to you?

Thankfully, one of the greatest benefits of *The 10-Minute Bible Journey* is that it can make the "big Bible jigsaw puzzle" fit together with ease. So, for maximum enjoyment, consider starting your next Bible read-through with just ten minutes or so per day, for 30-days, in this book. Then follow the special chronological reading plan that follows. You will have an encouraging and fresh understanding of the big picture of Scripture.

Be careful not to allow the suggested number of minutes per day, or a specific number of months, to spoil your time in God's Word, or to turn it into a legalistic "checkoff" of verses read but not taken to heart. The biggest joy comes by reading at a pace and at a time of day that is comfortable for you. For some that is in the early morning. For others, it will be mid-day, or with their family at dinner. And for still others, an evening timeframe after the rest of the family has headed to bed may be the best option.

As you begin, focus. Ask God to remove the distractions that easily come to mind. Turn off your cell phone or set it to airplane mode. If possible, read out loud. Then journal a note or two in your Bible's margin, or on a separate notepad that you reserve as a diary of what you learn or want to study further.

Before you close for the day, take a few minutes to review and pray about that day's passage. Ask God to help you remember and apply it to your life. After all, whether your Bible read-through takes one year or several, the goal is to honor God and become more like Jesus.

This chronological reading plan is similar to those promoted by various respected ministries. We have simply taken 12-months of Bible reading and squeezed it slightly to fit into 11 and added the the "10-Minute Bible Journey" overview at the beginning. Nothing is missing.

However, if you prefer to read the Scriptures in the same order that most Bibles are laid out — where the historical books are grouped together, the poetic books are grouped together, the Epistles are grouped together, and so forth — feel free! *The 10-Minute Bible Journey* will give you the big picture overview, and that will equip you to be able to begin pretty much anywhere. Enjoy!

## PHASE 1 — *The 10-Minute Bible Journey* book (by Dale Mason)

In the first 30-days or so read the 52 chronological accounts in *The 10-Minute Bible Journey* to attain a solid overview of the entire Bible in the order that the events actually occurred. Consider including your spouse and/or your older children. Pray for one another, including any concerns raised during your discussion.



## PHASE 2 — The Bible

Now begin your read-through of the Holy Bible itself. Read at a pace that works with your schedule, and check off each passage as you finish it so that you can be encouraged by your progress. This also helps you to not waste time finding where you left off, for those occasions when several days go by between readings. If possible, read aloud, and use a sharp pencil to make notes in your Bible as you go!

- \_\_ Genesis 1–7
- \_\_ Genesis 8–15
- \_\_ Genesis 16–21
- \_\_ Genesis 22–26
- \_\_ Genesis 27–31

\_\_ Genesis 32–37  
\_\_ Genesis 38–42  
\_\_ Genesis 43–47  
\_\_ Genesis 48–50; Job 1–5  
\_\_ Job 6–13  
\_\_ Job 14–20  
\_\_ Job 21–28  
\_\_ Job 29–34  
\_\_ Job 35–39  
\_\_ Job 40–42 ; Exodus 1–3  
\_\_ Exodus 4–9  
\_\_ Exodus 10–15  
\_\_ Exodus 16–21  
\_\_ Exodus 22–27  
\_\_ Exodus 28–32  
\_\_ Exodus 33–38  
\_\_ Exodus 39–40; Leviticus 1–4  
\_\_ Leviticus 5–10  
\_\_ Leviticus 11–15  
\_\_ Leviticus 16–21  
\_\_ Leviticus 22–25  
\_\_ Leviticus 26–27; Numbers 1–2  
\_\_ Numbers 3–6  
\_\_ Numbers 7–10

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\_\_ Numbers 11–15; Psalm 90  
\_\_ Numbers 16–17  
\_\_ Numbers 18–20  
\_\_ Numbers 21–22  
\_\_ Numbers 23–25  
\_\_ Numbers 26–27  
\_\_ Numbers 28–30  
\_\_ Numbers 31–32  
\_\_ Numbers 33–34  
\_\_ Numbers 35–36  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 1–2  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 3–4  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 5–7  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 8–10  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 11–13  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 14–16  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 17–20  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 21–23  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 24–27  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 28–29  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 30–31  
\_\_ Deuteronomy 32–34; Psalm 91

\_\_ Joshua 1–4  
\_\_ Joshua 5–8  
\_\_ Joshua 9–11  
\_\_ Joshua 12–15  
\_\_ Joshua 16–18  
\_\_ Joshua 19–21  
\_\_ Joshua 22–24  
\_\_ Judges 1–2

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\_\_ Judges 8–9  
\_\_ Judges 10–12  
\_\_ Judges 13–15  
\_\_ Judges 16–18  
\_\_ Judges 19–21  
\_\_ Ruth 1–4  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 1–3  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 4–8  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 9–12  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 13–14  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 15–17  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 18–20; Psalm 11, 59  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 21–24  
\_\_ Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52  
\_\_ Psalm 56, 120, 140–142  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 25–27  
\_\_ Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63  
\_\_ 1 Samuel 28–31; Psalm 18  
\_\_ Psalm 121, 123–125, 128–130  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 1–4  
\_\_ Psalm 6, 8–10, 14, 16, 19, 21  
\_\_ 1 Chronicles 1–2  
\_\_ Psalm 43–45, 49, 84–85, 87  
\_\_ 1 Chronicles 3–5  
\_\_ Psalm 73, 77–78  
\_\_ 1 Chronicles 6  
\_\_ Psalm 81, 88, 92–93  
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\_\_ Psalm 102–104  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 5:1–10; 1 Chronicles 11–12  
\_\_ Psalm 133  
\_\_ Psalm 106–107  
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\_\_ Psalm 1–2, 15, 22–24, 47, 68

