

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2024

## A CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE WHOLE BIBLE

# DECEMBER

PAUL'S LATER WRITINGS, LETTERS OF PETER/JOHN/JUDE, REVELATION

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01	02	03	04	05	06	07
<b>1 Corinthians 15-16†</b> <i>Kids: 1 Corinthians 15</i>	<b>*2 Corinthians 1-5</b> <i>Kids: 2 Corinthians 4-5</i>	<b>2 Corinthians 6-9</b> <i>Kids: 2 Corinthians 8-9</i>	<b>2 Corinthians 10-13†</b> <i>Kids: 2 Corinthians 11:1 to 12:10</i>	<b>*Romans 1-3</b> <i>Kids: Romans 1:1-17, 3:9-26</i>	<b>Romans 4-7</b> <i>Kids: Romans 4:18 to 5:11, Romans 6</i>	<b>Romans 8-10</b> <i>Kids: Romans 8:31-39, Romans 12-13</i>
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Romans 11-13</b> <i>Kids: Romans 14:1 to 15:13, Acts 20:7-12</i>	<b>Romans 14-16†</b> <i>Kids: Acts 21:1-36</i>	<b>Acts 20-22</b> <i>Kids: Acts 21:37 to 22:29</i>	<b>Acts 23-26</b> <i>Kids: Acts 23</i>	<b>Acts 27-28†</b> <i>Kids: Acts 27:1 to 28:10</i>	<b>*Philippians†</b> <i>Kids: Philippians 1:1-11, 2:1-18, Philippians 4</i>	<b>*Colossians†</b> <b>*Philemon†</b> <i>Kids: Colossians 1:1-2, 3:1 to 4:6, Philemon</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>*Ephesians 1-3</b> <i>Kids: Ephesians 1:1 to 2:10, 3:14-21</i>	<b>Ephesians 4-6†</b> <i>Kids: Ephesians 4:1-6, 5:21 5o 6:24</i>	<b>*1 Timothy†</b> <i>Kids: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, chapter 4, 6:2b-21</i>	<b>*Titus†</b> <b>*Hebrews 1-2</b> <i>Kids: Titus</i>	<b>Hebrews 3-7</b> <i>Kids: Hebrews 1-2</i>	<b>Hebrews 8-10</b> <i>Kids: Hebrews 11:1 to 12:3</i>	<b>Hebrews 11-13†</b> <i>Kids: Hebrews 12:18 to 13:25</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>*1 Peter†</b> <i>Kids: 1 Peter 1:1-12, 3:8-22, 1 Peter 5</i>	<b>*Jude†</b> <b>*2 Peter†</b> <i>Kids: Jude, 2 Peter 3</i>	<b>*2 Timothy†</b> <i>Kids: 2 Timothy 1:1 to 2:13, 3:10 to 4:8</i>	<b>*1 John 1-3</b> <i>Kids: 1 John 1:1 to 2:17, 3:11-18</i>	<b>1 John 4-5†, *2 John†, *3 John†</b> <i>Kids: 1 John 4:7-21, 2 John, 3 John</i>	<b>*Revelation 1-3</b> <i>Kids: Revelation 1:1 to 2:11</i>	<b>Revelation 4-9</b> <i>Kids: Revelation 4:1 to 6:8</i>
29	30	31				
<b>Revelation 10-15</b> <i>Kids: Revelation 12-13</i>	<b>Revelation 16-18</b> <i>Kids: Revelation 16</i>	<b>Revelation 19-22†</b> <i>Kids: Revelation 20:7-15, 21:1-8, Revelation 22</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:*

- Acts — November + December 10-12, about 2 hours
- 1 Corinthians — November + December 1, about 45 minutes
- 2 Corinthians — December 2-4, about ½ hour
- Romans — December 5-9, about 1½ hours
- Philippians — December 13, about 15 minutes
- Colossians — December 14, about 10 minutes
- Philemon — December 14, about 3 minutes
- Ephesians — December 15-16, about 15 minutes
- 1 Timothy — December 17, about 15 minutes

