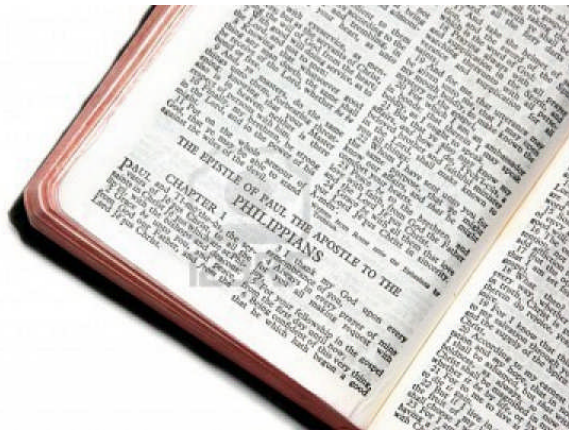


The Bible is in reality a collection of books of different sorts gathered together into two major sections, the Old Testament and the New Testament. It is a mini-library. These books were written at different times. For example, the book of the prophet Jeremiah in the Old Testament was written six centuries before the birth of Christ. The Epistle of Paul to the Romans in the New Testament, on the other hand, was written in about AD55. That means it was written 600 to 700 years after the book of Jeremiah was written!



There is not just one author but many. About forty of them can be singled out. They wrote 66 separate books - 39 are in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament.

The individual books of the Bible also reflect different kinds of writing. For example there is history, prophecy, poetry, law, stories, letters and so on. This is just like your library at home which has different types of books. When we are reading a particular book in our Bible it is helpful to know the 'type' of book we are reading. For example, is it history, or is it a letter, or so on.

The Old Testament tells of God's dealings with his specially chosen people, the Jews. The New Testament tells of Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection and of the founding of the earliest churches to which the apostles wrote.

The Bible is a record of God's revelation to men and women. It is a very special book for Christians because they believe it is through this book that God still 'speaks' - this means we sense his leading, direction and encouragement as we read. Theologians speak of the Bible as being inspired - not in the sense that it is an inspiring story - but in the sense that God inspired or guided those who wrote through his Holy Spirit working in them.

Did you Know?

There are 66 books in the Bible (39 in Old Testament & 27 in New Testament)

There are 1,189 Chapters in the Bible (929 in OT & 260 in NT)

There are 31,103 verses in the Bible (23,145 in OT & 7,958 in NT)

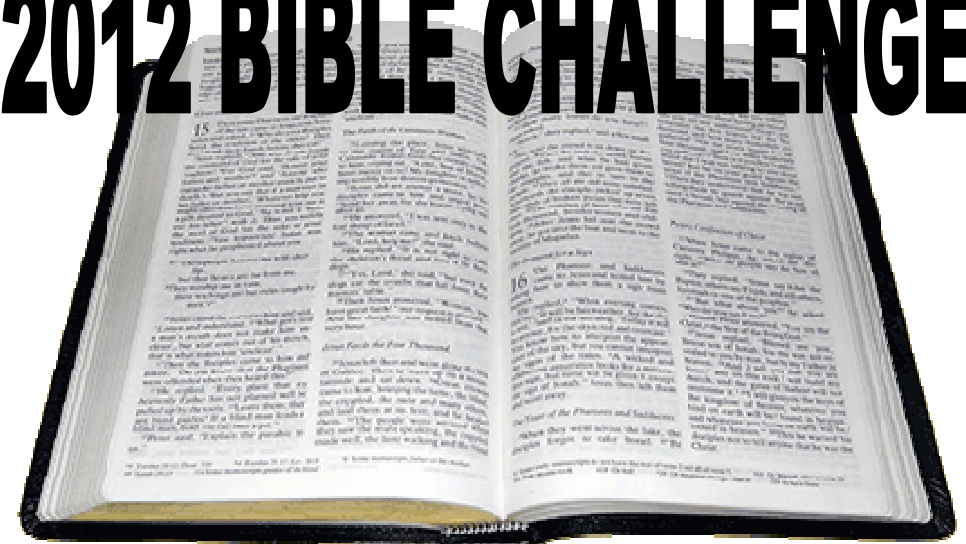


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2012 BIBLE CHALLENGE



Did you know that a recent survey found that at least 45% of church goers have not read the bible in its entirety. We would like to make a positive change in this area and encourage you to take up the 2012 Bible Challenge. To know God well, we must know his Word.

Over the page is a reading plan to read the bible in 12 months. It means setting aside each day 15-20 minutes (sometimes less).

As you read a section each day you can tick the box to say you have read it and see your progress through the year.

There are three different reading plans to pick from:-

1. Variety: - where each week we read on Monday from the letters of Paul, Peter James and John (Epistles). Tuesday from the books of the Law. Wednesday from the History books telling the story of the ancient kings of Israel including King David and Solomon. Thursday from the Psalms, the early hymn book of the temple worship. Friday from the Poetry

and wisdom books. On Saturday from Prophecy and the stories of the prophets. Lastly on Sundays we read the Gospels and the book of Acts telling the story of the early Christian Church.

