

The Big Picture

Daily Reading

After each reading, reflect on the following questions:

- 1) What does this passage tell me about God (who He is, His grace etc.)?
- 2) What does this passage say about me and my relationship with God?
- 3) What does this passage tell me about how I am to live with God, myself, others and His creation?

Week of September 9th

Monday – Genesis 1
Tuesday – Genesis 2
Wednesday – Psalm 8, 24
Thursday – John 1, 1 John 1
Friday – Colossians 1, Ps 139
Saturday – Genesis 1, 2

Week of September 16th

Monday – Genesis 3
Tuesday – Genesis 6
Wednesday – Psalm 51
Thursday – Romans 5
Friday – Ps32, Rom. 7:15-25
Saturday – Gen. 11:1-9, 27-32

Week of September 23rd

Monday – Genesis 12
Tuesday – Genesis 15, 17
Wednesday – Romans 4
Thursday – Psalm 105
Friday – Acts 1
Saturday – Acts 13

Week of September 30th

Monday – Genesis 27
Tuesday – Acts 7
Wednesday – Judges 16
Thursday – Genesis 37
Friday – Genesis 50
Saturday – Exodus 2

Week of October 7th

Monday – Exodus 3
Tuesday – Exodus 12
Wednesday – Exodus 15
Thursday – Romans 8
Friday – Acts 7
Saturday – Matthew 2

Week of October 14th

Monday – Genesis 9:1-17
Tuesday – Genesis 15
Wednesday – Exodus 19-20
Thursday – 2 Samuel 7
Friday – Jeremiah 31:31-40
Saturday – Hebrews 8

Week of October 21st

Monday – Joshua 23
Tuesday – Joshua 24
Wednesday – Judges 4-5
Thursday – Judges 6
Friday – Judges 7
Saturday – Judges 8

Week of October 28th

Monday – Romans 3
Tuesday – Psalm 46
Wednesday – Galatians 2
Thursday – Ephesians 2
Friday – Micah 6:1-8
Saturday – John 8

Week of November 4

Monday – 1 Samuel 8, 9
Tuesday – 1 Samuel 10
Wednesday – 1 Samuel 15, 16
Thursday – 1 Kings 2
Friday – 1 Kings 3
Saturday – 1 Kings 10, 11

Week of November 11

Monday – Hosea 4
Tuesday – Malachi 1, 2
Wednesday – Malachi 3, 4
Thursday – Amos 1, 2
Friday – Amos 4
Saturday – Jeremiah 29

Week of November 18

Monday – Daniel 1
Tuesday – Lamentations 1
Wednesday – Lamentations 2
Thursday – Lamentations 3
Friday – Daniel 3
Saturday – 1 Peter 1

Week of November 25

Monday – Ezra 1, 2
Tuesday – Nehemiah 1
Wednesday – Nehemiah 8
Thursday – Nehemiah 9
Friday – Isaiah 40
Saturday – Rev. 21:22 - 22

Old Testament History

Creation

(Genesis 1-2)

The Fall

(Genesis 3)

Noah and the Flood

(Genesis 6-9)

The Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

(Genesis 12-50)

Slavery in Egypt/The Exodus/Wilderness Wanderings

(Exodus/Leviticus/Numbers/Deuteronomy)

Entering the Promise Land

(Joshua)

God Sends the Judges

(Judges 1-16)

Israel Move to the Monarchy (Saul and David)

(1 & 2 Samuel; 1st Chronicles 10 – 2nd Chronicles 9)

King Solomon and the Temple

(1 Kings 1-11)

The Kingdom Divides – North = Israel; South = Judah

(1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 16)

Assyria Takes over the Northern Kingdom

(2 Kings 17)

Babylon Occupied the Southern Kingdom

(2 Kings; 2 Chronicles 10:1-36:21)

The Temple is Destroyed and the Southern Kingdom Exiled

(2 Kings 25; 2 Chronicles 36:17-21)

Return from Exile and Rebuilding the Temple

(Ezra, Nehemiah)

Texts in the Old Testament

While the whole of scripture is the inspired Word of God we find different types of literature in the Old Testament and it is helpful to know what they are when reading. The following is just a simple break-down of what you will find.

The Torah (Instruction and Teaching):

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Historical books:

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Poetry & Wisdom Literature:

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Prophets:

Major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
Minor prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Chronological order?

It is important to note that the books of the Old Testament (like the New Testament) are not necessarily written in chronological order. While we have approximate dates for many of the books as well as an understanding of who wrote them and to whom they were most likely written dating scripture is not as easy as looking at the copyright information at the beginning of the scroll.

A brief outline is located on the back of when different books would have been written in the history of the nation of Israel (excluding the wisdom literature).

