

2021 Bible Reading Plan by Dr. John H. Niemelä

We read 18 chapters in the OT and 5 in the NT a week. This requires reading 2-3 OT chapters a day. I tried to avoid three-OT-chapter days in "tedious" sections (having lengthy lists). You can leave one marker in the OT and another in the NT to find the next reading, since they are sequential in each testament. Book abbreviations appear at the end. Happy reading!

1/1	Gen 1-2 Mat 1	1/26	Exo 15-17	2/20	Lev 27-Num 1 Mrk 9	3/16	Deu 28-30 Luk 10
1/2	Gen 3-4 Mat 2	1/27	Exo 18-20 Mat 19	2/21	Num 2-3 Mrk 10	3/17	Deu 31-32 Luk 11
1/3	Gen 5-7 Mat 3	1/28	Exo 21-22 Mat 20	2/22	Num 4-6 2/23 Num 7-9	3/18	Deu 33-34 Luk 12
1/4	Gen 8-10	1/29	Exo 23-24 Mat 21	2/24	Num 10-12 Mrk 11	3/19	Jos 1-2 Luk 13
1/5	Gen 11-13	1/30	Exo 25-26 Mat 22	2/25	Num 13-14 Mrk 12	3/20	Jos 3-5 Luk 14
1/6	Gen 14-16 Mat 4	1/31	Exo 27-28 Mat 23	2/26	Num 15-17 Mrk 13	3/21	Jos 6-8 3/22 Jos 9-11
1/7	Gen 17-18 Mat 5	2/1	Exo 29-30 2/2 Exo 31-32	2/27	Num 18-20 Mrk 14	3/23	Jos 12-14 Luk 15
1/8	Gen 19-20 Mat 6	2/3	Exo 33-34 Mat 24	2/28	Num 21-24 Mrk 15	3/24	Jos 15-16 Luk 16
1/9	Gen 21-22 Mat 7	2/4	Exo 35-36 Mat 25			3/25	Jos 17-18 Luk 17
1/10	Gen 23-25 Mat 8	2/5	Exo 37-38 Mat 26	3/1	Num 25-27 3/2 Num 28-30	3/26	Jos 19-20 Luk 18
1/11	Gen 26-28	2/6	Exo 39-40 Mat 27	3/3	Num 31-32 Luk 1	3/27	Jos 21-23 Luk 19
1/12	Gen 29-31	2/7	Lev 1-2 Mat 28	3/4	Num 33-34 Luk 2	3/28	Jdg 1-2 3/29 Jdg 3-5
1/13	Gen 32-34 Mat 9	2/8	Lev 3-4 2/9 Lev 5-6	3/5	Num 35-36 Luk 3	3/30	Jdg 6-8 Luk 20
1/14	Gen 35-36 Mat 10	2/10	Lev 7-8 Mrk 1	3/6	Deu 1-3 Luk 4	3/31	Jdg 9-10 Luk 21
1/15	Gen 37-38 Mat 11	2/11	Lev 9-10 Mrk 2	3/7	Deu 4-6 3/8 Deu 7-9	4/1	Jdg 11-12 Luk 22
1/16	Gen 39-40 Mat 12	2/12	Lev 11-12 Mrk 3	3/9	Deu 10-12 Luk 5	4/2	Jdg 13-14 Luk 23
1/17	Gen 41-43 Mat 13	2/13	Lev 13-14 Mrk 4	3/10	Deu 13-14 Luk 6	4/3	Jdg 15-17 Luk 24
1/18	Gen 44-46	2/14	Lev 15-16 Mrk 5	3/11	Deu 15-16 Luk 7	4/4	Jdg 18-20 4/5 Rut 1-2
1/19	Gen 47-49	2/15	Lev 17-18 2/16 Lev 19-20	3/12	Deu 17-18 Luk 8	4/6	Rut 3-1Sa 1 Joh 1
1/20	Exo 1-2 Mat 14	2/17	Lev 21-22 Mrk 6	3/13	Deu 19-21 Luk 9	4/7	1Sa 2-3 Joh 2
1/21	Exo 3-4 Mat 15	2/18	Lev 23-24 Mrk 7	3/14	Deu 22-24 3/15 Deu 25-27	4/8	1Sa 4-5 Joh 3
1/22	Exo 5-6 Mat 16	2/19	Lev 25-26 Mrk 8				
1/23	Exo 7-8 Mat 17						
1/24	Exo 9-11 Mat 18						
1/25	Exo 12-14						