2. Canonical : - where we read the bible from cover to cover starting with Genesis in the Old Testament and concluding with the book of Revelation in the New Testament.

3. Chronological: - where using recent historical research, we read the bible in the order the events in the Bible occurred.

This is something important to do at least once in your life. 2012 is the time.

It is important to use a modern translation of the bible that is easy to read. If you do not have a modern translation of the bible please talk to Fr John and he can assist you.

It is also important to spend time quietly reflecting and praying after you have finished the readings.

	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	☐ Rom 1-2	☐ Gen 1-3	☐ Jos 1-5	☐ Ps 1-2	☐ Job 1-2	☐ Isa 1-6	☐ Matt 1-2
2	☐ Rom 3-4	☐ Gen 4-7	☐ Jos 6-10	☐ Ps 3-5	☐ Job 3-4	☐ Isa 7-11	☐ Matt 3-4
3	☐ Rom 5-6	☐ Gen 8-11	☐ Jos 11-15	☐ Ps 6-8	☐ Job 5-6	☐ Isa 12-17	☐ Matt 5-7
4	☐ Rom 7-8	☐ Gen 12-15	☐ Jos 16-20	☐ Ps 9-11	☐ Job 7-8	☐ Isa 18-22	☐ Matt 8-10
5	☐ Rom 9-10	☐ Gen 16-19	☐ Jos 21-24	☐ Ps 12-14	☐ Job 9-10	☐ Isa 23-28	☐ Matt 11-13
6	☐ Rom 11-12	☐ Gen 20-23	☐ Judg 1-6	☐ Ps 15-17	☐ Job 11-12	☐ Isa 29-33	☐ Matt 14-16
7	☐ Rom 13-14	☐ Gen 24-27	☐ Judg 7-11	☐ Ps 18-20	☐ Job 13-14	☐ Isa 34-39	☐ Matt 17-19
8	☐ Rom 15-16	☐ Gen 28-31	☐ Judg 12-16	☐ Ps 21-23	☐ Job 15-16	☐ Isa 40-44	☐ Matt 20-22
9	☐ 1 Cor 1-2	☐ Gen 32-35	☐ Judg 17-21	☐ Ps 24-26	☐ Job 17-18	☐ Isa 45-50	☐ Matt 23-25
10	☐ 1 Cor 3-4	☐ Gen 36-39	☐ Ruth 1-4	☐ Ps 27-29	☐ Job 19-20	☐ Isa 51-55	☐ Matt 26-28
11	☐ 1 Cor 5-6	☐ Gen 40-43	☐ 1 Sam 1-5	☐ Ps 30-32	☐ Job 21-22	☐ Isa 56-61	☐ Mark 1-2
12	☐ 1 Cor 7-8	☐ Gen 44-47	☐ 1 Sam 6-10	☐ Ps 33-35	☐ Job 23-24	☐ Isa 62-66	☐ Mark 3-4
13	☐ 1 Cor 9-10	☐ Gen 48-50	☐ 1 Sam 11-15	☐ Ps 36-38	☐ Job 25-26	☐ Jer 1-6	☐ Mark 5-6
14	☐ 1 Cor 11-12	☐ Ex 1-4	☐ 1 Sam 16-20	☐ Ps 39-41	☐ Job 27-28	☐ Jer 7-11	☐ Mark 7-8
15	☐ 1 Cor 13-14	☐ Ex 5-8	☐ 1 Sam 21-25	☐ Ps 42-44	☐ Job 29-30	☐ Jer 12-16	☐ Mark 9-10
16	☐ 1 Cor 15-16	☐ Ex 9-12	☐ 1 Sam 26-31	☐ Ps 45-47	☐ Job 31-32	☐ Jer 17-21	☐ Mark 11-12
17	☐ 2 Cor 1-3	☐ Ex 13-16	☐ 2 Sam 1-4	☐ Ps 48-50	☐ Job 33-34	☐ Jer 22-26	☐ Mark 13-14
18	☐ 2 Cor 4-5	☐ Ex 17-20	☐ 2 Sam 5-9	☐ Ps 51-53	☐ Job 35-36	☐ Jer 27-31	☐ Mark 15-16
19	☐ 2 Cor 6-8	☐ Ex21-24	☐ 2 Sam 10-14	☐ Ps 54-56	☐ Job 37-38	☐ Jer 32-36	☐ Luke 1-2
20	☐ 2 Cor 9-10	☐ Ex 25-28	☐ 2 Sam 15-19	☐ Ps 57-59	☐ Job 39-40	☐ Jer 37-41	☐ Luke 3-4
