

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.

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)*