4/9	1Sa 6-7 Joh 4	5/7	2Ki 1-2 Act 3	6/4	2Ch 17-18 Act 23	7/2	Job 20-21 Rom 15	2
4/10	1Sa 8-10 Joh 5	5/8	2Ki 3-5 Act 4	6/5	2Ch 19-21 Act 24	7/3	Job 22-24 Rom 16	
4/11	1Sa 11-13	5/9	2Ki 6-8	6/6	2Ch 22-24	7/4	Job 25-27	
4/12	1Sa 14-16	5/10	2Ki 9-11	6/7	2Ch 25-27	7/5	Job 28-30	
4/13	1Sa 17-19 Joh 6	5/11	2Ki 12-14 Act 5	6/8	2Ch 28-30 Act 25	7/6	Job 31-33 1Co 1	
4/14	1Sa 20-21 Joh 7	5/12	2Ki 15-16 Act 6	6/9	2Ch 31-32 Act 26	7/7	Job 34-35 1Co 2	
4/15	1Sa 22-23 Joh 8	5/13	2Ki 17-18 Act 7	6/10	2Ch 33-34 Act 27	7/8	Job 36-37 1Co 3	
4/16	1Sa 24-25 Joh 9	5/14	2Ki 19-20 Act 8	6/11	2Ch 35-36 Act 28	7/9	Job 38-39 1Co 4	
4/17	1Sa 26-28 Joh 10	5/15	2Ki 21-23 Act 9	6/12	Ezr 1-3 Rom 1	7/10	Job 40-42 1Co 5	
4/18	1Sa 29-31	5/16	2Ki 24-1Ch 1	6/13	Ezr 4-6	7/11	Psa 1-3	
4/19	2Sa 1-3	5/17	1Ch 2-3	6/14	Ezr 7-9	7/12	Psa 4-6	
4/20	2Sa 4-6 Joh 11	5/18	1Ch 4-5 Act 10	6/15	Neh 1-2 Rom 2	7/13	Psa 7-9 1Co 6	
4/21	2Sa 7-8 Joh 12	5/19	1Ch 6-7 Act 11	6/16	Neh 3-4 Rom 3	7/14	Psa 10-11 1Co 7	
4/22	2Sa 9-10 Joh 13	5/20	1Ch 8-9 Act 12	6/17	Neh 5-6 Rom 4	7/15	Psa 12-13 1Co 8	
4/23	2Sa 11-12 Joh 14	5/21	1Ch 10-11 Act 13	6/18	Neh 7-8 Rom 5	7/16	Psa 14-15 1Co 9	
4/24	2Sa 13-15 Joh 15	5/22	1Ch 12-14 Act 14	6/19	Neh 9-11 Rom 6	7/17	Psa 16-18 1Co 10	
4/25	2Sa 16-18	5/23	1Ch 15-17	6/20	Neh 12-Est 1	7/18	Psa 19-21	
4/26	2Sa 19-21	5/24	1Ch 18-20	6/21	Est 2-4	7/19	Psa 22-24	
4/27	2Sa 22-24 Joh 16	5/25	1Ch 21-23 Act 15	6/22	Est 5-7 Rom 7	7/20	Psa 25-27 1Co 11	
4/28	1Ki 1-2 Joh 17	5/26	1Ch 24-25 Act 16	6/23	Est 8-9 Rom 8	7/21	Psa 28-29 1Co 12	
4/29	1Ki 3-4 Joh 18	5/27	1Ch 26-27 Act 17	6/24	Est 10-Job 1 Rom 9	7/22	Psa 30-31 1Co 13	
4/30	1Ki 5-6 Joh 19	5/28	1Ch 28-29 Act 18	6/25	Job 2-3 Rom 10	7/23	Psa 32-33 1Co 14	
5/1	1Ki 7-9 Joh 20	5/29	2Ch 1-3 Act 19	6/26	Job 4-6 Rom 11	7/24	Psa 34-36 1Co 15	
5/2	1Ki 10-12	5/30	2Ch 4-6	6/27	Job 7-9	7/25	Psa 37-39	
5/3	1Ki 13-15	5/31	2Ch 7-9	6/28	Job 10-12	7/26	Psa 40-42	
5/4	1Ki 16-18 Joh 21	6/1	2Ch 10-12 Act 20	6/29	Job 13-15 Rom 12	7/27	Psa 43-45 1Co 16	
5/5	1Ki 19-20 Act 1	6/2	2Ch 13-14 Act 21	6/30	Job 16-17 Rom 13	7/28	Psa 46-47 2Co 1	
5/6	1Ki 21-22 Act 2	6/3	2Ch 15-16 Act 22	7/1	Job 18-19 Rom 14	7/29	Psa 48-49 2Co 2	

