

## Read the Bible in a year

Anyone with an audio Bible can tell you; it takes about 60 hours to listen to the whole Bible.

Using an old format Bible, I was able to divide the Bible into 50 almost equal portions. It should take about 90 minutes to read each portion. If you are reading the Bible for the first time I would advise you to read it as quickly as possible, remembering the main theme of each book and identifying the main characters. Here's my schedule and if you read one portion every week, you'll read through the whole Bible in a year.

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| GEN 01 - GEN 26 | PSA115 - PRO 04   |
| GEN 27 - GEN 47 | PRO 05 - PRO 29   |
| GEN 48 - EXO 20 | PRO 30 - I SA 07  |
| EXO 21 - EXO 40 | I SA 08 - I SA 32 |
| LEV 01 - LEV 23 | I SA 33 - I SA 52 |
| LEV 24 - NUM 14 | I SA 53 - JER 06  |
| NUM 15 - NUM 34 | JER 07 - JER 28   |
| NUM 35 - DEU 20 | JER 29 - JER 48   |
| DEU 21 - JOS 07 | JER 49 - EZE 09   |
| JOS 08 - JUD 04 | EZE 10 - EZE 29   |
| JUD 05 - RUT 04 | EZE 30 - EZE 48   |
| 1SA 01 - 1SA 21 | DAN 01 - HOS 11   |
| 1SA 22 - 2SA 13 | HOS 12 - MI C 06  |
| 2SA 14 - 1KI 07 | MI C 07 - MAL 04  |
| 1KI 08 - 1KI 22 | MAT 01 - MAT 21   |
| 2KI 01 - 2KI 19 | MAT 22 - MAR 10   |
| 2KI 20 - 1CH 16 | MAR 11 - LUK 09   |
| 1CH 17 - 2CH 13 | LUK 10 - LUK 24   |
| 2CH 14 - 2CH 36 | JOH 01 - JOH 21   |
| EZR 01 - NEH 13 | ACT 01 - ACT 19   |
| EST 01 - JOB 19 | ACT 20 - ROM 15   |
| JOB 20 - PSA 09 | ROM 16 - 2CO 13   |
| PSA 10 - PSA 43 | GAL 01 - 1TI 06   |
| PSA 44 - PSA 79 | 2TI 01 - 2PE 03   |
| PSA 80 - PSA114 | 1JO 01 - REV 22   |

A good Dictionary, and Concordance will aid in the correct interpretation of the scripture, but for the beginner, the Concordance found in the back of most Bible's will be adequate.

Each time one reads through the scriptures, more detail is noticed, and you find yourself saying, "I don't remember, reading/seeing that! I've found one notices; similar themes, situations, phrases, and results are repeated throughout the Bible. It's exciting to discover these multiple occurrences, as well as the prophecy stated, prophecy fulfilled, texts.

The New Testament is easier to understand once one is familiar with the Old Testament. Everything is built on what came before, so if you don't know the Old Testament, the New Testament will cause headaches. A book may appear boring during the first read, but after reading the other books, and reading the book again, it will be different. Sometimes the meaning of a statement you read in one book, is explained in another book. Knowledge of all the books of the Bible, understanding the whole environment and context, is more useful and important, than memorising scripture.

I'm working through the Bible for the third time now, and now it's much easier for me to identify when a person is not preaching the correct context or truth of the scripture.

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."  
(Joh 8:31-32)*