21	☐ 2 Cor 11-13	☐ Ex 29-32	☐ 2 Sam 20-24	☐ Ps 60-62	☐ Job 41-42	☐ Jer 42-46	☐ Luke 5-6
22	☐ Gal 1-3	☐ Ex 33-36	☐ 1 Kings 1-4	☐ Ps 63-65	☐ Prov 1	☐ Jer 47-52	☐ Luke 7-8
23	☐ Gal 4-6	☐ Ex 37-40	☐ 1 Kings 5-9	☐ Ps 66-68	☐ Prov 2-3	☐ Lamentations	☐ Luke 9-10
24	☐ Eph 1-3	☐ Lev 1-3	☐ 1 Kings 10-13	☐ Ps 69-71	☐ Prov 4	☐ Ezek 1-6	☐ Luke 11-12
25	☐ Eph 4-6	☐ Lev 4-6	☐ 1 Kings 14-18	☐ Ps 72-74	☐ Prov 5-6	☐ Ezek 7-12	☐ Luke 13-14
26	☐ Phil 1-2	☐ Lev7-9	☐ 1 Kings 19-22	☐ Ps 75-77	☐ Prov 7	☐ Ezek 13-18	☐ Luke 15-16
27	☐ Phil 3-4	☐ Lev 10-12	☐ 2 Kings 1-5	☐ Ps 78-80	☐ Prov 8-9	☐ Ezek 19-24	☐ Luke 17-18
28	☐ Col 1-2	☐ Lev13-15	☐ 2 Kings 6-10	☐ Ps 81-83	☐ Prov 10	☐ Ezek 25-30	☐ Luke 19-20
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30	☐ 1 Thes 1-3	☐ Lev 19-21	☐ 2 Kings 16-20	☐ Ps 87-89	☐ Prov 13	☐ Ezek 37-42	☐ Luke 23-24
31	☐ 1 Thes 4-5	☐ Lev 22-24	☐ 2 Kings 21-25	☐ Ps 90-92	☐ Prov 14-15	☐ Ezek 43-48	☐ John 1-2
32	☐ 2 Thes 1-3	☐ Lev 25-27	☐ 1 Chron 1-4	☐ Ps 93-95	☐ Prov 16	☐ Dan 1-6	☐ John 3-4
33	☐ 1 Tim 1-3	☐ Num 1-4	☐ 1 Chron 5-9	☐ Ps 96-98	☐ Prov 17-18	☐ Dan 7-12	☐ John 5-6
34	☐ 1 Tim 4-6	☐ Num 5-8	☐ 1 Chron 10-14	☐ Ps 99-101	☐ Prov 19	☐ Hosea 1-7	☐ John 7-9
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37	☐ Titus 1-3	☐ Num 17-20	☐ 1 Chron 25-29	☐ Ps 108-110	☐ Prov 23-24	☐ Amos 1-4	☐ John 16-18
38	☐ Philemon 1	☐ Num 21-24	☐ 2 Chron 1-5	☐ Ps 111-113	☐ Prov 25	☐ Amos 5-9	☐ John 19-21
39	☐ Heb 1-4	☐ Num 25-28	☐ 2 Chron 6-10	☐ Ps 114-116	☐ Prov 26-27	☐ Obadiah 1	☐ Acts 1-2
40	☐ Heb 5-7	☐ Num 29-32	☐ 2 Chron 11-15	☐ Ps 117-118	☐ Prov 28	☐ Jonah 1-4	☐ Acts 3-4
41	☐ Heb 8-10	☐ Num 33-36	☐ 2 Chron 16-20	☐ Ps 119	☐ Prov 29-30	☐ Micah 1-7	☐ Acts 5-6
42	☐ Heb 11-13	☐ Deut 1-3	☐ 2 Chron 21-24	☐ Ps 120-121	☐ Prov 31	☐ Naham 1-3	☐ Acts 7-8
43	☐ James 1-3	☐ Deut 4-6	☐ 2 Chron 25-28	☐ Ps 122-124	☐ Eccles 1-2	☐ Habakkuk 1-3	☐ Acts 9-10
44	☐ James 4-5	☐ Deut 7-9	☐ 2 Chron 29-32	☐ Ps 125-127	☐ Eccles 3-4	☐ Zephaniah 1-3	☐ Acts 11-12
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48	☐ 1 John 1-3	☐ Deut 20-22	☐ Neh 1-4	☐ Ps 137-139	☐ Eccles 11-12	☐ Malachi 1-4	☐ Acts 19-20
49	☐ 1 John 4-5	☐ Deut 23-25	☐ Neh 5-9	☐ Ps 140-142	☐ Song 1-2	☐ Rev 1-6	☐ Acts 21-22
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51	☐ 3 John 1	☐ Deut 29-31	☐ Esther 1-5	☐ Ps 146-148	☐ Song 5-6	☐ Rev 12-17	☐ Acts 25-26
52	☐ Jude 1	☐ Deut 32-34	☐ Esther 6-10	☐ Ps 149-150	☐ Song 7-8	☐ Rev 18-22	☐ Acts 27-28