7/30	Psa 50-51 2Co 3	8/27	Psa 120-121 Eph 4	9/24	Sol 1-2 1Ti 2	10/22	Isa 64-66 Heb 8	3
7/31	Psa 52-54 2Co 4	8/28	Psa 122-123 Eph 5	9/25	Sol 3-4 1Ti 3	10/23	Jer 1-3 Heb 9	
8/1	Psa 55-57	8/29	Psa 124-126	9/26	Sol 5-6	10/24	Jer 4-6	
8/2	Psa 58-60	8/30	Psa 127-129	9/27	Sol 7-8	10/25	Jer 7-9	
8/3	Psa 61-63 2Co 5	8/31	Psa 130-132 Eph 6	9/28	Isa 1-3 1Ti 4	10/26	Jer 10-12 Heb 10	
8/4	Psa 64-65 2Co 6	9/1	Psa 133-134 Phi 1	9/29	Isa 4-6 1Ti 5	10/27	Jer 13-14 Heb 11	
8/5	Psa 66-67 2Co 7	9/2	Psa 135-136 Phi 2	9/30	Isa 7-9 1Ti 6	10/28	Jer 15-16 Heb 12	
8/6	Psa 68-69 2Co 8	9/3	Psa 137-138 Phi 3	10/1	Isa 10-12 2Ti 1	10/29	Jer 17-18 Heb 13	
8/7	Psa 70-72 2Co 9	9/4	Psa 139-141 Phi 4	10/2	Isa 13-15 2Ti 2	10/30	Jer 19-21 Jam 1	
8/8	Psa 73-75	9/5	Psa 142-144	10/3	Isa 16-17	10/31	Jer 22-24	
8/9	Psa 76-78	9/6	Psa 145-147	10/4	Isa 18-19	11/1	Jer 25-27	
8/10	Psa 79-81 2Co 10	9/7	Psa 148-150 Col 1	10/5	Isa 20-21 2Ti 3	11/2	Jer 28-30 Jam 2	
8/11	Psa 82-83 2Co 11	9/8	Pro 1-3 Col 2	10/6	Isa 22-24 2Ti 4	11/3	Jer 31-33 Jam 3	
8/12	Psa 84-85 2Co 12	9/9	Pro 4-5 Col 3	10/7	Isa 25-27 Tit 1	11/4	Jer 34-35 Jam 4	
8/13	Psa 86-87 2Co 13	9/10	Pro 6-7 Col 4	10/8	Isa 28-30 Tit 2	11/5	Jer 36-37 Jam 5	
8/14	Psa 88-90 Gal 1	9/11	Pro 8-9 1Th 1	10/9	Isa 31-33 Tit 3	11/6	Jer 38-39 1Pe 1	
8/15	Psa 91-93	9/12	Pro 10-12	10/10	Isa 34-36	11/7	Jer 40-42	
8/16	Psa 94-96	9/13	Pro 13-15	10/11	Isa 37-38	11/8	Jer 43-45	
8/17	Psa 97-99 Gal 2	9/14	Pro 16-18 1Th 2	10/12	Isa 39-40 Phm 1	11/9	Jer 46-48 1Pe 2	
8/18	Psa 100-101 Gal 3	9/15	Pro 19-21 1Th 3	10/13	Isa 41-42 Heb 1	11/10	Jer 49-51 1Pe 3	
8/19	Psa 102-103 Gal 4	9/16	Pro 22-24 1Th 4	10/14	Isa 43-45 Heb 2	11/11	Lam 1-2 1Pe 4	
8/20	Psa 104-105 Gal 5	9/17	Pro 25-26 1Th 5	10/15	Isa 46-48 Heb 3	11/12	Lam 3-4 1Pe 5	
8/21	Psa 106-108 Gal 6	9/18	Pro 27-28 2Th 1	10/16	Isa 49-51 Heb 4	11/13	Lam 5-Eze 1 2Pe 1	
8/22	Psa 109-111	9/19	Pro 29-30	10/17	Isa 52-54	11/14	Eze 2-3	
8/23	Psa 112-114	9/20	Ecc 1-2	10/18	Isa 55-57	11/15	Eze 4-6	
8/24	Psa 116-118 Eph 1	9/21	Ecc 3-5 2Th 2	10/19	Isa 58-59 Heb 5	11/16	Eze 7-9 2Pe 2	
8/25	Psa 119:1-88 Eph 2	9/22	Ecc 6-8 2Th 3	10/20	Isa 60-61 Heb 6	11/17	Eze 10-12 2Pe 3	
8/26	Psa 119:89-176 Eph 3	9/23	Ecc 9-11 1Ti 1	10/21	Isa 62-63 Heb 7	11/18	Eze 13-15 1Jo 1	