\_\_ Psalm 89, 96, 100–101, 105, 132  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17  
\_\_ Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 8–9; 1 Chronicles 18  
\_\_ Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20  
\_\_ Psalm 65–67, 69–70  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 11–12; 1 Chronicles 20  
\_\_ Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 13–15  
\_\_ Psalm 3–4, 12–13, 28, 55  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 16–18  
\_\_ Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61–62, 64  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 19–21  
\_\_ Psalm 5, 38, 41–42  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 22–23; Psalm 57  
\_\_ Psalm 95, 97–99  
\_\_ 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21–22;  
Psalm 30  
\_\_ Psalm 108–110  
\_\_ 1 Chronicles 23–25  
\_\_ Psalm 131, 138–139, 143–145  
\_\_ 1 Chronicles 26–29; Psalm 127  
\_\_ Psalm 111–118  
\_\_ 1 Kings 1–2; Psalm 37, 71, 94  
\_\_ Psalm 119:1–88  
\_\_ 1 Kings 3–4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72  
\_\_ Psalm 119:89–176  
\_\_ Song of Solomon 1–8

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\_\_ Proverbs 1–3  
\_\_ Proverbs 4–6  
\_\_ Proverbs 7–9  
\_\_ Proverbs 10–12  
\_\_ Proverbs 13–15  
\_\_ Proverbs 16–18  
\_\_ Proverbs 19–21  
\_\_ Proverbs 22–24  
\_\_ 1 Kings 5–6; 2 Chronicles 2–3  
\_\_ 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4  
\_\_ 1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5  
\_\_ 2 Chronicles 6–7; Psalm 136  
\_\_ Psalm 134, 146–150  
\_\_ 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8  
\_\_ Proverbs 25–26  
\_\_ Proverbs 27–29  
\_\_ Ecclesiastes 1–6  
\_\_ Ecclesiastes 7–12

\_\_ 1 Kings 10–11; 2 Chronicles 9  
\_\_ Proverbs 30–31  
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\_\_ 1 Kings 15:1–24; 2 Chronicles 13–16  
\_\_ 1 Kings 15:25–16:34; 2 Chronicles 17  
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\_\_ Obadiah 1; Psalm 82–83  
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\_\_ 2 Kings 12–13; 2 Chronicles 24  
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\_\_ 2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26  
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\_\_ Isaiah 5–8  
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\_\_ Jeremiah 18-22  
\_\_ Jeremiah 23-25  
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\_\_ Jeremiah 46-48  
\_\_ Jeremiah 49-50  
\_\_ Jeremiah 51-52  
\_\_ Lamentations 1:1-3:36  
\_\_ Lamentations 3:37-5:22  
\_\_ Ezekiel 1-4  
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\_\_ Ezekiel 28-31  
\_\_ Ezekiel 32-34  
\_\_ Ezekiel 35-37  
\_\_ Ezekiel 38-39  
\_\_ Ezekiel 40-41  
\_\_ Ezekiel 42-43  
\_\_ Ezekiel 44-45  
\_\_ Ezekiel 46-48  
\_\_ Joel 1-3  
\_\_ Daniel 1-3  
\_\_ Daniel 4-6  
\_\_ Daniel 7-9  
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\_\_ Ezra 7-10  
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\_\_ Nehemiah 8-10  
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\_\_ Luke 1; John 1:1-14  
\_\_ Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38  
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\_\_ Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3  
\_\_ Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51  
\_\_ John 2-4  
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\_\_ Matthew 13; Luke 8  
\_\_ Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5  
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\_\_ Matthew 25  
\_\_ Matthew 26; Mark 14  
\_\_ Luke 22; John 13  
\_\_ John 14–17  
\_\_ Matthew 27; Mark 15  
\_\_ Luke 23; John 18–19  
\_\_ Matthew 28; Mark 16  
\_\_ Luke 24; John 20–21  
\_\_ Acts 1–3  
\_\_ Acts 4–6  
\_\_ Acts 7–8  
\_\_ Acts 9–10  
\_\_ Acts 11–12  
\_\_ Acts 13–14  
\_\_ James 1–5  
\_\_ Acts 15–16  
\_\_ Galatians 1–3  
\_\_ Galatians 4–6  
\_\_ Acts 17:1–18:18  
\_\_ 1 Thessalonians 1–5;  
  2 Thessalonians 1–3  
\_\_ Acts 18:19–19:41  
\_\_ 1 Corinthians 1–4  
\_\_ 1 Corinthians 5–8

\_\_ 1 Timothy 1–6  
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\_\_ 1 Peter 1–5  
\_\_ Hebrews 1–6  
\_\_ Hebrews 7–10  
\_\_ Hebrews 11–13  
\_\_ 2 Timothy 1–4  
\_\_ 2 Peter 1–3; Jude 1  
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\_\_ 2 John 1; 3 John 1  
\_\_ Revelation 1–5  
\_\_ Revelation 6–11  
\_\_ Revelation 12–18  
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Congratulations, you have  
completed your total Bible  
read-through!

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\_\_ 1 Corinthians 9–11  
\_\_ 1 Corinthians 12–14  
\_\_ 1 Corinthians 15–16  
\_\_ 2 Corinthians 1–4  
\_\_ 2 Corinthians 5–9  
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\_\_ Romans 4–7  
\_\_ Romans 8–10  
\_\_ Romans 11–13  
\_\_ Romans 14–16  
\_\_ Acts 20:4–23:35  
\_\_ Acts 24–26  
\_\_ Acts 27–28  
\_\_ Colossians 1–4; Philemon 1  
\_\_ Ephesians 1–6  
\_\_ Philippians 1–4