

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2024

A CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE WHOLE BIBLE

JANUARY

CREATION, SIN, PRE-HISTORY OF ISRAEL, JOB'S SUFFERING

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 *Genesis 1-2 <i>Kids: Genesis 1:1 to 2:3</i>	02 Genesis 3-4 <i>Kids: Genesis 2:4-25</i>	03 Genesis 5-8 <i>Kids: Genesis 3:1 to 4:16</i>	04 Genesis 9-11 <i>Kids: Genesis 6:9 to 7:24</i>	05 Genesis 12-16 <i>Kids: Genesis 8:1 to 9:17</i>	06 Genesis 17-19 <i>Kids: Genesis 11:1-9, 12:1-9</i>
07 Genesis 20-23 <i>Kids: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7</i>	08 Genesis 24-25 <i>Kids: Genesis 22:1-19, 25:1-11, 25:19-34</i>	09 Genesis 26-28 <i>Kids: Genesis 27:1-40</i>	10 Genesis 29-30 <i>Kids: Genesis 32:1 to 33:17</i>	11 Genesis 31-33 <i>Kids: Genesis 37</i>	12 Genesis 34-36 <i>Kids: Genesis 39</i>	13 *1 Chronicles 1 Genesis 37 <i>Kids: Genesis 40</i>
14 Genesis 38-40 <i>Kids: Genesis 41</i>	15 Genesis 41-42 <i>Kids: Genesis 42</i>	16 Genesis 43-45 <i>Kids: Genesis 43</i>	17 Genesis 46-48 <i>Kids: Genesis 44</i>	18 Genesis 49-50† *Job 1 <i>Kids: Genesis 45:1 to 46:7</i>	19 Job 2-7 <i>Kids: Genesis 46:28 to 47:12</i>	20 Job 8-12 <i>Kids: Genesis 49:29 to 50:26</i>
21 Job 13-17 <i>Kids: Job 1-2</i>	22 Job 18-21 <i>Kids: Job 18-19</i>	23 Job 22-27 <i>Kids: Job 38</i>	24 Job 28-31 <i>Kids: Job 39-40</i>	25 Job 32-35 <i>Kids: Job 41-42</i>	26 Job 36-38 <i>Kids: Exodus 1-2</i>	27 Job 29-42† <i>Kids: Exodus 3:1 to 4:20</i>
28 *Exodus 1-4 <i>Kids: Exodus 5:1 to 6:12</i>	29 Exodus 5-8 <i>Kids: Exodus 7:8 to 8:32</i>	30 Exodus 9-11 <i>Kids: Exodus 9</i>	31 Exodus 12-14 <i>Kids: Exodus 10</i>			

* beginning a new book

† completed this book—Congratulations!

Can't read the whole Bible this year? Read one new book of the Bible!

This month:

- Genesis — January 1-18, about 3 hours
- 1 Chronicles — January 13 + March/April/May/September (chapters 2-29), about 2 hours
- Job — January 18-27, about 2 hours
- Exodus – January 28 to February 9, about 2½ hours

NOTES ON THIS MONTH'S READINGS...

WEEK 1 — BEGINNINGS: CREATION, THE FLOOD, & ABRAHAM

Date: Uncertain (creation and the flood) • The Bible's datable period begins with Abraham around 2091 BC • about 2091-2029 BC (Genesis 12-23)

The Story: God creates the heavens and the earth, giving special attention to the creation of life, especially human life. But human existence is quickly corrupted by sin, which is anything that defies the will of the good Creator. Sin distances the human race from God, and humanity quickly becomes almost entirely corrupt. God brings judgment on the world and restarts the human race with the family of Noah, the last righteous man. Again, humanity begins to do evil, but God does not give up. He chooses another righteous man, Abram, and his wife Sarai, and promises to bless the whole world through them. But there are complications...

WEEK 2 — JACOB AND HIS SONS

Date: about 2026-1887 BC

The Story: God, as he promised, continues to work out his blessings in Abraham's family, through whom he has said he will bless the world (Genesis 12:2-3). In spite of their own sins and through the various dangers they face, God never abandons Isaac, Jacob, and Jacob's sons. These stories, foundational to the history of the nation of Israel, reveal God's excellent character and faithfulness as he works to bring about his purposes even through a deeply flawed—yet persistently faithful—family.

WEEK 3 — JOSEPH AND JOB

Date: about 1885-1805 BC (Genesis 41-50) • possibly between 1800 and 1400 BC (Job)

The Story: God continues to work in Abraham's family as he promised, despite many past sins in the lives of Jacob and his sons. Jacob and his sons, especially Joseph, demonstrate resilient faith, always turning back to God. Joseph, by God's blessing, forgives his family and saves them from the famine, bringing them to Egypt—which sets up the story of the book of Exodus. Chronologically between Genesis and Exodus comes the story of Job which, though likely written down much later, probably takes place during the centuries while Jacob's family is in Egypt. In Job, God's justice is questioned when Job, a righteous man, suffers greatly and God does not rescue him. Is God unfaithful? Has Job done something wrong for which he is being punished? Or is something else going on, something that Job cannot see? Job represents all the faithful who wonder how a loving God can allow evil and suffering in the world.

WEEK 4 — JOB AND MOSES

Date: possibly between 1800 and 1400 BC (Job) • about 1876-1447 BC (Exodus)

The Story: In Job, after Job has finished his defense of his innocence and called on God for justice once more, a younger man, Elihu, speaks up in God's defense. Then God himself speaks, reminding Job that mortals are woefully unqualified to question God's ways. Nevertheless, God vindicates Job and restores his blessings to him. Job has passed the test set for him in chapters 1-2. In Exodus, God raises up Moses and sends him to Egypt to begin to deliver the Israelites, who have now been in that land 400 years and are enslaved there.

WEEK 5 — GOD SETS ISRAEL FREE

Date: about 1447-1446 BC

The Story: God does battle against Pharaoh to force him to release Israel from slavery. The Ten Plagues culminate in the first Passover and Israel's departure from Egypt. God demonstrates his power on Israel's behalf—and his care—again and again: punishing Egypt, parting the sea, miraculously providing food and water in the wilderness, defending Israel from its enemies. Then Israel arrives at Mount Sinai, where they will stay for roughly two years. There God speaks the Ten Commandments to Israel and begins to give them his laws for their new nation.