11/19 Eze 16-18 1Jo 2	11/30 Eze 44-45 Rev 1	12/10 Hos 10-12 Rev 9	12/21 Nah 2-Hab 1 Rev 16	4
11/20 Eze 19-20 1Jo 3	12/1 Eze 46-48 Rev 2	12/11 Hos 13-Joe 1 Rev 10	12/22 Hab 2-3 Rev 17	
11/21 Eze 21-22	12/2 Dan 1-3 Rev 3	12/12 Joe 2-Amo 1	12/23 Zep 1-2 Rev 18	
11/22 Eze 23-24	12/3 Dan 4-6 Rev 4	12/13 Amo 2-4	12/24 Zep 3-Hag 1 Rev 19	
11/23 Eze 25-27 1Jo 4	12/4 Dan 7-9 Rev 5	12/14 Amo 5-6 Rev 11	12/25 Zec 1-2 Rev 20	
11/24 Eze 28-30 1Jo 5	12/5 Dan 10-12	12/15 Amo 7-8 Rev 12	12/26 Zec 3-5	
11/25 Eze 31-33 2Jo 1	12/6 Hos 1-2	12/16 Amo 9-Oba 1 Rev 13	12/27 Zec 6-8	
11/26 Eze 34-36 3Jo 1	12/7 Hos 3-4 Rev 6	12/17 Jon 1-3 Rev 14	12/28 Zec 9-11 Rev 21	
11/27 Eze 37-39 Jud 1	12/8 Hos 5-6 Rev 7	12/18 Mic 1-2 Rev 15	12/29 Zec 12-13 Rev 22	
11/28 Eze 40-41	12/9 Hos 7-9 Rev 8	12/19 Mic 3-5	12/30 Zec 14-Mal 1	
11/29 Eze 42-43		12/20 Mic 6-Nah 1	12/31 Mal 3-4	

Alphabetized abbreviations for books of the Bible

1Ch 1 Chronicles	Act Acts	Isa Isaiah	Nah Nahum
1Co 1 Corinthians	Amo Amos	Jam James	Neh Nehemiah
1Jo 1 John	Col Colossians	Jdg Judges	Num Numbers
1Ki 1 Kings	Dan Daniel	Jer Jeremiah	Oba Obadiah
1Pe 1 Peter	Deu Deuteronomy	Job Job	Phi Philippians
1Sa 1 Samuel	Ecc Ecclesiastes	Joe Joel	Phm Philemon
1Th 1 Thessalonians	Eph Ephesians	Joh John	Pro Proverbs
1Ti 1 Timothy	Est Esther	Jon Jonah	Psa Psalms
2Ch 2 Chronicles	Exo Exodus	Jos Joshua	Rev Revelation
2Co 2 Corinthians	Eze Ezekiel	Jud Jude	Rom Romans
2Jo 2 John	Ezr Ezra	Lam Lamentations	Rut Ruth
2Ki 2 Kings	Gal Galatians	Lev Leviticus	Sol Song of Solomon
2Pe 2 Peter	Gen Genesis	Luk Luke	Tit Titus
2Sa 2 Samuel	Hab Habakkuk	Mal Malachi	Zec Zechariah
2Th 2 Thessalonians	Hag Haggai	Mat Matthew	Zep Zephaniah
2Ti 2 Timothy	Heb Hebrews	Mic Micah	
3Jo 3 John	Hos Hosea	Mrk Mark	

Interesting statistics for the New King James Bible

1189 Bible chapters	929 OT chapters	260 NT chapters
31,102 Bible verses	23,145 OT verses	7,957 NT verses

To read the Bible in a year involves reading about 3¼ chapters per day (average).

To read the Bible in a year involves reading about 85 verses per day (average).

I will give some acrostics adapted from Barry Huddleston's, *The Acrostic Summarized Bible*. This gives a general context for Biblical books and a way to remember more of what you read.