- Titus — December 18, about 5 minutes
- Hebrews — December 18-21, about 45 minutes
- 1 Peter — December 22, about 15 minutes
- Jude — December 23, about 5 minutes
- 2 Peter — December 23, about 10 minutes
- 2 Timothy — December 24, about 10 minutes
- 1 John — December 25-26, about 15 minutes
- 2 John — December 26, about 2 minutes
- 3 John — December 26, about 2 minutes
- Revelation — December 27-31, about 1 hour

## NOTES ON THIS MONTH'S READINGS...

### WEEK 48 (November 26 to December 2) — PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE CHURCH IN CORINTH

*Date:* AD 52-56

*The Story:* God continues to do great things through the apostle Paul, whose mission work continues with a third journey, beginning in Ephesus. While there, Paul writes two teaching letters that have been preserved in our New Testament, both to the church in Corinth—a church he started during his second missionary journey. In these letters he addresses several key Christian doctrines and matters of morality, ethics, and Christian practice. His teaching on these issues continues to provide important guidance for the church today, since modern churches deal with many of the same issues.

### WEEK 49 (December 3-9) — PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ROME

*Date:* late AD 55 to AD 58

*The Story:* God continues to teach the church through Paul. Our readings conclude his second letter to the church in Corinth and bring us his letter to the church in Rome, written to urge Jew and Gentile Christians toward unity in their shared faith in Christ. This letter is often considered Paul's most polished theological argument in his writings—though to be fair, his goal was not to present powerful theology for its own sake, but to do so in order to bring Jew and Gentiles Christians together in Christ as God intended from ages past.

### WEEK 50 (December 10-16) — PAUL THE PRISONER

*Date:* about AD 58-65

*The Story:* God does not leave Paul, even when Paul, having completed his third missionary journey, returns to Jerusalem and is arrested on a false charge of defiling the temple grounds. Paul is held prisoner first in Caesarea, then in Rome. God does not abandon him then, nor during a terrifying voyage across the Mediterranean Sea. Rather, God continues to spread the gospel through Paul, first to governors and a king in Israel, then to Jews in Rome and churches abroad. This week's readings cover most of the latter part of Paul's ministry, a time he spent mostly in prison, yet during which he produced much of the sacred writing that guides our lives in Christ today.

### WEEK 51 (December 17-23) — LAST WRITINGS OF THE CHURCH'S FIRST GENERATION

*Date:* roughly AD 63-67

*The Story:* God encourages his church during a time of growing pains—especially involving false teachers and increasing persecution—through teaching letters written by the apostles Paul and Peter, through Jesus' brother Judas (Jude), and through the writer of Hebrews (the church has never agreed on who wrote Hebrews, but has always agreed on the letter's inspired teaching). As the first generation of Christian leaders near their last days, they urge the church to press on in faith, to resist those who would mislead them, and to keep their focus on God's reward for his faithful people.

### WEEK 52 (December 24-31) — WRITINGS FOR THE CHURCH'S SECOND GENERATION

*Date:* roughly AD 64-96

*The Story:* God speaks through Paul once more in 2 Timothy; then he speaks through John, the last living apostle, to guide his church in its second generation. New heresies have arisen. One, Docetism, holds that Jesus *appeared* to be the Christ from God, but was not; another, Cerinthianism, taught that the Christ came upon the man Jesus at his baptism but left him before he died on the cross. These false teachings came from an early Gnostic belief that everything spiritual is good and everything physical is bad, and therefore the divine and human natures cannot be joined together as Christians believe they are in Jesus. Watch for John's responses to these heresies in 1 and 2 John. 3 John deals with an arrogant leader in one congregation. Revelation is a prophetic vision encouraging Christians suffering persecution to remain faithful to Christ and warning them not to fall away from Christ lest they suffer the same punishment as their opponents—and Satan himself—will receive from God.